

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to training centers;
3 establishing training school consolidation
4 pilot projects; providing for transfer of
5 responsibility for the operation of existing
6 programs; providing for the transfer of
7 facilities and equipment; providing program
8 requirements; providing for staffing; requiring
9 the Department of Education to shift all FTE
10 and other funding from a school district to a
11 receiving community college; providing an
12 effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Training school consolidation pilot
17 projects.--

18 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.--To consolidate and more
19 efficiently use state and taxpayer resources by combining
20 training programs, pilot training centers are established to
21 provide public criminal justice training in Leon and St. Johns
22 Counties. The following pilot training centers are
23 established:

24 (a) The Pat Thomas Center at Tallahassee Community
25 College.

26 (b) The Criminal Justice Academy at St. Johns River
27 Community College.

28 (2) EXISTING PUBLIC CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING
29 PROGRAMS.--Notwithstanding sections 229.551(1)(g), 230.02,
30 230.35, and 230.64, Florida Statutes, or any other provision
31 of law to the contrary, criminal justice training programs in

1 the pilot counties will transfer to community colleges,
2 effective July 1, 1999, at which time responsibility for the
3 provision of basic recruit, advanced, career development, and
4 continuing training courses and programs offered in public
5 criminal justice training programs and for the operation of
6 existing public criminal justice training programs will be
7 shifted from the school district to the community college in
8 whose service area the public criminal justice training
9 program is located. Certification of the program granted by
10 the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission will be
11 transferred to the respective community college and the
12 college must continue to meet the requirements of the
13 commission.

14 (3) FACILITIES.--

15 (a) Criminal justice training program educational
16 facilities, educational plants, and related equipment as
17 defined in section 235.011(6) and (7), Florida Statutes, which
18 are owned by the state and paid for with only state funds
19 shall be transferred to the community college, except that, if
20 such an educational facility or educational plant or part of
21 such facility or plant is used for other purposes in addition
22 to public criminal justice training, the Criminal Justice
23 Standards and Training Commission shall mediate the transfer
24 or a suitable multi-use arrangement.

25 (b) Criminal justice training program educational
26 facilities, educational plants, and related equipment as
27 defined in section 235.011(6) and (7), Florida Statutes, which
28 are owned by the school district and paid for in whole or in
29 part with local tax funds shall be leased to the community
30 college. However, if such an educational facility or
31 educational plant, or part of such facility or plant, is used

1 for other purposes in addition to public criminal justice
2 training, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training
3 Commission shall mediate a suitable lease agreement. If a
4 school district and a community college cannot agree on the
5 terms and conditions of the lease agreement, the Criminal
6 Justice Standards and Training Commission shall finalize the
7 agreement and report its decision to the Legislature. The
8 Department of Education, Office of Educational Facilities,
9 shall conduct an analysis, by December 31, 1999, to determine
10 the amount of local tax contribution used in the construction
11 of a school-district-owned criminal justice training program,
12 educational facility, or educational plant affected by the
13 transfer. This analysis shall be used to establish a purchase
14 price for the facility or plant. The local community college
15 district board of trustees may make a legislative budget
16 request through the State Board of Community Colleges to
17 purchase the facility or plant, or it may continue to lease
18 the facility or plant.

19 (4) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.--Each pilot training center
20 will be regional in nature, as defined by the Criminal Justice
21 Standards and Training Commission. Each Community College with
22 responsibility for a public criminal justice training program
23 must:

24 (a) Establish a pilot training center advisory
25 committee made up of professionals from the field of each
26 training program included in the pilot project.

27 (b) Provide certificate and noncredit options for
28 students and training components of the pilot training center
29 that so require.

30 (c) Develop an articulation agreement with the State
31 University System to facilitate the transfer of graduates of a

1 community college degree training program to the upper
2 division of a state university with a corresponding program.

3 (5) STAFFING.--The community college board of trustees
4 may provide for school district public criminal justice
5 training staff employed in full-time budgeted positions to be
6 transferred into the community college personnel system at the
7 same rate of salary. Retirement and leave provisions will be
8 transferred according to law.

9 (6) FUNDING.--Beginning July 1, 1999, the Department
10 of Education shall shift funds generated by students in the
11 pilot training centers established by this section, including
12 workforce development recurring and nonrecurring funds, from
13 the appropriate school district to the respective community
14 college. The community college shall qualify for future
15 facilities funding upon transfer of the facility.

16 (a) Consistent with section 236.081(7), Florida
17 Statutes, school districts that transfer programs will receive
18 an amount equal to 15 percent of the funding generated for the
19 program under the FEFP in 1996-1997.

20 (b) Reflecting the lower program costs in the
21 Community College System, notwithstanding the funding
22 generated in paragraph (a), community colleges will receive 90
23 percent of the funding generated for the program under the
24 FEFP in 1996-1997. The school district will retain the
25 remaining 10 percent.

26 (c) Notwithstanding sections 239.115(6)(a) and
27 239.117(6)(a), Florida Statutes, or any other provision of law
28 to the contrary, fees for continuing workforce education for
29 public law enforcement officers at these pilot centers shall
30 not exceed 25 percent of the cost of the course, and state
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1 funding shall not under any circumstances exceed 50 percent of
2 the cost of the course.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
4 law.

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