

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 2070

SPONSOR: Senator Kirkpatrick

SUBJECT: Department of Education

DATE: April 2, 1999 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>deMarsh-Mathues</u>	<u>O'Farrell</u>	<u>ED</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	_____	_____	<u>FP</u>	_____
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I. Summary:

The bill provides an additional responsibility for the Deputy Commissioner for Educational Programs within the Department of Education. Also, the bill requires the Commissioner of Education to appoint a Deputy Commissioner for Technology and Administration and specifies the duties for this position. The bill also creates a Division of Technology in the Department of Education.

This bill substantially amends s. 20.15, F.S.

II. Present Situation:

Article IV of the Florida Constitution establishes the executive branch of state government and establishes the Commissioner of Education as a member of the Cabinet. The Constitution provides that the Commissioner must supervise the public education system in the manner prescribed by law. In addition, the constitution (Article IX) provides that the Governor and members of the Cabinet constitute a state board of education to supervise the public education system, as provided by law.

Chapter 20, F.S., establishes the organizational structure of the executive branch of government. Section 20.15, F.S., establishes the Department of Education and designates the head of the department as the Commissioner of Education.

The Commissioner of Education exercises general supervision over the activities and divisions within the Department of Education. Chapter 98-281, L.O.F., provided additional divisions to the organizational structure of the Department of Education. The following reflects the eight divisions within the department:

1. Division of Community Colleges;
2. Division of Public Schools and Community Education;
3. Division of Universities;
4. Division of Workforce Development;

5. Division of Human Resource Development;
6. Division of Administration.
7. Division of Financial Services; and the
8. Division of Support Services.

Section 20.15, F.S., also provides for the powers and duties of the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education. These powers include making assignments to the Division of Workforce Development as are necessary to ensure the greatest possible coordination, efficiency, and effectiveness of workforce development education. The law currently requires the Commissioner to appoint a Deputy Commissioner for Educational Programs and a Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Budgeting, and Management.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The Deputy Commissioner for Educational Programs is currently responsible for ensuring the greatest possible coordination, efficiency, and effectiveness of kindergarten through 12th grade education and vocational and continuing education programs. The bill amends s. 20.15, F.S., to specify that the duties of the Deputy Commissioner for Educational Programs include ensuring the greatest possible coordination, efficiency, and effectiveness of workforce development programs.

The bill also requires the Commissioner to appoint a Deputy Commissioner for Technology and Administration who is responsible for the powers, duties, responsibilities and functions needed to ensure the greatest possible coordination and development of technological supports for the education system and the efficient administration of the department. The bill also creates a Division of Technology in the Department of Education.

The bill provides an effective date (upon becoming a law).

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None anticipated.

C. Government Sector Impact:

SB 2500 (1st Engrossed) provides for an Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Technology and Administration. This includes 114 positions and the following:

Item	General Revenue	Trust Funds	Total
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 5,173,019	\$ 217,096	\$ 5,390,115
Other Personal Services	64,756	10,780	75,536
Expenses	2,099,328	58,383	2,157,711
Operating Capital Outlay	57,129	0	57,129
Total	\$ 7,394,232	\$ 286,259	\$ 7,680,491

According to the Department of Education, the office is created through the transfer of existing positions within the department to the new division. The recurring expenditures associated with the upgrade of an existing position to the position of Deputy Commissioner of Technology and Administration are \$ 89,354 for FY 2000-2001 and \$ 92,034 for FY 2001-2002. The department also noted that this does not reflect operating capital outlay for this position.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.