

By Senator Kirkpatrick

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Department of Education;  
 3           amending s. 20.15, F.S.; clarifying duties of  
 4           the Deputy Commissioner for Educational  
 5           Programs; creating the position of Deputy  
 6           Commissioner for Technology and Administration  
 7           and providing its powers, duties,  
 8           responsibilities, and functions; creating the  
 9           Division of Technology; providing an effective  
 10          date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 20.15,  
 15 Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended to read:

16           20.15 Department of Education.--There is created a  
 17 Department of Education.

18           (2) COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.--The head of the  
 19 Department of Education is the Commissioner of Education who  
 20 shall be elected by vote of the qualified electors of the  
 21 state pursuant to s. 5, Art. IV of the State Constitution.

22           (a) The Commissioner of Education shall appoint a  
 23 Deputy Commissioner for Educational Programs who has such  
 24 powers, duties, responsibilities, and functions as are  
 25 necessary to ensure the greatest possible coordination,  
 26 efficiency, and effectiveness of kindergarten through  
 27 12th-grade education and vocational and continuing education  
 28 programs, including workforce development.

29           (b) The Commissioner of Education shall appoint a  
 30 Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Budgeting, and Management  
 31 who has such powers, duties, responsibilities, and functions

1 as are necessary to ensure the greatest possible coordination  
2 of policies, programs, and procedures for the statewide system  
3 of education and the department.

4 (c) The Commissioner of Education shall appoint a  
5 Deputy Commissioner for Technology and Administration who has  
6 such powers, duties, responsibilities, and functions as are  
7 necessary to ensure the greatest possible coordination and  
8 development of technological supports for the education system  
9 and efficient administration of the department.

10 (3) DIVISIONS.--The following divisions of the  
11 Department of Education are established:

- 12 (a) Division of Community Colleges.
- 13 (b) Division of Public Schools and Community  
14 Education.
- 15 (c) Division of Universities.
- 16 (d) Division of Workforce Development.
- 17 (e) Division of Human Resource Development.
- 18 (f) Division of Administration.
- 19 (g) Division of Financial Services.
- 20 (h) Division of Support Services.
- 21 (i) Division of Technology.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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25 SENATE SUMMARY

26 Clarifies that the Deputy Commissioner for Educational  
27 Programs in the Department of Education is responsible  
28 for workforce development. Creates the position of Deputy  
29 Commissioner for Technology and Administration, who must  
30 ensure coordination and development of technology  
31 supports and efficient administration of the department.  
Creates the Division of Technology in the department.