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Representative(s) Melvin offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

remove from the bill: Everything after the enacting clause  
and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 1. Subsection (1), paragraph (b) of subsection (3), paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (6), and paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section 228.0565, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended to read:

228.0565 Deregulated public schools.--

(1) PILOT PROGRAM.--To provide public schools the same flexibility and accountability afforded charter schools, pilot programs for deregulated public schools shall be conducted ~~in two large, two medium-sized, and two small school districts. For the 1998-1999 school year, no more than six schools per district, to include no more than two high schools, two middle schools, and two elementary schools, may participate in the flexibility program.~~ The following districts are authorized to conduct pilot programs ~~program~~ in 1998-1999: Palm Beach, Pinellas, Seminole, Leon, Walton, and Citrus Counties. The

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1 schools and school districts which are participating in the  
2 pilot program as of January 1, 1999, are authorized to  
3 continue the pilot program through the 2003-2004 school year.  
4 Lee County, Duval County, and Broward County are authorized to  
5 conduct the pilot program beginning in the 1999-2000 school  
6 year through the 2003-2004 school year.

7 (3) PROPOSAL.--

8 (b) A district school board shall receive and review  
9 all proposals for a deregulated public school ~~during July and~~  
10 ~~August~~. A district school board must by a majority vote  
11 approve or deny a proposal no later than 30 days after the  
12 proposal is received. If a proposal is denied, the district  
13 school board must, within 10 calendar days, articulate in  
14 writing the specific reasons based upon good cause supporting  
15 its denial of the proposal.

16 (6) ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL.--The major issues  
17 involving the operation of a deregulated public school shall  
18 be considered in advance and written into the proposal.

19 (a) The proposal shall address, and criteria for  
20 approval of the proposal shall be based, on:

21 1. The school's mission and the students to be served.

22 2. The focus of the curriculum, the instructional  
23 methods to be used, and any distinctive instructional  
24 techniques to be employed.

25 3. The current baseline standard of achievement and  
26 the outcomes to be achieved and the method of measurement that  
27 will be used.

28 4. The methods used to identify the educational  
29 strengths and needs of students and how well educational goals  
30 and performance standards are met by students attending the  
31 school. Students in deregulated ~~and flexible~~ public schools

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1 shall, at a minimum, participate in the statewide assessment  
2 program.

3 5. In secondary schools, a method for determining  
4 that a student has satisfied the requirements for graduation  
5 in s. 232.246.

6 6. A method for resolving conflicts between the school  
7 and the district.

8 7. The admissions procedures and dismissal procedures,  
9 including the school's code of student conduct.

10 8. The ways by which the school's racial/ethnic  
11 balance reflects the community it serves or reflects the  
12 racial/ethnic range of other public schools in the same school  
13 district.

14 9. The financial and administrative management of the  
15 school including a statement of the areas in which the school  
16 will have administrative and fiscal autonomy and the areas in  
17 which the school will follow school district fiscal and  
18 administrative policies.

19 10. The manner in which the school will be insured,  
20 including whether or not the school will be required to have  
21 liability insurance, and, if so, the terms and conditions  
22 thereof and the amounts of coverage.

23 11. The qualifications to be required of the teachers.

24 (d) Upon receipt of the annual report required by  
25 paragraph (b), the Department of Education shall provide to  
26 the State Board of Education, the Commissioner of Education,  
27 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
28 Representatives with a copy of each report and an analysis and  
29 comparison of the overall performance of students, to include  
30 all students in deregulated public schools whose scores are  
31 counted as part of the statewide ~~norm-referenced~~ assessment

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1 tests, versus comparable public school students in the  
2 district as determined by FCAT and district norm-referenced  
3 ~~assessment tests currently administered in the school~~  
4 ~~district~~, and, as appropriate, the Florida Writes Assessment  
5 Test, the High School Competency Test, and other assessments  
6 administered pursuant to s. 229.57(3).

7 (7) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES.--

8 (b) A deregulated public school may, with appropriate  
9 justification, request a waiver from the certification  
10 requirements of chapter 231. Pursuant to s. 229.592(6), the  
11 commissioner may waive requirements of chapter 231 that relate  
12 to teacher certification to facilitate innovative practices  
13 and to allow local school selection of educational methods.

14 ~~Teachers employed by or under contract to a deregulated public~~  
15 ~~school shall be certified as required by chapter 231.~~A  
16 deregulated public school may employ or contract with skilled  
17 selected noncertified personnel to provide instructional  
18 services or to assist instructional staff members as education  
19 paraprofessionals ~~teacher aides~~ in the same manner as defined  
20 in chapter 231. A deregulated public school may not employ an  
21 individual to provide instructional services or to serve as an  
22 education paraprofessional ~~a teacher aide~~ if the individual's  
23 certification or licensure as an educator is suspended or  
24 revoked by this or any other state. The qualifications of  
25 teachers shall be disclosed to parents.

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

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29 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 remove from the title of the bill: the entire title

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1 and insert in lieu thereof:

2                   A bill to be entitled  
3           An act relating to deregulated public schools;  
4           amending s. 228.0565, F.S.; providing for the  
5           continuation of the deregulated public schools  
6           pilot project; authorizing additional districts  
7           to participate; revising exemptions from  
8           statute for purposes of the pilot project;  
9           providing an effective date.

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