

By Senator Webster

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Commissioner of  
3           Education; amending s. 20.15, F.S.; clarifying  
4           the location of the commissioner's office;  
5           providing an effective date.

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

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9           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 20.15, Florida  
10 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

11           20.15 Department of Education.--There is created a  
12 Department of Education.

13           (2) COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.--The head of the  
14 Department of Education is the Commissioner of Education who  
15 shall be elected by vote of the qualified electors of the  
16 state pursuant to s. 5, Art. IV of the State Constitution. The  
17 Commissioner of Education shall reside at the seat of  
18 government of this state.

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

26           (b) The Commissioner of Education shall appoint a  
27 Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Budgeting, and Management  
28 who has such powers, duties, responsibilities, and functions  
29 as are necessary to ensure the greatest possible coordination  
30 of policies, programs, and procedures for the statewide system  
31 of education and the department.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Clarifies the location of the office of the Commissioner of Education.