

By Representative Kelly

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 real  
7           property; providing program requirements;  
8           providing for exemptions from statutes and  
9           rules; providing for funding of pilot training  
10          centers; providing a guideline for the future  
11          approval of programs; requiring a study;  
12          providing an 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 shall be established  
21 to combine existing law enforcement, corrections, fire  
22 fighter, officer, and public criminal justice training in  
23 Lake, Leon, Pinellas, and St. Johns Counties. The following  
24 pilot training centers are established:

25           (a) The Ken Bragg Center at Lake-Sumter Community  
26 College.

27           (b) The Pat Thomas Center at Tallahassee Community  
28 College.

29           (c) The Criminal Justice Academy at St. Johns River  
30 Community College.

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1           (d) The Criminal Justice Training Center at St.  
2 Petersburg Community College.

3           (2) EXISTING PUBLIC CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING  
4 PROGRAMS.--In the pilot counties, responsibility for the  
5 operation of existing public criminal justice training  
6 programs will be shifted from the school district to the  
7 community college in whose service area the public criminal  
8 justice training program is located. Ownership of existing  
9 school district-owned public criminal justice training program  
10 real property will be transferred to the respective community  
11 college. Lease of state-owned public criminal justice training  
12 program real property will be transferred to the respective  
13 community college.

14           (3) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.--Each pilot training center  
15 will be regional in nature, as defined by the Criminal Justice  
16 Standards and Training Commission and the Firefighters  
17 Standards and Training Council. Each pilot training center  
18 must obtain from the Criminal Justice Standards and Training  
19 Commission and the Firefighters Standards and Training Council  
20 a certificate of compliance for those components of the newly  
21 established pilot training center for which that body  
22 currently provides uniform policies and procedures. The  
23 certificate of compliance will be granted based upon  
24 compliance with applicable standards and the following  
25 requirements. Each community college board of trustees must:

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

29           (b) Adopt a schedule for reimbursement to the school  
30 district, from funds provided by the Legislature specifically  
31 for that purpose, for loss of actual profits from funds

1 received through the Florida Education Finance Program and for  
2 documented local funds previously expended in the facility for  
3 purposes of public criminal justice training.

4 (c) Provide certificate and noncredit options for  
5 students and training components of the pilot training center  
6 that so require.

7 (d) Develop an articulation agreement with the state  
8 university system to facilitate the transfer of graduates of a  
9 community college degree training program to the upper  
10 division of a state university with a corresponding program.

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12 The community college board of trustees may provide for school  
13 district public criminal justice training staff employed in  
14 full-time budgeted positions to be transferred into the  
15 community college personnel system at the same rate of salary.  
16 Retirement and leave provisions will be transferred according  
17 to law.

18 (4) EXEMPTIONS FROM STATUTES AND RULES.--To facilitate  
19 the utilization of innovative training methods, the Criminal  
20 Justice Standards and Training Commission or the Firefighters  
21 Standards and Training Council shall waive, upon the request  
22 of the community college board of trustees, any provisions of  
23 law or rule which prohibits the pilot training center from  
24 utilizing that innovative training method. The Criminal  
25 Justice Standards and Training Commission and the Firefighters  
26 Standards and Training Council shall have waiver jurisdiction  
27 over those components of the pilot training center course or  
28 program for which that body currently provides uniform  
29 standards and policies.

30 (5) FUNDING.--Beginning July 1, 1999, the Department  
31 of Education shall shift all funds generated by students in

1 the pilot training centers established by this section,  
2 including FTE, recurring, and nonrecurring funds, from the  
3 appropriate school district to the respective community  
4 college. The community college shall qualify for future  
5 facilities funding dollars upon transfer of the facility.

6 (6) GUIDING PRINCIPLES.--In the future, it shall be  
7 the policy of the Criminal Justice Standards and Training  
8 Commission and the Firefighters Standards and Training Council  
9 to approve public criminal justice training programs based  
10 upon the principle that programs that serve students who have  
11 received a high school diploma, or its equivalent, shall be  
12 administered under the governance of the appropriate  
13 postsecondary system. Those programs that serve students who  
14 have not received a high school diploma, or its equivalent,  
15 shall be administered under the governance of the appropriate  
16 public school system. Students enrolled for these purposes may  
17 qualify under dual enrollment provisions.

18 (7) STUDY.--The Criminal Justice Standards and  
19 Training Commission and the Firefighters Standards and  
20 Training Council shall jointly review and analyze alternative  
21 training methods utilized by the pilot training centers. The  
22 State Board of Community Colleges and the Office of the  
23 Auditor General shall jointly conduct a 5-year longitudinal  
24 study of the effect of the pilot programs relative to cost and  
25 efficiency. A report on the pilot training centers shall be  
26 submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of  
27 the House of Representatives no later than January 1, 2004.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Establishes training school consolidation pilot projects. Provides for the transfer of responsibility for the operation of existing programs from the school district to the community college in whose service area the program is located. Provides for the transfer of real property. Provides program requirements. Provides for exemptions from statutes and rules. Provides for funding of pilot training centers. Provides a guideline for the future approval of programs. Requires the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and the Firefighters Standards and Training Council to conduct a study. Requires the State Board of Community Colleges and the Office of the Auditor General to conduct a 5-year longitudinal study.