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11	Senator Scott moved the following amendment:		
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13	<b>Senate Amendment (with title amendment)</b>		
14	Delete everything after the enacting clause		
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16	and insert:		
17	Section 1. Section 228.507, Florida Statutes, is		
18	created to read:		
19	<u>228.507 Off-site learning grants.--</u>		
20	<u>(1)(a) The Commissioner of Education shall annually</u>		
21	<u>make recommendations to the Legislature for funding off-site</u>		
22	<u>learning grants to nonprofit and community-based</u>		
23	<u>organizations, including mathematics, science, and</u>		
24	<u>environmental facilities that provide educational programs and</u>		
25	<u>learning opportunities for elementary and secondary public</u>		
26	<u>school students in nontraditional settings. The Commissioner</u>		
27	<u>of Education shall adopt required eligibility criteria for</u>		
28	<u>types of organizations that may be considered to receive such</u>		
29	<u>grants, including a requirement that the program demonstrates</u>		
30	<u>the educational components required to receive a grant.</u>		
31	<u>Funding from the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt</u>		

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1 Service Trust Fund as authorized in s. 235.42, the Classrooms  
2 First Program as authorized in s. 235.187, the effort index  
3 grants as authorized in s. 235.186, the School Infrastructure  
4 Thrift Program as authorized in ss. 235.2155 and 235.216, and  
5 the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust  
6 Fund as authorized in s. 9, Art. XII of the State Constitution  
7 may not be used for off-site learning grants.

8 (b) In making recommendations, the commissioner shall  
9 annually appoint a review panel to assist in the grant-review  
10 process. Review panel members shall be appointed to serve for  
11 1-year terms. The panel shall review grant applications and  
12 make recommendations to the commissioner concerning the  
13 relative merits of the applications. The department shall, by  
14 rule, establish criteria for reviewing grant applications to  
15 ensure compliance with applicable federal and state laws  
16 relating to discrimination and conflicts of interest.

17 (c) The review panel shall provide a forum for public  
18 comment before voting on any grant application.

19 (2) The commissioner shall annually include in the  
20 department's legislative budget request a recommendation for  
21 funding off-site learning grants. The recommendation must  
22 include the panel's ranking of applicants and recommended  
23 funding levels for each grant.

24 (3)(a) Funding for the off-site learning grants shall  
25 be subject to legislative appropriation in the General  
26 Appropriations Act. Upon appropriation by the Legislature of  
27 funding for these grants, the department shall execute a  
28 project grant award to each organization. The grant must  
29 contain information relating to the program, the projected  
30 operating income and expenses, and other provisions considered  
31 necessary by the department for the administration of the

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1 program.

2 (b) Each recipient organization must submit an annual  
3 report to the department detailing the expenditure of the  
4 funds, data on the impact of the project on student  
5 achievement, and other information as required by the  
6 department. The annual report is subject to the auditing  
7 provisions and rules of the department.

8 (c) Each grant recipient shall comply with all  
9 provisions of statute and rule as outlined in the grant.

10 (d) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to ss.  
11 120.536(1) and 120.54 necessary to administer this section.

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

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17 And the title is amended as follows:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to education; creating s.

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228.507, F.S.; directing the Commissioner of

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Education to make recommendations to the

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Legislature for funding off-site learning

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