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Representative(s) Casey offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 297, between lines 15 and 16 of the bill

insert:

Section 158. (1) Effective upon this act becoming a law, the Commission on Basic Research for the Future of Florida is hereby established. All members of the commission shall be appointed prior to August 1, 2000, and the commission shall hold its first meeting no later than September 1, 2000. The commission shall be composed of 13 members who represent a broad range of experience in basic scientific research and possess an appreciation of the importance of basic scientific research to the future of Florida. Members shall include performers and users of research from public and private universities, the armed forces, defense and high technology businesses, and other interested nongovernmental organizations. Five members shall be appointed to the commission by the Governor, four members shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, and four members shall be

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1 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The  
2 Governor shall name one of the appointees as chair of the  
3 commission. Members of the commission shall serve 4-year  
4 terms, except that two of the initial appointees by the  
5 Governor, by the President of the Senate, and by the Speaker  
6 of the House of Representatives shall be appointed for 2-year  
7 terms. Members of the commission are eligible for  
8 reappointment.

9 (2) The purpose of the commission is to serve as an  
10 economic development tool to increase the scientific research  
11 dollars allocated to the state by the Federal Government. The  
12 commission shall:

13 (a) Focus attention on the importance of improving the  
14 state's basic science research infrastructure;

15 (b) Provide advice to scientific research driven  
16 stakeholders;

17 (c) Assist in the development of long-range strategies  
18 for increasing the state's share of scientific research  
19 dollars from all sources; and

20 (d) Raise public awareness of the importance of basic  
21 scientific research to the future of the state.

22 (3) The commission shall use the resources of the  
23 state in implementing the work of the commission, including,  
24 but not limited to, the Institute for Science and Health  
25 Policy at the University of Florida and similar public and  
26 private research groups. The commission shall coordinate with,  
27 and not duplicate the efforts of, other scientific  
28 research-related organizations.

29 (4) The commission shall consult with Enterprise  
30 Florida, Inc., to ensure that economic development  
31 considerations are factored into the work of the commission.

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1           (5) The commission shall be located in the Executive  
2 Office of the Governor and staff of the office shall serve as  
3 staff for the commission.

4           (6) Members of the commission shall serve without  
5 compensation but will be entitled to per diem and travel  
6 expenses pursuant to section 112.061, Florida Statutes, while  
7 in the performance of their duties.

8           (7) The commission may procure information and  
9 assistance from any officer or agency of the state or any  
10 subdivision thereof. All such officials and agencies shall  
11 give the commission all relevant information and assistance on  
12 any matter within their knowledge or control.

13           (8) By February 1 of each year, the commission shall  
14 submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
15 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report  
16 shall outline activities of the commission and provide  
17 specific recommendations for consideration by the Governor and  
18 Legislature which are designed to increase the state's share  
19 of scientific research dollars.

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23 And the title is amended as follows:

24           On page 18, between lines 24 and 25  
25 remove from the title of the bill:

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27 and insert in lieu thereof:

28           creating the Commission on Basic Research for  
29           the Future of Florida; prescribing membership  
30           of the commission; providing a purpose for the  
31           commission; requiring the use of state

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1           resources; providing for staffing,  
2           administration, and information sharing;  
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