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Amendment No.

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11	Senator Horne moved the following amendment:		
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13	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)		
14	On page 28, between lines 11 and 12,		
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16	insert:		
17	Section 3. Section 228.0581, Florida Statutes, is		
18	created to read:		
19	<u>228.0581 Conversion charter school pilot program.--</u>		
20	<u>(1) The conversion charter school pilot program is</u>		
21	<u>hereby established with the intent to provide incentives for</u>		
22	<u>local school districts to approve conversion charter schools.</u>		
23	<u>(2) The conversion charter school pilot program shall</u>		
24	<u>be a statewide pilot program in which 10 schools shall be</u>		
25	<u>selected based on a competitive application process in</u>		
26	<u>accordance with this section.</u>		
27	<u>(3) The purpose of the pilot program is to produce</u>		
28	<u>significant improvements in student achievement and school</u>		
29	<u>management, to encourage and measure the use of innovative</u>		
30	<u>learning methods, and to make the school the unit for</u>		
31	<u>improvement.</u>		

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1 (4) Each school principal or a majority of the parents
2 of students attending the school, a majority of the school's
3 teachers, or a majority of the members of the school advisory
4 council, may apply to the school district to participate in
5 this pilot program on forms which shall be provided by the
6 Department of Education. The forms shall include
7 acknowledgement by the principal of applicable provisions of
8 ss. 228.056 and 228.0561. For purposes of this paragraph, "a
9 majority of the parents of students attending the school"
10 means more than 50 percent of the parents voting whose
11 children are enrolled at the school, provided that a majority
12 of the parents eligible to vote participate in the ballot
13 process; and "a majority of the school's teachers" means more
14 than 50 percent of the teachers employed at the school,
15 according to procedures established by rule of the State Board
16 of Education pursuant to s. 228.056(3).

17 (5) A person or group who has applied to participate
18 in the pilot program created by this section, pursuant to
19 subsection (4), shall not be subject to an unlawful reprisal,
20 as defined by s. 228.056(3)(b), as a consequence of such
21 application. The procedures established by s. 228.056(3)
22 shall apply to any alleged unlawful reprisal which occurs as a
23 consequence of such application.

24 (6) A district school board shall receive and review
25 all applications by principals, parents, teachers, or school
26 advisory council members to participate in the pilot project;
27 shall select the best applications; and shall submit these
28 applications, together with the district school board's letter
29 of endorsement and commitment of support and cooperation
30 toward the success of program implementation, for review by
31 the statewide selection panel established pursuant to

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1 subsection (7).

2 (7) A conversion charter school pilot program
3 statewide selection panel is established. The panel shall be
4 comprised of the following nine members who are not elected
5 public officials:

6 (a) Three members shall be appointed by the Governor.

7 (b) Two members shall be appointed by the Commissioner
8 of Education.

9 (c) Two members shall be appointed by the President of
10 the Senate.

11 (d) Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of
12 the House of Representatives.

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14 The panel shall review the conversion charter school pilot
15 program applications submitted by the district school boards
16 and shall select the 10 applications which the panel deems
17 best comply with the purpose of the program pursuant to
18 subsection (3).

19 (8) Each district school board in which there is a
20 school selected by the statewide panel for participation in
21 the pilot program shall receive a grant for the 2001-2002
22 school year as follows, or as otherwise specified in the
23 General Appropriations Act:

24 (a) One hundred thousand dollars for planning and
25 development for each conversion charter school selected; and

26 (b)1. Eighty thousand dollars for each conversion
27 charter school selected with 500 or fewer students;

28 2. One hundred thousand dollars for each conversion
29 charter school selected with more than 500 but fewer than
30 1,001 students; or

31 3. One hundred twenty thousand dollars for each

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1 conversion charter school selected with more than 1,000
2 students.

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4 The Commissioner of Education is authorized to reduce the
5 district's 2002-2003 FEFP funding entitlement by the amount of
6 the grant awarded under this subsection if he or she
7 determines that the district has failed to comply with its
8 letter of endorsement and commitment of support and
9 cooperation submitted under subsection (6).

10 (9) Each conversion charter school selected for
11 participation in the pilot program shall make annual progress
12 reports to the district school board and the Commissioner of
13 Education detailing the school's progress in achieving the
14 purpose of the program as described in subsection (3).

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16 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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20 And the title is amended as follows:

21 On page 1, line 13, after the semicolon,
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23 insert:
24 creating s. 228.0581, F.S.; establishing a
25 statewide conversion charter school pilot
26 program; providing intent and purpose;
27 providing for application for participation in
28 the pilot program by school principals,
29 parents, teachers, or school advisory council
30 members; prohibiting unlawful reprisals as a
31 result of applying to participate in the pilot

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1 program; providing procedures for reviewing and
2 deciding alleged unlawful reprisals; providing
3 requirements for district school boards;
4 establishing a program selection panel and
5 providing membership and duties; authorizing
6 grants to participating districts and
7 reductions in funding for violations of
8 requirements; requiring annual progress
9 reports;
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