

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to Cabinet reorganization;
providing legislative intent regarding the
impact of the amendment to the State
Constitution on the Commissioner of Education
and the State Board of Education; providing an
effective date.

WHEREAS, in November of 1998 the electorate of Florida
voted to amend the State Constitution, and

WHEREAS, that amendment provides for the modification
of the membership of the Cabinet effective January 7, 2003,
and

WHEREAS, that amendment provides that the Commissioner
of Education will not be a member of the Cabinet but will be
an appointee of the State Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, the amendment provides that the State Board of
Education will not consist of the Governor and Cabinet but
will consist of seven members who are appointed by the
Governor and confirmed by the Senate, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that
when the Commissioner of Education is removed from the Cabinet
and becomes an appointee of the State Board of Education that
the transfer of any of the commissioner's responsibilities
will not disrupt the educational governance system of the
state and that the coordination of educational policies will
be improved.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 7, 2003.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides legislative intent regarding the constitutional duties of the Commissioner of Education.