

Amendment No. 2 (for drafter's use only)

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The Committee on Education Appropriations offered the following:

Substitute Amendment for Amendment (600251) (with title amendment)

Remove from the bill: Everything after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 1. Florida School for Science and Technology.--There is established the Florida School for Science and Technology to be managed and controlled by the Technological Research and Development Authority (TRDA), created by s. 2, chapter 87-455, Laws of Florida.

(1) The Florida School for Science and Technology shall be a residential public school located in Brevard County, the attendance area for which shall be the entire state. The Florida School for Science and Technology shall offer:

(a) Accelerated programs in the areas of math, science, and technology to students in grades 11 and 12 who meet the eligibility requirements established according to

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1 this section.

2 (b) Summer programs for elementary and secondary
3 school students and teachers.

4 (2) The TRDA shall be responsible for the
5 administration and operation of the Florida School for Science
6 and Technology. However, the board of directors of the TRDA
7 shall appoint a board of trustees to which the TRDA may
8 delegate responsibility for any aspect of the operation or
9 administration of the school, including, but not limited to:

10 (a) The appointment of a director of the school.

11 (b) The adoption by rule, pursuant to ss. 120.536(1)
12 and 120.54, Florida Statutes, of student eligibility and
13 qualification requirements, the size of the student body,
14 student selection methods and standards, and procedures for
15 the operation of the school.

16 (c) The establishment of a student application and
17 appeal process.

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19 Admission to the Florida School for Science and Technology
20 shall be considered a privilege reserved for certain qualified
21 students, rather than a right afforded to the student
22 population in general. In exercising any delegated
23 responsibility, the board of trustees shall remain accountable
24 to the TRDA for its actions.

25 (3) In order to facilitate innovative practices, the
26 Florida School for Science and Technology shall be exempt from
27 those requirements of chapters 230 through 235 of the Florida
28 School Code relating to curriculum and operations, except
29 those pertaining to civil rights and student health, safety,
30 and welfare. The school shall not be exempt from chapter 119,
31 Florida Statutes, relating to public records, and s. 286.011,

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1 Florida Statutes, relating to public meetings and records,
2 public inspection, and penalties.

3 (4) The TRDA shall annually prepare and submit a
4 legislative budget request to the Department of Education in
5 accordance with chapter 216 and s. 235.41, Florida Statutes.

6 (5) The TRDA shall serve as the fiscal agent of the
7 Florida School for Science and Technology, which shall be
8 funded by state appropriations and private contributions and
9 endowments. Funds for operations shall be provided to the TRDA
10 in the General Appropriations Act.

11 (6) The TRDA shall develop a plan for the
12 establishment of the Florida School for Science and
13 Technology, including timelines for projected stages of
14 operation, construction, enrollment, and costs. The TRDA shall
15 annually submit to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of
16 the House of Representatives, and the Commissioner of
17 Education a report addressing the status of school
18 development, operations, enrollment, student achievement, and
19 projected funding needs.

20 (7) Students enrolled in the Florida School for
21 Science and Technology shall participate in the statewide
22 assessment program, pursuant to s. 229.57. The Florida School
23 for Science and Technology shall comply with state school
24 accountability standards and reporting requirements.

25 (8) The TRDA and the board of trustees of the Florida
26 School for Science and Technology shall develop enrollment
27 policies to ensure equal access and a student body that
28 reflects the racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity of
29 the student population of the state.

30 (9) The TRDA and the board of trustees of the Florida
31 School for Science and Technology shall not be exempt from

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1 federal requirements for public schools, such as provisions
2 regarding exceptional student education and students with
3 disabilities.

4 Section 2. For the fiscal year 2000-2001, there is
5 hereby appropriated to the Technological Research and
6 Development Authority from the General Revenue Fund, \$250,000
7 for planning of the Florida School for Science and Technology.

8 Section 3. (1) The Legislature finds that it is in
9 the public interest to provide for the reenactment by general
10 law of a Technological Research and Development Authority
11 created by chapter 87-455, Laws of Florida, and to extend its
12 powers and duties beyond Brevard County. The Technological
13 Research and Development Authority shall promote scientific
14 research and development in Florida, with the goal of
15 establishing Florida as a center for high technology and
16 economic development to serve the public good.

17 (2) There is created and incorporated the
18 Technological Research and Development Authority as an
19 independent special district.

20 (3)(a) The authority shall be governed by a commission
21 of seven persons who are residents of this state. The Brevard
22 County Legislative Delegation shall nominate three candidates
23 for each of five commission vacancies, and the Governor shall
24 appoint a member of the commission from the nominees for the
25 vacancy. Further, the Governor shall select and appoint the
26 two remaining members of the commission. The Governor shall
27 appoint each member for a term of 4 years, who shall serve
28 until his or her successor is appointed. If a vacancy occurs
29 during a member's term, the Governor shall appoint a person to
30 fill the vacancy for the remainder of the member's term. The
31 Governor may remove any member for misfeasance, malfeasance,

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1 or willful neglect of duty. Each member of the authority
2 before entering upon his or her duties shall take and
3 subscribe the oath of affirmation required by the State
4 Constitution. The existing board members appointed under
5 chapter 87-455, Laws of Florida, of the existing Technology
6 Research and Development Authority law may serve the remainder
7 of their terms.

8 (b) The authority shall annually elect one of its
9 members as chair and one as vice chair and may also appoint a
10 secretary who shall serve at the pleasure of the authority.
11 The authority may also appoint such other officers as
12 necessary.

13 (4) The commission has powers and duties as follows:

14 (a) To plan and undertake a program of action that
15 promotes scientific research and development and fosters
16 public and private education.

17 (b) To contract with and support the programs of those
18 accredited educational institutions with a research capability
19 and which have main campuses within this state in the
20 furtherance of the objectives of the authority and to contract
21 with any other accredited educational institution in
22 furtherance of the objectives of the authority to establish
23 public-private partnerships and create, sponsor, and manage
24 not-for-profit entities to implement or facilitate the
25 purposes of the authority.

26 (c) To make and manage grants and bequests, and to
27 enter into contracts and other agreements with units of
28 government and private parties for the purpose of obtaining
29 funds for projects and programs that further the objectives of
30 the authority.

31 (d) To establish an annual budget and amend the budget

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1 when necessary.

2 (e) To adopt an official seal and alter it at its
3 pleasure.

4 (f) To maintain an office at such place or places in
5 Brevard County or elsewhere as it may designate.

6 (g) To sue and be sued in its own name.

7 (h) To acquire by lease, purchase, or option real and
8 personal property for any use consistent with the purposes of
9 this act.

10 (i) To finance or refinance and to secure the issuance
11 and repayment of bonds, if all revenue bonds or other debt
12 obligations are payable solely from the revenues derived from
13 the sale, operation, or leasing of projects to the authority.
14 Any bonds issued by the authority do not constitute a debt,
15 liability, or obligation of any authority or county or of the
16 state or any political subdivision, and such revenue bond or
17 debt obligations must be paid solely from revenues derived
18 from the sale, operation, or leasing of a project or projects.

19 (j) To employ personnel, consultants, accountants,
20 attorneys, engineers, and other experts as necessary and
21 convenient in the execution of the powers of the authority.

22 (5) This act shall be liberally construed to
23 effectuate its purposes.

24 (6) The duties and responsibilities of the authority
25 must be carried out in accordance with chapter 189, Florida
26 Statutes, relating to independent special districts.

27 (7) If any provision of this act or the application
28 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
29 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications
30 of the act which can be given effect without the invalid
31 provision or application, and to this end the provisions of

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1 this act are declared severable.

2 Section 4. Chapter 87-455, Laws of Florida, is
3 repealed. All contracts, leases, obligations, and agreements
4 of the Technological Research and Development Authority shall
5 be continued in full force and effect upon this act becoming a
6 law.

7 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
8 law.

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12 And the title is amended as follows:

13 Remove from the title of the bill: the entire title

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15 and insert in lieu thereof:

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An act relating to the Technological Research

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and Development Authority; establishing the

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Florida School for Science and Technology;

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assigning responsibility for the administration

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and operation of the school to the

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Authority (TRDA); establishing the purpose and

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attendance area of the school; providing

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certain requirements for participation in

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programs offered by the school; requiring the

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TRDA to appoint a board of trustees for the

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school; authorizing the TRDA to delegate

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responsibilities to the board of trustees;

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providing exemptions from certain statutes;

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providing funding requirements; providing for a

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1 planning process; providing for student
2 participation in the statewide assessment
3 program; providing criteria for enrollment
4 policies; providing an appropriation;
5 reenacting the Technological Research and
6 Development Authority; establishing the
7 purposes of the authority; setting a commission
8 to govern the authority; prescribing the duties
9 and responsibilities of the commission and
10 terms of office; providing a procedure for the
11 appointment of the commission; providing for
12 liberal construction; providing severability;
13 repealing ch. 87-455, Laws of Florida, relating
14 to the Technological Research and Development
15 Authority; providing for the effect of certain
16 contracts, leases, obligations, and agreements;
17 providing an effective date.

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