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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to education; creating the Bill
of Rights for Florida Students, Teachers, and
Parents; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 1 of the State
Constitution provides that "The education of children is a
fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida. It
is, therefore, a paramount duty of the state to make adequate
provision for the education of all children residing within
its borders," and

WHEREAS, students, teachers, and parents have certain
rights regarding public education which cannot be denied, NOW,
THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that
the following principles constitute the Bill of Rights for
Florida Students, Teachers, and Parents and serve as the
guiding principles toward improving public education:

(1) Teachers and students have the right to a safe,
secure learning environment.

(2) Teachers have the right to teach and students have
the right to learn in a classroom that is not overcrowded.

(3) Every student has the right to an up-to-date
textbook.

(4) Teachers and school personnel have the right to
confiscate any item they believe can be used as a weapon in a
school.

- 1 (5) Teachers and students have the right to a clean
2 and drug-free learning environment.
- 3 (6) Teachers have the right to be paid wages at least
4 comparable to the national average for teachers.
- 5 (7) Teachers have the right to remove any student that
6 is disrupting the classroom.
- 7 (8) Students have the right of access to a computer to
8 aid in their studies.
- 9 (9) Teachers and students have the right to schools
10 and classrooms free of discrimination.
- 11 (10) Parents have the right to become actively
12 involved in their children's education, including attending
13 parent/teacher conferences and participating in school
14 advisory councils.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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18 SENATE SUMMARY

19 Creates the Bill of Rights for Florida Students,
20 Teachers, and Parents.

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