

By Senator Sullivan

22-1247-00

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31

A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to education; establishing the  
Florida School for Science and Technology;  
providing for funding; providing operational  
guidelines; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Florida School for Science and  
Technology.--There is established the Florida School for  
Science and Technology.

(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 school shall offer accelerated programs in math,  
science, and technology to students in grades 9 through 12 who  
meet the eligibility requirements.

(2)(a) The Technological Research and Development  
Authority, created by section 2 of chapter 87-455, Laws of  
Florida, shall be responsible for the administration and  
operation of the school. However, the board of directors of  
the authority shall appoint a board of trustees to which it  
may delegate responsibility for any aspect of the operation or  
administration of the school, including, but not limited to:

- 1. The appointment of a director of the school.
- 2. The determination of reasonable fees for room and  
board.
- 3. The determination of student eligibility  
requirements.
- 4. The establishment of a student application process.

1           (b) In exercising any delegated responsibility, the  
2 board of trustees shall remain accountable to the authority  
3 for its actions.

4           (3) In order to facilitate innovative practices, the  
5 Florida School for Science and Technology is exempt from the  
6 requirements of chapters 230 through 239, Florida Statutes,  
7 relating to curriculum and operations, except those pertaining  
8 to civil rights and student health, safety, and welfare. The  
9 school is not exempt from chapter 119, Florida Statutes,  
10 relating to public records or section 286.011, Florida  
11 Statutes, relating to public meetings and records, public  
12 inspection, and penalties.

13           (4) The Technological Research and Development  
14 Authority shall serve as the fiscal agent of the school, which  
15 shall be funded by state appropriations, private contributions  
16 and endowments, and reasonable student fees for room and  
17 board. Funds generated through the Florida Education Finance  
18 Program and categorical funds by students enrolled in the  
19 school shall be provided to the authority in the same matter  
20 as funds are provided to district school boards for students  
21 enrolled in traditional public schools. Funds for the  
22 residential component of the school shall annually be included  
23 in the General Appropriations Act.

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

25  
26           \*\*\*\*\*

27           SENATE SUMMARY

28           Creates the Florida School for Science and Technology to  
29           be administered by the Technological Research and  
30           Development Authority. Provides for funding and provides  
31           operational guidelines.