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Senator Clary moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 13, between lines 24 and 25,

insert:

Section 9. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 231.6135, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

231.6135 Statewide system for inservice professional development.--The intent of this section is to establish a statewide system of professional development that provides a wide range of targeted inservice training to teachers, managers, and administrative personnel designed to upgrade skills and knowledge needed to reach world class standards in education. The system shall consist of a network of professional development academies in each region of the state that are operated in partnership with area business partners to develop and deliver high-quality training programs purchased by school districts. The academies shall be established to meet the human resource development needs of professional educators, schools, and school districts. Funds

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1 appropriated for the initiation of professional development  
2 academies shall be allocated by the Commissioner of Education,  
3 unless otherwise provided in an appropriations act. To be  
4 eligible for startup funds, the academy must:

5 (5) Be operated under contract with its public  
6 partners and governed by an independent board of directors,  
7 which should include at least one superintendent of schools  
8 and one district school board chair from the participating  
9 school districts, the president of the collective bargaining  
10 unit that represents the majority of the region's teachers,  
11 and at least three individuals who are not employees or  
12 elected or appointed officials of the participating school  
13 districts. Regional educational consortia as defined in s.  
14 228.0857 satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

15 (6) Be financed during the first year of operation by  
16 an equal or greater match from private funding sources and  
17 demonstrate the ability to be self-supporting within 1 year  
18 after opening through fees for services, grants, or private  
19 contributions. Regional educational consortia as defined in s.  
20 228.0857 are exempt from the funding match required by this  
21 subsection.

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24 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

25 And the title is amended as follows:

26 On page 2, line 2, after the word "retention;"

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28 insert:

29 amending s. 231.6135, F.S.; exempting regional  
30 educational consortia from certain requirements  
31 to become eligible for grants to create

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