

By Representative Bucher

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public school curriculum;
3 requiring each district school board to develop
4 a plan for a K-12 foreign language curriculum;
5 requiring submission of the plan to the
6 Commissioner of Education; providing for
7 technical assistance; requiring submission of a
8 summary report of school district plans;
9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. (1) Each district school board shall
14 develop a plan for a K-12 foreign language curriculum to be
15 implemented in the 2006-2007 school year and thereafter. In
16 addition to curriculum design and content, each plan must
17 address the following:

18 (a) An implementation strategy and timeline.

19 (b) A foreign language professional development
20 program for instructional personnel.

21 (c) An estimated program budget.

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23 Each school district must submit its plan to the Commissioner
24 of Education no later than June 30, 2004.

25 (2) The Department of Education shall provide
26 technical assistance to the school districts upon request.

27 (3) The commissioner shall prepare a summary of school
28 district plans for submission to the Governor, the President
29 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
30 no later than January 1, 2005. The summary report must
31 include:

- 1 (a) Progress made by school districts in implementing
- 2 the provisions of this section.
- 3 (b) Problems or difficulties encountered by school
- 4 districts.
- 5 (c) The availability of instructional resources and
- 6 personnel.
- 7 (d) A projected budget for the first year of program
- 8 implementation.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Requires each district school board to develop a plan for a K-12 foreign language curriculum to be implemented in the 2006-2007 school year and thereafter. Provides for plan approval, technical assistance to school districts, and a summary report of school district plans.