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

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

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

- (a) An implementation strategy and timeline.
- (b) A foreign language professional development
program for instructional personnel.
- (c) An estimated program budget.

Each school district must submit its plan to the Commissioner
of Education by June 30, 2004.

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

(3) The commissioner shall prepare a summary of school
district plans for submission to the Governor, the President
of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
by January 1, 2005. The summary report must 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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11 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
12 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
13 Senate Bill 1552

14 Requires district school boards to devise a plan addressing
15 implementation strategies, professional development, and a
budget for a K-12 foreign language curriculum.

16 Requires that plans be submitted to the Commissioner of
17 Education by June 30, 2004 and that the Commissioner prepare a
18 summary of these plans for the Governor, President of the
Senate and the Speaker of the House to be submitted by January
1, 2005.