

Bill No. CS for SB 1844

Amendment No.      Barcode 340276

<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11 Senator Klein moved the following amendment:

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13 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

14 On page 3, line 8, through page 4, line 9, delete those

15 lines

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17 and insert:

18 (2) "Center of excellence," as used in this section,

19 means an organization of personnel, facilities, and equipment

20 established at or in collaboration with one or more

21 universities in Florida to accomplish the purposes and

22 objectives of this section. The purposes and objectives of a

23 center of excellence include:

24 (a) Identifying and pursuing opportunities for

25 university scholars, research center scientists and engineers,

26 and private businesses to form collaborative partnerships to

27 foster and promote the research required to develop

28 commercially promising, advanced, and innovative technologies

29 and to transfer those technologies to commercial sectors.

30 (b) Acquiring and leveraging public and private-sector

31 funding to provide the totality of funds, personnel,

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1 facilities, equipment, and other resources needed to support  
2 the research required to develop commercially promising,  
3 advanced, and innovative technologies and to transfer those  
4 technologies to commercial sectors.

5 (c) Recruiting and retaining world-class scholars,  
6 high-performing students, and leading scientists and engineers  
7 in technology disciplines to engage in research in this state  
8 to develop commercially promising, advanced, and innovative  
9 technologies.

10 (d) Enhancing and expanding technology curricula and  
11 laboratory resources at universities and research centers in  
12 this state.

13 (e) Increasing the number of high-performing students  
14 in technology disciplines who graduate from universities in  
15 this state and pursue careers in this state.

16 (f) Stimulating and supporting the inception, growth,  
17 and diversification of technology-based businesses and  
18 ventures in Florida and increasing employment opportunities  
19 for the workforce needed to support such businesses.

20 (3) Subject to legislative appropriation, the Emerging  
21 Technology Commission, or "commission," is created within the  
22 Executive Office of the Governor to guide the establishment of  
23 centers of excellence.

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

27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 On page 1, line 4, delete that line

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30 and insert:

31 Technology Development Act"; providing a

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