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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to technology transfer;  
3           creating s. 288.9525, F.S.; providing  
4           legislative findings with respect to the  
5           benefits of technology transfer and methods for  
6           facilitating technology transfer; requiring the  
7           Florida Board of Education to establish a  
8           process for addressing technology-transfer  
9           issues; requiring the board to consult with  
10          certain organizations; requiring the board to  
11          report annually to the Governor and Legislature  
12          on technology-transfer-related issues and  
13          activities; prescribing elements of the report;  
14          providing an effective date.

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

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18           Section 1. Section 288.9525, Florida Statutes, is  
19 created to read:

20           288.9525 Technology transfer and commercialization.--  
21           (1) The Legislature finds that the transfer of new  
22 technology from an entity that develops such technology, but  
23 does not have the ability or desire to bring it to market, to  
24 an entity that does have the ability or desire to bring it to  
25 market, produces economic-development benefits for the state  
26 and the public and is a worthy public-policy goal of the  
27 state. The Legislature further finds that the transfer of  
28 technology is facilitated by encouraging communication and  
29 relationships among research, commercial, and  
30 economic-development entities; by minimizing legal and policy

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1 impediments to technology transfer; and by optimizing the  
2 availability of technology-transfer-related resources.

3 (2)(a) The Florida Board of Education shall establish  
4 a process to facilitate the regular meeting of university  
5 officials, industry professionals, state economic-development  
6 officials, and other individuals involved in  
7 technology-transfer efforts for the purposes of:

8 1. Discussing state technology-transfer issues.

9 2. Developing solutions to state technology-transfer  
10 problems.

11 3. Creating mechanisms by which informal university  
12 and industry interaction can be increased.

13 4. Facilitating technology-transfer-related  
14 collaboration between universities located in smaller  
15 metropolitan areas in this state and those located in the  
16 state's larger metropolitan areas.

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18 While establishing this process, the board shall consult with  
19 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development;  
20 Enterprise Florida, Inc.; the Florida Research Consortium; the  
21 Internet Coast Research Consortium; the Florida High Tech  
22 Corridor Council, Inc.; the Technological Research and  
23 Development Authority; the Florida Space Research Institute;  
24 and other organizations or individuals that work with the  
25 academic or business communities on issues related to  
26 technology transfer and commercialization.

27 (b) No later than 60 days before the convening of each  
28 regular session of the Legislature, the board shall submit to  
29 the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the  
30 House of Representatives, and the majority and minority

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