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                        A bill to be entitled
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           An act relating to technology transfer;
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           creating s. 288.9525, F.S.; providing
           legislative findings with respect to the
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           benefits of technology transfer and methods for
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           facilitating technology transfer; requiring the
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           Florida Board of Education to establish a
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           process for addressing technology-transfer
           issues; requiring the board to consult with
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           certain organizations; requiring the board to
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           report annually to the Governor and Legislature
           on technology-transfer-related issues and
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           activities; prescribing elements of the report;
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           providing an effective date.
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   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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           Section 1. Section 288.9525, Florida Statutes, is
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    created to read:
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           288.9525 Technology transfer and commercialization. --
          (1) The Legislature finds that the transfer of new
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    technology from an entity that develops such technology, but
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    does not have the ability or desire to bring it to market, to
    an entity that does have the ability or desire to bring it to
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    market, produces economic-development benefits for the state
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    and the public and is a worthy public-policy goal of the
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    state. The Legislature further finds that the transfer of
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    technology is facilitated by encouraging communication and
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    relationships among research, commercial, and
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    economic-development entities; by minimizing legal and policy
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impediments to technology transfer; and by optimizing the availability of technology-transfer-related resources. 2 3 (2)(a) The Florida Board of Education shall establish a process to facilitate the regular meeting of university 4 5 officials, industry professionals, state economic-development officials, and other individuals involved in 6 7 technology-transfer efforts for the purposes of: 8 1. Discussing state technology-transfer issues. 9 Developing solutions to state technology-transfer 10 problems. 11 3. Creating mechanisms by which informal university and industry interaction can be increased. 12 4. Facilitating technology-transfer-related 13 collaboration between universities located in smaller 14 metropolitan areas in this state and those located in the 15 state's larger metropolitan areas. 16 17 While establishing this process, the board shall consult with 18 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development; 19 Enterprise Florida, Inc.; the Florida Research Consortium; the 20 21 Internet Coast Research Consortium; the Florida High Tech Corridor Council, Inc.; the Technological Research and 22 Development Authority; the Florida Space Research Institute; 23 and other organizations or individuals that work with the 24 25 academic or business communities on issues related to technology transfer and commercialization. 26 27 (b) No later than 60 days before the convening of each regular session of the Legislature, the board shall submit to 28 29 the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the

House of Representatives, and the majority and minority

1	leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives a
2	progress report that must include, at a minimum:
3	1. Descriptions of the activities planned or performed
4	by the board with respect to its duties under this subsection.
5	2. Detailed descriptions of barriers to technology
6	transfer in this state.
7	3. Summaries of issues regarding the facilitation of
8	informal university and industry interaction and
9	technology-transfer-related collaboration between universities
10	located in smaller metropolitan areas in this state and those
11	located in the state's larger metropolitan areas.
12	$\underline{4.}$ Specific recommendations to the Legislature
13	concerning proposed statutory or budgetary changes that could
14	improve technology transfer in this state.
15	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
16	law.
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19	SENATE SUMMARY
20	Requires the Florida Board of Education to facilitate the regular meeting of economic-development officials within
21	the universities, private industry, and the state and address issues dealing with the transfer of technology.
22	Requires that the board report to the Governor and Legislature at least 60 days before the convening of each regular session of the Legislature. (See bill for details.)
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