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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to school district governance; requiring
 3 the creation of a committee in specified school districts
 4 to review the current governing structure of the school
 5 district; specifying the areas to be evaluated; providing
 6 committee membership and staff; providing for committee
 7 recommendations; providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. (1) A committee shall be established in each
 12 school district with a K-12 student enrollment in excess of
 13 250,000 students to review the current governing structure of
 14 the school district. The emphasis of the committee's review
 15 shall be an evaluation of the school district's performance in
 16 delivery of services and the ability of the community to
 17 interact with the school district. Additionally, the committee
 18 shall evaluate, but not be limited to, the following: the number
 19 of district school board members; single-member representation;
 20 district school board member term limits; campaign finance
 21 relating to election of district school board members; the
 22 position of district school superintendent; the school
 23 district's administrative organizational structure; the creation
 24 of a construction and facilities board comprised of citizens in
 25 the community to monitor land purchase and construction of
 26 educational facilities; and the division of the school district
 27 into smaller school districts.

28 (2) The committee shall have the following membership:

29 (a) Two members appointed by the Governor.

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- 30 (b) One member of the State Board of Education.
- 31 (c) One member appointed by the President of the Senate.
- 32 (d) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 33 Representatives.
- 34 (e) One district school board member of the school
 35 district being evaluated.
- 36 (f) The district school superintendent of the school
 37 district being evaluated.
- 38 (g) An attorney from the Office of the Attorney General.
- 39 (h) The mayors of the two municipalities in the school
 40 district with the largest population.
- 41 (3) The committee shall have a staff consisting of a full-
 42 time executive secretary, a contracted attorney, and a
 43 contracted specialized consultant to assist in the school
 44 district review.
- 45 (4) Based on its review, the committee shall report to the
 46 district school board recommended changes to the governing
 47 structure of the school district no later than July 1, 2005.
- 48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.