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The Committee on Environmental Preservation (Argenziano) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. The Florida Clean Energy Technology Center.--The Florida Energy Office in the Department of Environmental Protection shall enter into a contract with the Florida Technological Research and Development Authority, whereby such authority shall operate, in coordination with the Florida Solar Energy Center at the University of Central Florida, the Florida Clean Energy Technology Center to perform the following responsibilities in a manner that is consistent with the powers granted to such authority under chapter 87-455, Laws of Florida:

(1) Administer the Venture Smart Grant Program. The Venture Smart Grant Program shall award grants of up to \$50,000 to one or more businesses that are developing a product or service related to energy. The grants awarded shall

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1 provide a recipient business with the guidance and technical
2 support necessary to attract and secure investment in such
3 product or service. The guidance and support provided may
4 include prototype development, management-team recruitment,
5 intellectual property protection, or business and
6 marketing-plan development. To receive a grant, a business
7 must be developing an energy product or service for the
8 marketplace, be a start-up or medium-sized business, submit a
9 grant application, and be selected for funding by the board of
10 directors of the authority. The board's selection shall be
11 made after the board considers the recommendations of a
12 three-member review committee that is independent of the
13 authority. The independent review committee shall make its
14 recommendations to the board following the committee's review
15 of the applications that the business development managers of
16 the Venture Smart Grant Program at the authority have
17 identified as the best prospects. The managers shall make such
18 identification by screening the applicant companies in order
19 to select the products and services that are the most
20 promising.

21 (2) Sponsor and organize an annual clean energy
22 venture forum to bring venture capital to promising companies
23 having clean energy innovations.

24 (3) Enhance the energy security of this state and the
25 nation by reducing dependence on foreign oil as an energy
26 source by promoting the research, development, demonstration,
27 and deployment of clean energy technologies, particularly
28 renewable technologies, through the provision of traditional
29 business-incubation services and the administration of the
30 Venture Smart Grant Program as a member of the National
31 Alliance of Clean Energy Business Incubators, a group that was

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1 created in 2002 by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory of
2 the United States Department of Energy to assist entrepreneurs
3 in commercializing clean energy technologies.

4 Section 2. The sum of \$400,000 is appropriated from
5 the General Revenue Fund to the Florida Energy Office in the
6 Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of
7 funding the Florida Clean Energy Technology Center at the
8 Florida Technological Research and Development Authority.

9 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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12 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

13 And the title is amended as follows:

14 Delete everything before the enacting clause
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16 and insert:

17 A bill to be entitled
18 An act relating to the Florida Clean Energy
19 Technology Center; requiring the Florida Energy
20 Office in the Department of Environmental
21 Protection to contract with the Florida
22 Technological Research and Development
23 Authority to operate the Florida Clean Energy
24 Technology Center; providing for administration
25 by the center of a grant program to support
26 businesses developing a product or service
27 related to energy; requiring that the center
28 sponsor an annual venture forum and the
29 promotion of alternative energy technologies;
30 requiring conformance with the powers granted
31 to the authority; providing an appropriation;

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1 providing an effective date.
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