

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Education Council recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

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6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to education personnel; amending s.
8 1012.985, F.S.; authorizing a regional professional
9 development academy to receive funds from certain sources
10 for the purpose of developing programs and services;
11 providing that a regional professional development academy
12 is not a component of any school district or governmental
13 unit to which it provides services; providing an effective
14 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 1012.985, Florida Statutes, is amended
19 to read:

20 1012.985 Statewide system for inservice professional
21 development.--

22 (1) The intent of this section is to establish a statewide
23 system of professional development that provides a wide range of

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24 | targeted inservice training to teachers, managers, and
25 | administrative personnel designed to upgrade skills and
26 | knowledge needed to reach world class standards in education.
27 | The system shall consist of a network of professional
28 | development academies in each region of the state which ~~that~~ are
29 | operated in partnership with area business partners to develop
30 | and deliver high-quality training programs purchased by school
31 | districts. The academies shall be established to meet the human
32 | resource development needs of professional educators, schools,
33 | and school districts. Funds appropriated for the initiation of
34 | professional development academies shall be allocated by the
35 | Commissioner of Education, unless otherwise provided in an
36 | appropriations act. To be eligible for startup funds, the
37 | academy must:

38 | (a) ~~(1)~~ Be established by the collaborative efforts of one
39 | or more district school boards, members of the business
40 | community, and the postsecondary educational institutions which
41 | may award college credits for courses taught at the academy.

42 | (b) ~~(2)~~ Demonstrate the capacity to provide effective
43 | training to improve teaching skills in the areas of elementary
44 | reading and mathematics, the use of instructional technology,
45 | high school algebra, and classroom management, and to deliver
46 | such training using face-to-face, distance learning, and
47 | individualized computer-based delivery systems.

48 | (c) ~~(3)~~ Propose a plan for responding in an effective and
49 | timely manner to the professional development needs of teachers,
50 | managers, administrative personnel, schools, and school

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51 | districts relating to improving student achievement and meeting
52 | state and local education goals.

53 | (d)~~(4)~~ Demonstrate the ability to provide high-quality
54 | trainers and training, appropriate followup and coaching for all
55 | participants, and support school personnel in positively
56 | impacting student performance.

57 | (e)~~(5)~~ Be operated under contract with its public partners
58 | and governed by an independent board of directors, which should
59 | include at least one district school superintendent and one
60 | district school board chair from the participating school
61 | districts, the president of the collective bargaining unit that
62 | represents the majority of the region's teachers, and at least
63 | three individuals who are not employees or elected or appointed
64 | officials of the participating school districts. Regional
65 | educational consortia as defined in s. 1001.451 satisfy the
66 | requirements of this paragraph ~~subsection~~.

67 | (f)~~(6)~~ Be financed during the first year of operation by
68 | an equal or greater match from private funding sources and
69 | demonstrate the ability to be self-supporting within 1 year
70 | after opening through fees for services, grants, or private
71 | contributions. Regional educational consortia as defined in s.
72 | 1001.451 which serve rural areas of critical economic concern
73 | are exempt from the funding match required by this paragraph
74 | ~~subsection~~.

75 | (g)~~(7)~~ Own or lease a facility that can be used to deliver
76 | training onsite and through distance learning and other
77 | technology-based delivery systems. The participating district
78 | school boards may lease a site or facility to the academy for a

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79 | nominal fee and may pay all or part of the costs of renovating a
80 | facility to accommodate the academy. The academy is responsible
81 | for all operational, maintenance, and repair costs.

82 | (h)~~(g)~~ Provide professional development services for the
83 | participating school districts as specified in the contract and
84 | may provide professional development services to other school
85 | districts, private schools, and individuals on a fee-for-
86 | services basis.

87 | (2) Upon compliance with the requirements for the first
88 | year of operation in paragraph (1)(f), a regional professional
89 | development academy:

90 | (a) May receive funds from the Department of Education or
91 | as provided in the General Appropriations Act for the purpose of
92 | developing programs, expanding services, assessing inservice
93 | training and professional development, or other programs that
94 | are consistent with the mission of the academy and the needs of
95 | the state and region; and

96 | (b) Is not, by virtue of providing services to one or more
97 | school districts, a component of any school district or any
98 | governmental unit to which the regional professional development
99 | academy provides services.

100 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.