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The Committee on Education Appropriations (Constantine)  
recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 4, between lines 23 and 24,

insert:

Section 3. Section 1013.501, Florida Statutes, is  
transferred, renumbered, as section 1013.721, Florida  
Statutes, and amended to read:

1013.721 ~~1013.501~~ A Business-Community (ABC) School  
~~Florida Business and Education in School Together (Florida~~  
~~BEST)~~ Program.--

(1) In order to increase business partnerships in  
education, to reduce school and classroom overcrowding  
throughout the state, and to offset the high costs of  
educational facilities construction, and to use due diligence  
and sound business practices in using available educational  
space, the Legislature intends to encourage the formation of  
partnerships between business and education by creating A  
Business-Community (ABC) School ~~the Florida Business and~~

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1 ~~Education in School Together (Florida BEST) Program.~~

2       (2) "A Business-Community (ABC) School" means a public  
3 school that offers instruction to students from kindergarten  
4 through third grade. The school may offer instruction in any  
5 single grade level or for multiple grade levels. ABC schools  
6 shall comply with the constitutional class size requirements.

7       (3)(2) Each school board shall, through advertisements  
8 in local media and other means, request proposals from area  
9 businesses to allow the operation of a business and education  
10 partnership school in facilities owned or operated by the  
11 business. The Department of Education shall require each  
12 school board to submit documentation to the department which  
13 demonstrates the board's compliance with this advertisement  
14 requirement. Each school board shall designate a school  
15 district employee as the district's ABC program liaison and  
16 shall provide the name and contact information of the liaison  
17 to the department by September 1 of each year.

18       (4)(3) Each school district shall establish an ABC a  
19 ~~Florida BEST~~ school evaluation committee.

20       (a) The committee shall be appointed by the school  
21 board and be composed of one school district administrator, at  
22 least one member of the business community, and at least one  
23 member of a local chamber of commerce. The school board shall  
24 provide the department with the names and contact information  
25 for each member of the committee and notify the department  
26 upon any change in membership or contact information.

27       (b) The committee shall meet at least quarterly and  
28 shall provide an annual report to the school board and the  
29 superintendent regarding its activities during the preceding  
30 school year.

31       (c) The committee's responsibilities shall include,

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1 but need not be limited to:

2           1. Creating and implementing a strategic marketing  
3 plan to inform businesses about the benefits of the ABC school  
4 program.

5           2. Providing technical assistance to businesses  
6 seeking to implement an ABC school.

7           3. Informing the public of the benefits of business  
8 and education partnerships.

9           4. Obtaining feedback from potential business partners  
10 on how the ABC program could be improved.

11           5. Identifying local barriers that preclude this  
12 program from operating.

13           6. Developing proposal evaluation criteria and  
14 processes.

15           7. Sharing information on effective ABC school  
16 programs with the department and local communities.

17           ~~(d)(b)~~ The committee shall evaluate the feasibility of  
18 each proposal, including the operating cost, number of  
19 students to be served, proposed student-to-teacher ratio,  
20 proposed number of years the satellite school would operate,  
21 and any other operational or facilities considerations the  
22 school board or committee deems appropriate.

23           ~~(e)(e)~~ The committee shall recommend to the school  
24 board those proposals for satellite schools which the  
25 committee deems viable and worthy of being established. The  
26 school board must take official action on the recommendation  
27 of the committee within 60 days after receipt of the  
28 recommendation.

29           ~~(4) A "Florida Business and Education in School~~  
30 ~~Together (Florida BEST) school" is defined as a public school~~  
31 ~~offering instruction to students from kindergarten through~~

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1 ~~third grade. The school may offer instruction in any single~~  
2 ~~grade level or for multiple grade levels. Florida BEST schools~~  
3 ~~shall comply with the constitutional class size requirements.~~

4       (5)(a) First priority for admission of students to an  
5 ABC ~~the Florida BEST~~ school shall be given to the children of  
6 owners and employees of the host business. If additional  
7 student capacity remains after those children are admitted,  
8 the host business may designate ~~choose which~~ other neighboring  
9 businesses whose owners or employees may also participate to  
10 generate a viable number of students for the school. The  
11 school board shall make the necessary arrangements to  
12 accommodate students from other school districts whose parents  
13 are associated with the host business or business partners.

14       (b) Parents shall be responsible for providing  
15 transportation to and from school for the students.

16       ~~(6)(5)~~ A school district and a host business may enter  
17 into a multiyear contract for operation of an ABC ~~the Florida~~  
18 ~~BEST~~ school ~~may be entered into between the school district~~  
19 ~~and the host business~~. The contract must at least include  
20 provisions relating to any cost of facilities modifications,  
21 provide for the assignment or waiver of appropriate insurance  
22 costs, specify the number of students expected to be served,  
23 provide grounds for canceling the lease, and specify the  
24 advance notice required before the school may be closed.

25       (a) The school board shall be responsible for  
26 providing the appropriate instructional, support, and  
27 administrative staff and textbooks, materials, and supplies.  
28 The school district may also agree to operate or contract for  
29 the operation of a before-school and after-school program  
30 using the donated facilities.

31       (b) The host business shall provide the appropriate

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1 types of space for operating the school. If special  
 2 facilities, such as restrooms or dining, recreational, or  
 3 other areas are required, the district may contribute a part  
 4 of the cost of the construction, remodeling, or renovation for  
 5 such facilities from capital outlay funds of the district. A  
 6 multiyear lease for operation of the facility must be agreed  
 7 to if the school district contributes to the cost of such  
 8 construction.

9 Section 4. Section 1013.502, Florida Statutes, is  
 10 amended to read:

11 1013.502 A Business-Community (ABC) ~~Florida BEST~~  
 12 school facilities; standards.--Notwithstanding any local  
 13 government ordinance or regulation, any business or  
 14 corporation may expand the square footage or floor area of its  
 15 current or proposed facility to accommodate an ABC ~~a Florida~~  
 16 ~~Business and Education in School Together (Florida BEST)~~  
 17 School, as described under s. 1013.721. Facilities constructed  
 18 to house an ABC ~~a Florida BEST~~ school must comply with the  
 19 State Uniform Building Code for Public Educational Facilities  
 20 Construction adopted pursuant to s. 1013.37 and must meet  
 21 state and local health, environmental, and safety laws and  
 22 codes.

23 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
 24 law.

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 26 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)  
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29 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 On page 1, line 10, after the semicolon,

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1 insert:

2           transferring and amending s. 1013.721, F.S.;

3           renaming the Florida Business and Education in

4           School Together Program as "A

5           Business-Community (ABC) School Program";

6           defining the term "A Business-Community

7           School"; requiring each school board to submit

8           certain documentation to the Department of

9           Education; requiring each school board to

10          designate a school program liaison; requiring

11          each school district to establish an evaluation

12          committee; requiring each school board to

13          provide to the department information about

14          each member of the committee; requiring the

15          committee to submit an annual report to the

16          school board and the superintendent; providing

17          for the committee's responsibilities; providing

18          for admissions of students to the school

19          program; authorizing a school district and a

20          business to enter into a contract for operation

21          of the school program; amending s. 1013.502,

22          F.S.; providing for facilities for the school

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