

By Senator Constantine

22-404A-06

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to education; amending ss.
1013.501 and 1013.502, F.S.; redesignating the
Florida Business and Education in School
Together (Florida BEST) Program as A
Business-Community School (ABC'S) Program;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1013.501, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1013.501 A Business-Community School (ABC'S) 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, the Legislature intends to encourage the formation of partnerships between business and education by creating A Business-Community School (ABC'S)
~~the Florida Business and Education in School Together (Florida BEST)~~ Program.

(2) Each school board shall, through advertisements in local media and other means, request proposals from area businesses to allow the operation of a business and education partnership school in facilities owned or operated by the business.

(3) Each school district shall establish an ABC'S a
~~Florida BEST~~ school evaluation committee.

1 (a) The committee shall be appointed by the school
2 board and be composed of one school district administrator, at
3 least one member of the business community, and at least one
4 member of a local chamber of commerce.

5 (b) The committee shall evaluate the feasibility of
6 each proposal, including the operating cost, number of
7 students to be served, proposed student-to-teacher ratio,
8 proposed number of years the satellite school would operate,
9 and any other operational or facilities considerations the
10 school board or committee deems appropriate.

11 (c) The committee shall recommend to the school board
12 those proposals for satellite schools which the committee
13 deems viable and worthy of being established. The school board
14 must take official action on the recommendation of the
15 committee within 60 days after receipt of the recommendation.

16 (4) "A Business-Community School (ABC'S)"~~Florida~~
17 ~~Business and Education in School Together (Florida BEST)~~
18 school" is defined as a public school offering instruction to
19 students from kindergarten through third grade. The school may
20 offer instruction in any single grade level or for multiple
21 grade levels. ABC'S Florida~~BEST~~ schools shall comply with the
22 constitutional class size requirements.

23 (a) First priority for admission of students to the
24 ABC'S Florida~~BEST~~ school shall be given to the children of
25 owners and employees of the host business. If additional
26 student capacity remains after those children are admitted,
27 the host business may choose which other neighboring
28 businesses may also participate to generate a viable number of
29 students for the school. The school board shall make the
30 necessary arrangements to accommodate students from other
31

1 school districts whose parents are associated with the host
2 business or business partners.

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

5 (5) A multiyear contract for operation of the ABC'S
6 ~~Florida BEST~~ school may be entered into between the school
7 district and the host business. The contract must at least
8 include provisions relating to any cost of facilities
9 modifications, provide for the assignment or waiver of
10 appropriate insurance costs, specify the number of students
11 expected to be served, provide grounds for canceling the
12 lease, and specify the advance notice required before the
13 school may be closed.

14 (a) The school board shall be responsible for
15 providing the appropriate instructional, support, and
16 administrative staff and textbooks, materials, and supplies.
17 The school district may also agree to operate or contract for
18 the operation of a before-school and after-school program
19 using the donated facilities.

20 (b) The host business shall provide the appropriate
21 types of space for operating the school. If special
22 facilities, such as restrooms or dining, recreational, or
23 other areas are required, the district may contribute a part
24 of the cost of the construction, remodeling, or renovation for
25 such facilities from capital outlay funds of the district. A
26 multiyear lease for operation of the facility must be agreed
27 to if the school district contributes to the cost of such
28 construction.

29 Section 2. Section 1013.502, Florida Statutes, is
30 amended to read:
31

