

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Constantine

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to education; transferring and  
3           amending s. 1013.721, F.S.; renaming the  
4           Florida Business and Education in School  
5           Together Program as "A Business-Community (ABC)  
6           School Program"; defining the term "A  
7           Business-Community School"; requiring each  
8           school board to submit certain documentation to  
9           the Department of Education; requiring each  
10          school board to designate a school program  
11          liaison; requiring each school district to  
12          establish an evaluation committee; requiring  
13          each school board to provide to the department  
14          information about each member of the committee;  
15          requiring the committee to submit an annual  
16          report to the school board and the  
17          superintendent; providing for the committee's  
18          responsibilities; providing for admissions of  
19          students to the school program; authorizing a  
20          school district and a business to enter into a  
21          contract for operation of the school program;  
22          amending s. 1013.502, F.S.; providing for  
23          facilities for the school program; providing an  
24          effective date.

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

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28           Section 1. Section 1013.501, Florida Statutes, is  
29 transferred, renumbered, as section 1013.721, Florida  
30 Statutes, and amended to read:  
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1           ~~1013.501~~ 1013.721 A Business-Community (ABC) School  
2 ~~Florida Business and Education in School Together (Florida~~  
3 ~~BEST)~~ Program.--

4           (1) In order to increase business partnerships in  
5 education, to reduce school and classroom overcrowding  
6 throughout the state, and to offset the high costs of  
7 educational facilities construction, and to use due diligence  
8 and sound business practices in using available educational  
9 space, the Legislature intends to encourage the formation of  
10 partnerships between business and education by creating A  
11 Business-Community (ABC) School ~~the Florida Business and~~  
12 ~~Education in School Together (Florida BEST)~~ Program.

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

18           ~~(3)~~(2) Each school board shall, through advertisements  
19 in local media and other means, request proposals from area  
20 businesses to allow the operation of a business and education  
21 partnership school in facilities owned or operated by the  
22 business. The Department of Education shall require each  
23 school board to submit documentation to the department which  
24 demonstrates the board's compliance with this advertisement  
25 requirement. Each school board shall designate a school  
26 district employee as the district's ABC program liaison and  
27 shall provide the name and contact information of the liaison  
28 to the department by September 1 of each year.

29           ~~(4)~~(3) Each school district shall establish an ABC a  
30 ~~Florida BEST~~ school evaluation committee.

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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. The school board shall  
5 provide the department with the names and contact information  
6 for each member of the committee and notify the department  
7 upon any change in membership or contact information.

8           (b) The committee shall meet at least quarterly and  
9 shall provide an annual report to the school board and the  
10 superintendent regarding its activities during the preceding  
11 school year.

12           (c) The committee's responsibilities shall include,  
13 but need not be limited to:

14           1. Creating and implementing a strategic marketing  
15 plan to inform businesses about the benefits of the ABC school  
16 program.

17           2. Providing technical assistance to businesses  
18 seeking to implement an ABC school.

19           3. Informing the public of the benefits of business  
20 and education partnerships.

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

23           5. Identifying local barriers that preclude this  
24 program from operating.

25           6. Developing proposal evaluation criteria and  
26 processes.

27           7. Sharing information on effective ABC school  
28 programs with the department and local communities.

29           ~~(d)(b)~~ The committee shall evaluate the feasibility of  
30 each proposal, including the operating cost, number of  
31 students to be served, proposed student-to-teacher ratio,

1 | proposed number of years the satellite school would operate,  
2 | and any other operational or facilities considerations the  
3 | school board or committee deems appropriate.

4 |       ~~(e)(e)~~ The committee shall recommend to the school  
5 | board those proposals for satellite schools which the  
6 | committee deems viable and worthy of being established. The  
7 | school board must take official action on the recommendation  
8 | of the committee within 60 days after receipt of the  
9 | recommendation.

10 |       ~~(4) A "Florida Business and Education in School~~  
11 | ~~Together (Florida BEST) school" is defined as a public school~~  
12 | ~~offering instruction to students from kindergarten through~~  
13 | ~~third grade. The school may offer instruction in any single~~  
14 | ~~grade level or for multiple grade levels. Florida BEST schools~~  
15 | ~~shall comply with the constitutional class size requirements.~~

16 |       ~~(5)(a)~~ First priority for admission of students to an  
17 | ABC ~~the Florida BEST~~ school shall be given to the children of  
18 | owners and employees of the host business. If additional  
19 | student capacity remains after those children are admitted,  
20 | the host business may designate ~~choose which~~ other neighboring  
21 | businesses whose owners or employees may also participate to  
22 | generate a viable number of students for the school. The  
23 | school board shall make the necessary arrangements to  
24 | accommodate students from other school districts whose parents  
25 | are associated with the host business or business partners.

26 |       (b) Parents shall be responsible for providing  
27 | transportation to and from school for the students.

28 |       ~~(6)(5)~~ A school district and a host business may enter  
29 | into a multiyear contract for operation of an ABC ~~the Florida~~  
30 | ~~BEST~~ school ~~may be entered into between the school district~~  
31 | ~~and the host business~~. The contract must at least include

1 provisions relating to any cost of facilities modifications,  
2 provide for the assignment or waiver of appropriate insurance  
3 costs, specify the number of students expected to be served,  
4 provide grounds for canceling the lease, and specify the  
5 advance notice required before the school may be closed.

6 (a) The school board shall be responsible for  
7 providing the appropriate instructional, support, and  
8 administrative staff and textbooks, materials, and supplies.  
9 The school district may also agree to operate or contract for  
10 the operation of a before-school and after-school program  
11 using the donated facilities.

12 (b) The host business shall provide the appropriate  
13 types of space for operating the school. If special  
14 facilities, such as restrooms or dining, recreational, or  
15 other areas are required, the district may contribute a part  
16 of the cost of the construction, remodeling, or renovation for  
17 such facilities from capital outlay funds of the district. A  
18 multiyear lease for operation of the facility must be agreed  
19 to if the school district contributes to the cost of such  
20 construction.

21 Section 2. Section 1013.502, Florida Statutes, is  
22 amended to read:

23 1013.502 A Business-Community (ABC) Florida BEST  
24 school facilities; standards.--Notwithstanding any local  
25 government ordinance or regulation, any business or  
26 corporation may expand the square footage or floor area of its  
27 current or proposed facility to accommodate an ABC a Florida  
28 ~~Business and Education in School Together (Florida BEST)~~  
29 School, as described under s. 1013.721. Facilities constructed  
30 to house an ABC a Florida BEST school must comply with the  
31 State Uniform Building Code for Public Educational Facilities

1 Construction adopted pursuant to s. 1013.37 and must meet  
2 state and local health, environmental, and safety laws and  
3 codes.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
5 law.

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7 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
9 Senate Bill 518

10 The committee substitute makes the following changes:

11 -Provides that the Department of Education must require school  
12 districts to submit evidence of compliance with public notice  
requirements;

13 -Requires the school districts to provide contact information  
14 to the Department of Education about the "A Business-Community  
(ABC) School" Program evaluation committee members;

15 -Requires school districts to designate a liaison for the  
16 program;

17 -Provides additional responsibilities for ABC evaluation  
committees; and

18 -Clarifies how student capacity may be met by an ABC school.  
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