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Senator Wise moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 31, between lines 17 and 18,

insert:

Section 15. Section 1001.451, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.451 Regional consortium service organizations.--In order to provide a full range of programs to larger numbers of students, minimize duplication of services, and encourage the development of new programs and services:

- (1) School districts with 20,000 or fewer unweighted full-time equivalent students, developmental research (laboratory) schools established pursuant to s. 1002.32, and the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind may enter into cooperative agreements to form a regional consortium service organization. Each regional consortium service organization shall provide, at a minimum, three of the following services: exceptional student education; teacher education centers;

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1 environmental education; federal grant procurement and  
2 coordination; data processing; health insurance; risk  
3 management insurance; staff development; purchasing; or  
4 planning and accountability.

5 (2)(a) Each regional consortium service organization  
6 that consists of four or more school districts is eligible to  
7 receive, through the Department of Education, an incentive  
8 grant of \$50,000 per school district and eligible member to be  
9 used for the delivery of services within the participating  
10 school districts. The determination of services and use of  
11 such funds shall be established by the board of directors of  
12 the regional consortium service organization.

13 (b) Application for incentive grants shall be made to  
14 the Commissioner of Education by July 30 of each year for  
15 distribution to qualifying regional consortium service  
16 organizations by January 1 of the fiscal year.

17 (3) In order to economically provide programs and  
18 services to participating school districts and members, a  
19 regional consortium service organization may establish  
20 purchasing and bidding programs, including construction and  
21 construction management arrangements, in lieu of individual  
22 school district bid arrangements pursuant to policies  
23 exercised by its member districts. Participation in regional  
24 consortium service organization bids shall be accomplished by  
25 action of an individual district school board through a letter  
26 of intent to participate and shall be reflected in official  
27 district school board minutes.

28 (4) A regional consortium service organization board  
29 of directors may elect to establish a direct-support  
30 organization pursuant to s. 1001.453 which is independent of  
31 its fiscal agent district.

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(Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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And the title is amended as follows:

On page 3, line 20, after the semicolon,

insert:

amending s. 1001.451, F.S.; requiring the  
determination of services and use of funds to  
be established by the board of directors of a  
regional consortium service organization;  
authorizing establishment of purchasing and  
bidding programs in lieu of individual school  
district bid arrangements; authorizing  
establishment of a direct-support organization;