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1 The PreK-12 Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to suicide prevention; providing
7 legislative intent; providing for a pilot program to be
8 conducted by the Signs of Suicide Prevention Program for
9 secondary schools in specified counties; requiring the
10 submission of proposals to the Department of Education;
11 providing for student participation in the pilot program
12 and for the provision of certain information to parents;
13 requiring a report to the Legislature; providing an
14 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Signs of Suicide Prevention Program for
19 secondary schools; pilot program; legislative intent.--

20 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide support
21 and funding for a suicide and depression prevention pilot
22 program conducted by the Signs of Suicide Prevention Program for
23 secondary schools, hereinafter referred to as "SOS." The pilot

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24 program shall encourage collaboration with local mental health
25 facilities and individual professionals.

26 (2) During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, an SOS pilot program
27 shall be conducted in Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole
28 counties. In order to receive funding under this act, an SOS
29 entity for a county authorized to participate in the pilot
30 program must submit to the Department of Education by September
31 1, 2006, a proposal for suicide and depression prevention for
32 secondary school students who attend school in that county. The
33 pilot program shall provide school personnel in each
34 participating school with the materials necessary for
35 implementation.

36 (3) The parent of each student in a participating school
37 shall be provided with a copy of program information and a
38 screening form to assist the parent in the identification of
39 depression and suicidal tendencies and to help initiate family
40 discussions.

41 (4) By January 1, 2007, the district school board of each
42 participating county shall provide to the President of the
43 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report
44 that includes an itemized list of program costs, an evaluation
45 of participating schools, an assessment of the quality of the
46 program components, an assessment of the safety of program
47 implementation, an assessment of the burden on school support
48 staff after implementation of the program, an assessment of the
49 efficacy of the program, and recommendations regarding program
50 effects and outcomes. The information shall be reported for the

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51 pilot program in the aggregate, for each participating county,
52 and for each participating school in each participating county.

53 Section 2. The sum of \$600,000 is appropriated from the
54 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Education for the
55 2006-2007 fiscal year to be distributed to the Michael Buonauro
56 Foundation to implement the Signs of Suicide Prevention Program
57 as a pilot program for secondary schools in Brevard, Orange,
58 Osceola, and Seminole counties in accordance with this act. The
59 Michael Buonauro Foundation shall provide matching funds in the
60 amount of \$600,000 in order to receive the appropriation from
61 the General Revenue Fund.

62 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.