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1 The Education Appropriations 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 for a
7 pilot program to be conducted by the Signs of Suicide
8 Prevention Program for secondary schools in specified
9 counties; requiring the submission of proposals to the
10 Department of Education; providing for student
11 participation in the pilot program and for the provision
12 of certain information to parents; requiring a report to
13 the Legislature; requiring implementation of the pilot
14 program to be contingent upon state funding and equivalent
15 matching funds; providing an effective date.

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

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

21 (1) Contingent upon funding in the General Appropriations
22 Act, there is established a pilot program to be conducted by the
23 Signs of Suicide Prevention Program for secondary schools,

24 hereinafter referred to as "SOS." The pilot program shall
25 encourage collaboration with local mental health facilities and
26 individual professionals.

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

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

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

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

54 Section 2. Implementation of the pilot program conducted
55 by the Signs of Suicide Prevention Program for secondary schools
56 shall be contingent upon funding in the 2006-2007 General
57 Appropriations Act. Funds appropriated to the Department of
58 Education for the pilot program shall be distributed to the
59 Michael Buonauro Foundation to implement the pilot program in
60 accordance with this act. In order to receive state funds for
61 this purpose, the Michael Buonauro Foundation shall provide
62 matching funds in an amount equal to the appropriation.

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