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1 The Education Council 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 and legal guardians;
13 requiring a report to the Legislature; requiring
14 implementation of the pilot program to be contingent upon
15 state funding and equivalent matching funds; providing an
16 effective date.

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

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

22 (1) Contingent upon funding in the General Appropriations
23 Act, there is established a pilot program to be conducted by the

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24 Signs of Suicide Prevention Program for secondary schools,
25 hereinafter referred to as "SOS." The pilot program shall
26 encourage collaboration with local mental health facilities and
27 individual professionals.

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

38 (3) The parent or legal guardian of each student in a
39 participating school shall be provided with a copy of program
40 information and a screening form to assist the parent or legal
41 guardian in the identification of depression and suicidal
42 tendencies and to help initiate family discussions. There shall
43 be no screening of students without the written consent of a
44 parent or legal guardian.

45 (4) By January 1, 2007, the district school board of each
46 participating county shall provide to the President of the
47 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report
48 that includes an itemized list of program costs, an evaluation
49 of participating schools, an assessment of the quality of the
50 program components, an assessment of the safety of program
51 implementation, an assessment of the burden on school support

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52 | staff after implementation of the program, an assessment of the
53 | efficacy of the program, and recommendations regarding program
54 | effects and outcomes. The information shall be reported for the
55 | pilot program in the aggregate, for each participating county,
56 | and for each participating school in each participating county.

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

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