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11 The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations (Wise and
 12 Siplin) recommended the following amendment:

14 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

15 On page 9, line 21, through
 16 page 19, line 29, delete those lines

18 and insert:

19 Section 5. Subsection (5) is added to section 1000.04,
 20 Florida Statutes, to read:

21 1000.04 Components for the delivery of public
 22 education within the Florida K-20 education system.--Florida's
 23 K-20 education system provides for the delivery of public
 24 education through publicly supported and controlled K-12
 25 schools, community colleges, state universities and other
 26 postsecondary educational institutions, other educational
 27 institutions, and other educational services as provided or
 28 authorized by the Constitution and laws of the state.

29 (5) THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND
 30 TECHNOLOGY.--The Governor's School for Science and Technology
 31 is a component of the delivery of public education within

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1 Florida's K-20 education system.

2 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 1001.02, Florida
3 Statutes, is amended to read:

4 1001.02 General powers of State Board of Education.--

5 (1) The State Board of Education is the chief
6 implementing and coordinating body of public education in
7 Florida, and it shall focus on high-level policy decisions.

8 ~~The state board~~ ~~it~~ has authority to adopt rules under ~~pursuant~~
9 ~~to~~ ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of
10 law conferring duties upon the State Board of Education, the
11 Commissioner of Education, and the Department of Education ~~it~~
12 ~~for the improvement of the state system of K-20 public~~
13 ~~education.~~ Except as otherwise provided by law herein, the
14 State Board of Education ~~it~~ may, as it finds appropriate,
15 delegate its general powers to the Commissioner of Education
16 or the directors of the divisions of the department.

17 Section 7. Subsection (8) of section 1001.215, Florida
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19 1001.215 Just Read, Florida! Office.--There is created
20 in the Department of Education the Just Read, Florida! Office.
21 The office shall be fully accountable to the Commissioner of
22 Education and shall:

23 (8) Periodically review the World Class Education
24 ~~Sunshine State~~ Standards for reading at all grade levels.

25 Section 8. Subsection (3) of section 1001.41, Florida
26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 1001.41 General powers of district school board.--The
28 district school board, after considering recommendations
29 submitted by the district school superintendent, shall
30 exercise the following general powers:

31 (3) Prescribe and adopt standards and policies to

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1 provide each student the opportunity to receive a complete
 2 education program, including language arts~~i~~; mathematics~~i~~;
 3 science~~i~~; social studies, with an emphasis on history,
 4 government, and civics; health~~i~~; physical education~~i~~; foreign
 5 languages~~i~~; and the arts, as defined by the World Class
 6 Education ~~Sunshine State~~ Standards. The standards and policies
 7 must emphasize integration and reinforcement of reading,
 8 writing, and mathematics skills across all subjects, including
 9 career awareness, career exploration, and career and technical
 10 education.

11 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (16) of section
 12 1001.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school
 14 board.--The district school board, acting as a board, shall
 15 exercise all powers and perform all duties listed below:

16 (16) IMPLEMENT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND
 17 ACCOUNTABILITY.--Maintain a system of school improvement and
 18 education accountability as provided by statute and State
 19 Board of Education rule. This system of school improvement and
 20 education accountability shall be consistent with, and
 21 implemented through, the district's continuing system of
 22 planning and budgeting required by this section and ss.
 23 1008.385, 1010.01, and 1011.01. This system of school
 24 improvement and education accountability shall include, but is
 25 not limited to, the following:

26 (a) School improvement plans.--Annually approve and
 27 require implementation of a new, amended, or continuation
 28 school improvement plan for each school in the district. A
 29 district school board may establish a district school
 30 improvement plan that includes all schools in the district
 31 operating for the purpose of providing educational services to

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1 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.--Parents of
 2 public school students must receive accurate and timely
 3 information regarding their child's academic progress and must
 4 be informed of ways they can help their child to succeed in
 5 school. K-12 students and their parents are afforded numerous
 6 statutory rights including, but not limited to, the following:

7 (6) EDUCATIONAL CHOICE.--

8 (a) Public school choices.--Parents of public school
 9 students may seek whatever public school choice options that
 10 are applicable to their students and are available to students
 11 in their school districts. These options may include
 12 controlled open enrollment, lab schools, charter schools,
 13 charter technical career centers, magnet schools, alternative
 14 schools, special programs, advanced placement, dual
 15 enrollment, International Baccalaureate, International General
 16 Certificate of Secondary Education (pre-AICE), Advanced
 17 International Certificate of Education, early admissions,
 18 credit by examination or demonstration of competency, the New
 19 World School of the Arts, the Florida School for the Deaf and
 20 the Blind, the Governor's School for Science and Technology,
 21 and the Florida Virtual School. These options may also include
 22 the public school choice options of the Opportunity
 23 Scholarship Program and the McKay Scholarships for Students
 24 with Disabilities Program.

25 Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) and
 26 paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 1002.33, Florida
 27 Statutes, are amended to read:

28 1002.33 Charter schools.--

29 (6) APPLICATION PROCESS AND REVIEW.--Charter school
 30 applications are subject to the following requirements:

31 (a) A person or entity wishing to open a charter

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1 school shall prepare an application that:

2 1. Demonstrates how the school will use the guiding
3 principles and meet the statutorily defined purpose of a
4 charter school.

5 2. Provides a detailed curriculum plan that
6 illustrates how students will be provided services to attain
7 the World Class Education ~~Sunshine State~~ Standards.

8 3. Contains goals and objectives for improving student
9 learning and measuring that improvement. These goals and
10 objectives must indicate how much academic improvement
11 students are expected to show each year, how success will be
12 evaluated, and the specific results to be attained through
13 instruction.

14 4. Describes the reading curriculum and differentiated
15 strategies that will be used for students reading at grade
16 level or higher and a separate curriculum and strategies for
17 students who are reading below grade level. A sponsor shall
18 deny a charter if the school does not propose a reading
19 curriculum that is consistent with effective teaching
20 strategies that are grounded in scientifically based reading
21 research.

22 5. Contains an annual financial plan for each year
23 requested by the charter for operation of the school for up to
24 5 years. This plan must contain anticipated fund balances
25 based on revenue projections, a spending plan based on
26 projected revenues and expenses, and a description of controls
27 that will safeguard finances and projected enrollment trends.

28 (7) CHARTER.--The major issues involving the operation
29 of a charter school shall be considered in advance and written
30 into the charter. The charter shall be signed by the governing
31 body of the charter school and the sponsor, following a public

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1 hearing to ensure community input.

2 (a) The charter shall address, and criteria for
3 approval of the charter shall be based on:

4 1. The school's mission, the students to be served,
5 and the ages and grades to be included.

6 2. The focus of the curriculum, the instructional
7 methods to be used, any distinctive instructional techniques
8 to be employed, and identification and acquisition of
9 appropriate technologies needed to improve educational and
10 administrative performance which include a means for promoting
11 safe, ethical, and appropriate uses of technology which comply
12 with legal and professional standards. The charter shall
13 ensure that reading is a primary focus of the curriculum and
14 that resources are provided to identify and provide
15 specialized instruction for students who are reading below
16 grade level. The curriculum and instructional strategies for
17 reading must be consistent with the World Class Education
18 ~~Sunshine State~~ Standards and grounded in scientifically based
19 reading research.

20 3. The current incoming baseline standard of student
21 academic achievement, the outcomes to be achieved, and the
22 method of measurement that will be used. The criteria listed
23 in this subparagraph shall include a detailed description for
24 each of the following:

25 a. How the baseline student academic achievement
26 levels and prior rates of academic progress will be
27 established.

28 b. How these baseline rates will be compared to rates
29 of academic progress achieved by these same students while
30 attending the charter school.

31 c. To the extent possible, how these rates of progress

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1 will be evaluated and compared with rates of progress of other
2 closely comparable student populations.

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4 The district school board is required to provide academic
5 student performance data to charter schools for each of their
6 students coming from the district school system, as well as
7 rates of academic progress of comparable student populations
8 in the district school system.

9 4. The methods used to identify the educational
10 strengths and needs of students and how well educational goals
11 and performance standards are met by students attending the
12 charter school. Included in the methods is a means for the
13 charter school to ensure accountability to its constituents by
14 analyzing student performance data and by evaluating the
15 effectiveness and efficiency of its major educational
16 programs. Students in charter schools shall, at a minimum,
17 participate in the statewide assessment program created under
18 s. 1008.22.

19 5. In secondary charter schools, a method for
20 determining that a student has satisfied the requirements for
21 graduation in s. 1003.43.

22 6. A method for resolving conflicts between the
23 governing body of the charter school and the sponsor.

24 7. The admissions procedures and dismissal procedures,
25 including the school's code of student conduct.

26 8. The ways by which the school will achieve a
27 racial/ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves or
28 within the racial/ethnic range of other public schools in the
29 same school district.

30 9. The financial and administrative management of the
31 school, including a reasonable demonstration of the

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1 professional experience or competence of those individuals or
2 organizations applying to operate the charter school or those
3 hired or retained to perform such professional services and
4 the description of clearly delineated responsibilities and the
5 policies and practices needed to effectively manage the
6 charter school. A description of internal audit procedures and
7 establishment of controls to ensure that financial resources
8 are properly managed must be included. Both public sector and
9 private sector professional experience shall be equally valid
10 in such a consideration.

11 10. The asset and liability projections required in
12 the application which are incorporated into the charter and
13 which shall be compared with information provided in the
14 annual report of the charter school. The charter shall ensure
15 that, if a charter school internal audit or annual financial
16 audit reveals a state of financial emergency as defined in s.
17 218.503 or deficit financial position, the auditors are
18 required to notify the charter school governing board, the
19 sponsor, and the Department of Education. The internal auditor
20 shall report such findings in the form of an exit interview to
21 the principal or the principal administrator of the charter
22 school and the chair of the governing board within 7 working
23 days after finding the state of financial emergency or deficit
24 position. A final report shall be provided to the entire
25 governing board, the sponsor, and the Department of Education
26 within 14 working days after the exit interview. When a
27 charter school is in a state of financial emergency, the
28 charter school shall file a detailed financial recovery plan
29 with the sponsor. The department, with the involvement of both
30 sponsors and charter schools, shall establish guidelines for
31 developing such plans.

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1 11. A description of procedures that identify various
2 risks and provide for a comprehensive approach to reduce the
3 impact of losses; plans to ensure the safety and security of
4 students and staff; plans to identify, minimize, and protect
5 others from violent or disruptive student behavior; and the
6 manner in which the school will be insured, including whether
7 or not the school will be required to have liability
8 insurance, and, if so, the terms and conditions thereof and
9 the amounts of coverage.

10 12. The term of the charter which shall provide for
11 cancellation of the charter if insufficient progress has been
12 made in attaining the student achievement objectives of the
13 charter and if it is not likely that such objectives can be
14 achieved before expiration of the charter. The initial term of
15 a charter shall be for 4 or 5 years. In order to facilitate
16 access to long-term financial resources for charter school
17 construction, charter schools that are operated by a
18 municipality or other public entity as provided by law are
19 eligible for up to a 15-year charter, subject to approval by
20 the district school board. A charter lab school is eligible
21 for a charter for a term of up to 15 years. In addition, to
22 facilitate access to long-term financial resources for charter
23 school construction, charter schools that are operated by a
24 private, not-for-profit, s. 501(c)(3) status corporation are
25 eligible for up to a 15-year charter, subject to approval by
26 the district school board. Such long-term charters remain
27 subject to annual review and may be terminated during the term
28 of the charter, but only according to the provisions set forth
29 in subsection (8).

30 13. The facilities to be used and their location.

31 14. The qualifications to be required of the teachers

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1 and the potential strategies used to recruit, hire, train, and
2 retain qualified staff to achieve best value.

3 15. The governance structure of the school, including
4 the status of the charter school as a public or private
5 employer as required in paragraph (12)(i).

6 16. A timetable for implementing the charter which
7 addresses the implementation of each element thereof and the
8 date by which the charter shall be awarded in order to meet
9 this timetable.

10 17. In the case of an existing public school being
11 converted to charter status, alternative arrangements for
12 current students who choose not to attend the charter school
13 and for current teachers who choose not to teach in the
14 charter school after conversion in accordance with the
15 existing collective bargaining agreement or district school
16 board rule in the absence of a collective bargaining
17 agreement. However, alternative arrangements shall not be
18 required for current teachers who choose not to teach in a
19 charter lab school, except as authorized by the employment
20 policies of the state university which grants the charter to
21 the lab school.

22 Section 12. Section 1002.371, Florida Statutes, is
23 created to read:

24 1002.371 Governor's School for Science and
25 Technology.--The Governor's School for Science and Technology
26 is established within the Florida K-20 public education system
27 and shall be administratively housed within the Department of
28 Education.

29 (1) The mission of the Governor's School for Science
30 and Technology is to provide advanced educational
31 opportunities in the areas of science, mathematics,

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1 engineering, and technology in a residential setting with
 2 highly qualified scientists and instructors organized and
 3 provided in short periods of intensive specialized real-life
 4 learning experiences for highly motivated and talented
 5 students in grades 9 through 12.

6 (2) The school shall be located in Brevard County and
 7 be situated where a formal partnership between the school and
 8 the Kennedy Space Center may readily be established and
 9 maintained to provide real-life learning experiences for
 10 students. The attendance area for the school is the entire
 11 state; however, admission to the school is a privilege
 12 reserved for those qualified students who are selected through
 13 a statewide application and qualification system and is not a
 14 right afforded to the general population of students in this
 15 state. Students enrolled in the school must reside on the
 16 school's premises and be under the control of the school.

17 (3) The board of trustees created in subsection (5)
 18 shall take such actions as are necessary for planning and
 19 establishing the Governor's School for Science and Technology
 20 as provided in this section. The board shall submit a progress
 21 report to the Commissioner of Education, the Governor, the
 22 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
 23 Representatives by January 1, 2008, which must include a
 24 timeline for future actions to be completed and a summary of
 25 the legislative budget request for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

26 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that existing
 27 facilities be used for the school and that by the 2009-2010
 28 school year the school begin offering:

29 (a) Advanced learning opportunities in the areas of
 30 mathematics, science, engineering, and technology to qualified
 31 students; and

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1 (b) Summer programs for elementary, middle, and high
2 school teachers.

3 (5)(a) A board of trustees is created for the
4 Governor's School for Science and Technology which shall
5 consist of seven members. The trustees shall be appointed by
6 the Governor and are subject to confirmation by the Senate.
7 Trustees shall be appointed to 4-year terms, except that the
8 initial terms shall be staggered so that three members are
9 appointed to 4-year terms, two members are appointed to 3-year
10 terms, and two members are appointed to 2-year terms. The
11 Governor may remove any member for cause and shall fill all
12 vacancies that occur.

13 (b) The board of trustees shall elect a chair
14 annually. The trustees are entitled to reimbursement for
15 travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061, the accounts of
16 which shall be paid by the Chief Financial Officer upon
17 itemized vouchers duly approved by the chair.

18 (c) The board of trustees may adopt rules pursuant to
19 ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement provisions of law
20 relating to operation of the Governor's School for Science and
21 Technology. Such rules shall be submitted to the State Board
22 of Education for approval or disapproval. After a rule is
23 approved by the State Board of Education, the rule shall be
24 filed immediately with the Department of State. The board of
25 trustees shall act at all times in conjunction with the rules
26 of the State Board of Education.

27 (d) The board of trustees is a body corporate and
28 shall have a corporate seal. Unless otherwise provided by law,
29 all actions of the board of trustees shall be consistent with
30 all laws and rules applicable to state agencies. Title to any
31 gift, donation, or bequest received by the board of trustees

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1 pursuant to subparagraph (e)11. shall vest in the board of
 2 trustees. Title to all other property and other assets of the
 3 Governor's School for Science and Technology shall vest in the
 4 State Board of Education, but the board of trustees shall have
 5 complete jurisdiction over the management of the school.

6 (e) The board of trustees has full power and authority
 7 to:

8 1. Appoint or remove a director, faculty, teachers,
 9 and other employees according to its best judgment and fix
 10 their compensation.

11 2. Procure professional services such as architectural
 12 and engineering services.

13 3. Procure legal services without the prior written
 14 approval of the Attorney General.

15 4. Determine eligibility of students and procedure for
 16 admission, including, but not limited to:

17 a. The requirements that an individual must meet in
 18 order to be qualified for admission to the Governor's School
 19 for Science and Technology and the standards by which
 20 applicants will be selected for admission to the school.

21 Priority must be given to individuals who excel or demonstrate
 22 interest in the areas of mathematics, science, engineering, or
 23 technology. The requirements and standards may include, but
 24 need not be limited to, scores on tests or favorable
 25 recommendations from teachers or other school officials.

26 b. The number of students that may be enrolled at the
 27 school based on the resources that are available.

28 c. The procedures by which an individual may apply for
 29 admission to the school or appeal a decision concerning an
 30 application to attend the school.

31 5. Provide necessary housing, food, and transportation

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1 for students while attending the school and the cost of
2 transportation from their home to the school and return.

3 6. Provide for the proper keeping of accounts and
4 records and for budgeting of funds.

5 7. Enter into contracts.

6 8. Sue and be sued.

7 9. Secure public liability insurance.

8 10. Do and perform every other matter or thing
9 requisite to the proper management, maintenance, support, and
10 control of the school at the highest efficiency economically
11 possible, taking into consideration the purposes of the
12 school.

13 11. Receive gifts, donations, and bequests of money or
14 property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, from any
15 person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity. However, the
16 board of trustees may not obligate the state to any
17 expenditure or policy that is not specifically authorized by
18 law. If the bill of sale, will, trust indenture, deed, or
19 other legal conveyance specifies terms and conditions
20 concerning the use of such money or property, the board of
21 trustees shall observe such terms and conditions.

22 12. Sell or convey by bill of sale, deed, or other
23 legal instrument any property, real or personal, received as a
24 gift, donation, or bequest, upon such terms and conditions as
25 the board of trustees considers to be in the best interest of
26 the school and its students.

27 13. Invest such moneys in securities enumerated under
28 s. 215.47(1), (2)(c), (3), (4), and (9), and in The Common
29 Fund, an Investment Management Fund exclusively for nonprofit
30 educational institutions.

31 (f) The board of trustees shall:

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1 1. Annually prepare and submit a legislative budget
2 request for the Governor's School for Science and Technology.
3 The legislative budget request shall be prepared using the
4 same format, procedures, and timelines required for the
5 submission of the legislative budget of the Department of
6 Education. The legislative budget request shall be submitted
7 to the department for review and approval. Subsequent to the
8 department's approval, the commissioner shall include the
9 Governor's School for Science and Technology in the
10 department's legislative budget request to the State Board of
11 Education, the Governor, and the Legislature. The legislative
12 budget request and the appropriation for the Governor's School
13 for Science and Technology shall be a separate identifiable
14 sum in the public schools budget entity of the Department of
15 Education. The annual appropriation for the school shall be
16 distributed monthly in payments as nearly equal as possible.

17 2. Approve and administer an annual operating budget.

18 3. Require all funds received other than gifts,
19 donations, bequests, funds raised by or belonging to student
20 clubs or student organizations, and funds held for specific
21 students or in accounts for individual students to be
22 deposited in the State Treasury and expended as authorized in
23 the General Appropriations Act.

24 4. Require all purchases to be in accordance with the
25 provisions of chapter 287, except for purchases made with
26 funds received as gifts, donations, or bequests; funds raised
27 by or belonging to student clubs or student organizations; or
28 funds held for specific students or in accounts for individual
29 students.

30 5. Administer and maintain personnel programs for all
31 employees of the board of trustees and the Governor's School

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1 for Science and Technology who shall be state employees,
 2 including the personnel classification and pay plan
 3 established in accordance with ss. 110.205(2)(d) and
 4 216.251(2)(a)2. for academic and academic administrative
 5 personnel, the provisions of chapter 110, and the provisions
 6 of law that grant authority to the Department of Management
 7 Services over such programs for state employees.

8 6. Give preference in appointment and retention in
 9 positions of employment as provided within s. 295.07(1).

10 7. Ensure that the Governor's School for Science and
 11 Technology complies with s. 1013.351 concerning the
 12 coordination of planning between the school and local
 13 governing bodies.

14 (6) If the Board of Trustees for the Governor's School
 15 for Science and Technology determines that a specific
 16 requirement of the School Code prohibits the implementation of
 17 an innovative instructional practice by the Governor's School
 18 for Science and Technology, the school shall provide a report
 19 to the Legislature explaining the desired practice and the
 20 statute that prohibits its implementation.

21 (7) Funding for instruction, room, board, and
 22 transportation of students and for the operation of the
 23 Governor's School for Science and Technology shall be as
 24 authorized in the General Appropriations Act. Other funding
 25 for the Governor's School for Science and Technology may be
 26 provided from:

27 (a) Appropriations from the Legislature or a state
 28 agency; and

29 (b) Contributions or endowments from private entities.

30 (8) Students who are approved for attendance at the
 31 Governor's School for Science and Technology shall continue to

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1 be recorded as enrolled and in attendance for the purpose of
 2 funding in their home school district for the period of time
 3 the student is away attending the Governor's School for
 4 Science and Technology.

5 Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 6 1002.415, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7 1002.415 K-8 Virtual School Program.--Subject to
 8 annual legislative appropriation, a kindergarten through grade
 9 8 virtual school program is established within the Department
 10 of Education for the purpose of making academic instruction
 11 available to full-time students in kindergarten through grade
 12 8 using on-line and distance learning technology. The
 13 department shall use an application process to select schools
 14 to deliver program instruction.

15 (2) APPLICATION.--

16 (b) In addition to a completed application form, each
 17 applicant must provide the department with:

18 1. A detailed plan describing how the school
 19 curriculum and course content will conform to the World Class
 20 Education ~~Sunshine State~~ Standards; and

21 2. An annual financial plan for each year of operation
 22 of the school for a minimum of 3 years. The plan must contain
 23 anticipated fund balances based on revenue projections, a
 24 spending plan based on projected revenues and expenses, and a
 25 description of controls that will safeguard finances and
 26 projected enrollment trends.

27 Section 14. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section
 28 1003.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

29 1003.02 District school board operation and control of
 30 public K-12 education within the school district.--As provided
 31 in part II of chapter 1001, district school boards are

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1 constitutionally and statutorily charged with the operation
 2 and control of public K-12 education within their school
 3 district. The district school boards must establish, organize,
 4 and operate their public K-12 schools and educational
 5 programs, employees, and facilities. Their responsibilities
 6 include staff development, public K-12 school student
 7 education including education for exceptional students and
 8 students in juvenile justice programs, special programs, adult
 9 education programs, and career education programs.

10 Additionally, district school boards must:

11 (1) Provide for the proper accounting for all students
 12 of school age, for the attendance and control of students at
 13 school, and for proper attention to health, safety, and other
 14 matters relating to the welfare of students in the following
 15 fields:

16 (i) Parental notification of acceleration
 17 mechanisms.--At the beginning of each school year, notify
 18 parents of students in or entering high school of the
 19 opportunity and benefits of advanced placement, International
 20 Baccalaureate, Advanced International Certificate of
 21 Education, dual enrollment, the Governor's School for Science
 22 and Technology, and Florida Virtual School courses.

23 Section 15. Section 1003.41, Florida Statutes, is
24 amended to read:

25 1003.41 World Class Education ~~Sunshine State~~
 26 Standards.--Public K-12 educational instruction in Florida is
 27 based on the World Class Education ~~"Sunshine State~~ Standards
 28 as defined in s. 1001.03(1). ~~"~~ The ~~These~~ standards are have
 29 ~~been~~ adopted by the State Board of Education and delineate the
 30 academic achievement of students, for which the state holds
 31 ~~will hold~~ schools accountable, in each K-12 grade level ~~grades~~

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1 ~~K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12~~ in, at a minimum, the subject areas
 2 subjects of language arts, reading, and writing;
 3 mathematics; ~~science;~~ social studies, including geography
 4 and economics, with an emphasis on history, government, and
 5 civics; visual and performing ~~the~~ arts; health and physical
 6 education; ~~and~~ foreign languages; and computer literacy. The
 7 World Class Education Standards must be content oriented and
 8 knowledge based and must ~~They~~ include problem-solving and
 9 higher-order skills as defined in s. 1001.03(1) ~~standards in~~
 10 ~~reading, writing, history, government, geography, economics,~~
 11 ~~and computer literacy.~~

12 Section 16. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 13 1003.428, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1003.428 General requirements for high school
 15 graduation; revised.--

16 (2) The 24 credits may be earned through applied,
 17 integrated, and combined courses approved by the Department of
 18 Education and shall be distributed as follows:

19 (a) Sixteen core curriculum credits:

20 1. Four credits in English, with major concentration
 21 in composition, reading for information, and literature.

22 2. Four credits in mathematics, one of which must be
 23 Algebra I, a series of courses equivalent to Algebra I, or a
 24 higher-level mathematics course. School districts are
 25 encouraged to set specific goals to increase enrollments in,
 26 and successful completion of, geometry and Algebra II.

27 3. Three credits in science, two of which must have a
 28 laboratory component.

29 4. Three credits in social studies as follows: one
 30 credit in American history; one credit in world history;
 31 one-half credit in economics; and one-half credit in American

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1 government.

2 5. One credit in fine or performing arts, which may
3 include speech and debate.

4 6. One credit in physical education to include
5 integration of health.

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7 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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10 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

11 And the title is amended as follows:

12 On page 1, lines 15-25, delete those lines

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14 and insert:

15 conforming provisions; amending s. 1000.04,
16 F.S.; including the Governor's School for
17 Science and Technology in Florida's K-20
18 education system; amending s. 1000.21, F.S.;
19 revising the systemwide definition of
20 standards; conforming amending s. 1001.02,
21 F.S.; revising provisions authorizing the State
22 Board of Education to adopt rules; amending s.
23 1001.215, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending
24 s. 1001.41, F.S.; requiring a school district
25 to emphasize certain items in social studies
26 education; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.;
27 conforming provisions; amending s. 1002.20,
28 F.S., relating to the rights of students and
29 parents concerning public school choice;
30 conforming provisions to changes made by the
31 act; amending ss. 1002.33 and 1002.415, F.S.;

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1 conforming provisions; creating s. 1002.371,
2 F.S.; establishing the Governor's School for
3 Science and Technology within the Florida K-20
4 public education system and the Department of
5 Education; providing for the Governor's School
6 for Science and Technology to offer intensive
7 instruction for students in grades 9 through 12
8 and summer programs for teachers; providing for
9 the school to be located in Brevard County;
10 providing for a board of trustees to be
11 appointed by the Governor and subject to
12 confirmation by the Senate; providing for terms
13 of office; providing for members of the board
14 of trustees to be reimbursed for travel
15 expenses; authorizing the board of trustees to
16 adopt rules, subject to approval by the State
17 Board of Education; providing powers and duties
18 of the board of trustees; requiring the board
19 of trustees to submit a progress report;
20 providing requirements for legislative budget
21 requests; providing for funding the Governor's
22 School for Science and Technology in the
23 General Appropriations Act; requiring that
24 students enrolled in the school be recorded as
25 enrolled in their home school district for
26 purposes of funding; amending s. 1003.02, F.S.;
27 providing for parental notification of the the
28 Governor's School for Science and Technology as
29 an acceleration option; amending 1003.41, F.S.;
30 specifying requirements for World Class
31 Education Standards; amending s. 1003.428,

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1 F.S.; revising provisions governing credits
2 required for high school graduation; creating
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