By Senator Baker

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Lake County magnet high
3	school project; providing for a pilot project
4	that includes the formation of a magnet high
5	school on the Lake Sumter Community College
6	South Campus which would allow high school
7	students to complete an Associate of Science or
8	Associate of Arts degree; providing goals;
9	providing for implementation for the
10	architectural design, initial construction, and
11	support of the magnet high school; providing an
12	appropriation; providing an effective date.
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14	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16	Section 1. (1) The purpose of this section is to
17	enable the School Board of Lake County, the Lake Sumter
18	Community College, and hospitals in Lake County to implement a
19	pilot project that includes the formation of a magnet high
20	school that will focus on health-related professions on the
21	Lake Sumter Community College South Campus. This special high
22	school would allow Lake County students to pursue the
23	completion of an Associate of Science or an Associate of Arts
24	degree while they complete their high school education. This
25	pilot project will provide students an outstanding
26	career-technical option while at the same time providing
27	outstanding economic opportunity in the field of
28	health-related professions. The goals of this project are to:
29	(a) Develop health-related majors for high school
30	students creating a seamless K-20 education experience.
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1	(b) Help high school students earn college credit
2	through dual enrollment in health-related and general
3	education courses.
4	(c) Provide opportunities for degree and certificate
5	programs in areas where critical shortages exist, thereby
6	offering the greatest employment potential for students.
7	(d) Provide academic excellence in a small learning
8	environment.
9	(e) Offer on-the-job experiences through business
10	partnership, internships, and job-shadowing opportunities.
11	(f) Provide hands-on projects linking education to the
12	real world while incorporating current technological skills.
13	(q) Provide a foundation for certifying teachers in
14	critical shortage areas and in the areas of math and science.
15	(h) Assist students in recognizing their interests,
16	aptitudes, and abilities as they relate to adult roles in the
17	world of work.
18	(i) Help students understand the broad scope of work
19	and career possibilities currently available in the areas of
20	health and science.
21	(j) Ensure that career education will be thoroughly
22	blended into the school curriculum in order to promote
23	intellectual development and the acquisition of higher-level
24	thinking and problem-solving skills.
25	(k) Assist in the development of the social skills,
26	personal values, and self-esteem of all students.
27	(1) Work with the families of all students to support
28	their child's career aspirations.
29	(m) Maximize the shared use of both the Lake Sumter
30	Community College and the magnet high school facilities.
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1	(n) Strengthen the partnership between the Lake County
2	schools and Lake Sumter Community College and promote solid
3	coordination between the high school and college.
4	(o) Lighten the burden of overcrowding in Lake
5	County's high-growth areas as well as offer all Lake County
6	students immediate access to college facilities.
7	(2) Beginning in the 2007-2008 school year, the School
8	Board of Lake County shall implement this pilot project for
9	the architectural design, initial construction, and support of
10	this special high school, including the following:
11	(a) Provide seed money for the implementation of the
12	magnet high school design.
13	(b) Create a plan for sharing the pilot project with
14	districts around the state.
15	(c) Provide a pilot project evaluation to the
16	President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
17	Representatives on the effectiveness of the project with
18	recommendations for assistance in how to best duplicate this
19	project in other partnerships with school districts and
20	community colleges throughout the state.
21	Section 2. The sum of \$250,000 is appropriated from
22	the General Revenue Fund for the 2007-2008 school year, which
23	shall be matched by the Lake County School Board, for the
24	purposes of paying expenses in establishing the pilot program
25	created in this act.
26	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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********* SENATE SUMMARY Provides for a pilot project that includes the formation of a magnet high school on the Lake Sumter Community College South Campus which would allow high school students to complete an Associate of Science or Associate of Arts degree. Provides goals. Provides for implementation for the architectural design, initial construction, and support of the magnet high school. Provides for an appropriation.