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Senate

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1 Representative(s) Pickens offered the following:

2 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

3 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

4 Section 1. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 20.15,

5 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

6 20.15 Department of Education.--There is created a
7 Department of Education.

8 (3) DIVISIONS.--The following divisions of the Department
9 of Education are established:

10 (a) Division of Community Colleges.

11 (b) Division of Public Schools.

12 (c) Division of Workforce Education Colleges and
13 ~~Universities.~~

14 (d) Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

15 (e) Division of Blind Services.

16 (f) Division of Accountability, Research, and Measurement.

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17 (g) Division of Finance and Operations.

18 (4) DIRECTORS.--The directors of all divisions shall be
19 appointed by the commissioner subject to approval by the state
20 board. The director of each division may be designated as
21 "Deputy Commissioner" or "Chancellor."

22 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 145.19, Florida
23 Statutes, is amended to read:

24 145.19 Annual percentage increases based on increase for
25 state career service employees; limitation.--

26 (2) Each fiscal year, the salaries of all officials listed
27 in this chapter, s. 1001.395, and s. 1001.47 shall be adjusted.
28 The adjusted salary rate shall be the product, rounded to the
29 nearest dollar, of the salary rate granted by the appropriate
30 section of this chapter, s. 1001.395, or s. 1001.47 multiplied
31 first by the initial factor, then by the cumulative annual
32 factor, and finally by the annual factor. The Department of
33 Management Services shall certify the annual factor and the
34 cumulative annual factors. Any special qualification salary
35 received under this chapter, s. 1001.47, or the annual
36 performance salary incentive available to elected
37 superintendents under s. 1001.47 shall be added to such adjusted
38 salary rate. The special qualification salary shall be \$2,000,
39 but shall not exceed \$2,000.

40 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 1001.10, Florida
41 Statutes, is amended to read:

42 1001.10 Commissioner of Education; general powers and
43 duties.--The Commissioner of Education is the chief educational
44 officer of the state and the sole custodian of the K-20 data
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45 warehouse, and is responsible for giving full assistance to the
46 State Board of Education in enforcing compliance with the
47 mission and goals of the seamless K-20 education system. To
48 facilitate innovative practices and to allow local selection of
49 educational methods, the State Board of Education may authorize
50 the commissioner to waive, upon the request of a district school
51 board, State Board of Education rules that relate to district
52 school instruction and school operations, except those rules
53 pertaining to civil rights, and student health, safety, and
54 welfare. The Commissioner of Education is not authorized to
55 grant waivers for any provisions in rule pertaining to the
56 allocation and appropriation of state and local funds for public
57 education; the election, compensation, and organization of
58 school board members and superintendents; graduation and state
59 accountability standards; financial reporting requirements;
60 reporting of out-of-field teaching assignments under s. 1012.42;
61 public meetings; public records; or due process hearings
62 governed by chapter 120. No later than January 1 of each year,
63 the commissioner shall report to the Legislature and the State
64 Board of Education all approved waiver requests in the preceding
65 year. Additionally, the commissioner has the following general
66 powers and duties:

67 (1) To organize and name the structural units of the
68 Department of Education and appoint staff necessary to carry out
69 his or her powers and duties and functions of the department in
70 a manner that meets legislative intent and promotes both
71 efficiency and accountability.
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73 The commissioner's office shall operate all statewide functions
 74 necessary to support the State Board of Education and the K-20
 75 education system, including strategic planning and budget
 76 development, general administration, and assessment and
 77 accountability.

78 Section 4. Section 1001.395, Florida Statutes, is amended
 79 to read:

80 1001.395 District school board members;
 81 compensation.--Each member of the district school board shall
 82 receive a base salary, the amounts indicated in this section,
 83 based on the population of the county the district school board
 84 member serves. In addition, compensation shall be made for
 85 population increments over the minimum for each population
 86 group, which shall be determined by multiplying the population
 87 in excess of the minimum for the group times the group rate. The
 88 product of such calculation shall be added to the base salary to
 89 determine the adjusted base salary. The adjusted base salaries
 90 of district school board members shall be increased annually as
 91 provided for in s. 145.19.

<u>Pop. Group</u>	<u>County Pop. Range</u>		<u>Base Salary</u>	<u>Group Rate</u>
	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>		
<u>I</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>9,999</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$0.08330</u>
<u>II</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>49,000</u>	<u>5,833</u>	<u>0.020830</u>

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97	<u>III</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>99,999</u>	<u>6,666</u>	<u>0.016680</u>
98	<u>IV</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>199,999</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>0.008330</u>
99	<u>V</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>399,999</u>	<u>8,333</u>	<u>0.004165</u>
100	<u>VI</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>999,999</u>	<u>9,166</u>	<u>0.001390</u>
101	<u>VII</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>		<u>10,000</u>	<u>0.000000</u>

102 District school board member salaries negotiated on or after
103 November of 2006 shall remain in effect up to the date of the
104 2007-2008 calculation provided pursuant to s. 145.19.

105 ~~(1) Each district school board shall annually determine~~
106 ~~the salary of its members at the first regular meeting following~~
107 ~~the organizational meeting held pursuant to s. 1001.371. The~~
108 ~~proposed salary to be adopted shall be noticed at the time of~~
109 ~~the meeting notice and shall not be increased during the~~
110 ~~meeting. The salary adopted by the district school board shall~~
111 ~~be in effect during the succeeding 12 months.~~

112 ~~(2) This section shall apply to any district school board~~
113 ~~member elected or reelected at the November 2002 general~~
114 ~~election or any subsequent general election and to any person~~
115 ~~appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of any such member.~~

116 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 1001.47, Florida
117 Statutes, is amended to read:

118 1001.47 District school superintendent; salary.--

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119 (2) Each elected district school superintendent shall
 120 receive a base salary, the amounts indicated in this subsection,
 121 based on the population of the county the elected superintendent
 122 serves. In addition, compensation shall be made for population
 123 increments over the minimum for each population group, which
 124 shall be determined by multiplying the population in excess of
 125 the minimum for the group times the group rate. The product of
 126 such calculation shall be added to the base salary to determine
 127 the adjusted base salary. ~~Laws that increase the base salary~~
 128 ~~provided in this subsection shall contain provisions on no other~~
 129 ~~subject.~~

Pop. Group	County Pop. Range		Base Salary		Group Rate
	Minimum	Maximum			
I	-0-	49,999	<u>\$23,350</u>	\$21,250	\$0.07875
II	50,000	99,999	<u>26,500</u>	24,400	0.06300
III	100,000	199,999	<u>29,650</u>	27,550	0.02625
IV	200,000	399,999	<u>32,275</u>	30,175	0.01575
V	400,000	999,999	<u>35,425</u>	33,325	0.00525
VI	1,000,000		<u>38,575</u>	36,475	0.00400

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139 Section 6. Paragraphs (b), (c), (e), and (f) of subsection
140 (6), paragraph (b) of subsection (7), paragraph (k) of
141 subsection (9), and paragraph (d) of subsection (18) of section
142 1002.33, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

143 1002.33 Charter schools.--

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

146 (b) A sponsor ~~district school board~~ shall receive and
147 review all applications for a charter school. Beginning with the
148 2007-2008 school year, a sponsor ~~district school board~~ shall
149 receive and consider charter school applications received on or
150 before August 1 of each calendar year for charter schools to be
151 opened at the beginning of the school district's next school
152 year, or to be opened at a time agreed to by the applicant and
153 the sponsor ~~district school board~~. A sponsor ~~district school~~
154 ~~board~~ may receive applications later than this date if it
155 chooses. A sponsor may not charge an applicant for a charter any
156 fee for the processing or consideration of an application, and a
157 sponsor may not base its consideration or approval of an
158 application upon the promise of future payment of any kind.

159 1. In order to facilitate an accurate budget projection
160 process, a sponsor ~~district school board~~ shall be held harmless
161 for FTE students who are not included in the FTE projection due
162 to approval of charter school applications after the FTE
163 projection deadline. In a further effort to facilitate an
164 accurate budget projection, within 15 calendar days after
165 receipt of a charter school application, a ~~district school board~~
166 ~~or other~~ sponsor shall report to the Department of Education the
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167 name of the applicant entity, the proposed charter school
168 location, and its projected FTE.

169 2. In order to ensure fiscal responsibility, an
170 application for a charter school shall include a full accounting
171 of expected assets, a projection of expected sources and amounts
172 of income, including income derived from projected student
173 enrollments and from community support, and an expense
174 projection that includes full accounting of the costs of
175 operation, including start-up costs.

176 3. A sponsor ~~district school board~~ shall by a majority
177 vote approve or deny an application no later than 60 calendar
178 days after the application is received, unless the sponsor
179 ~~district school board~~ and the applicant mutually agree in
180 writing to temporarily postpone the vote to a specific date, at
181 which time the sponsor ~~district school board~~ shall by a majority
182 vote approve or deny the application. If the sponsor ~~district~~
183 ~~school board~~ fails to act on the application, an applicant may
184 appeal to the State Board of Education as provided in paragraph
185 (c). If an application is denied, the sponsor ~~district school~~
186 ~~board~~ shall, within 10 calendar days, articulate in writing the
187 specific reasons, based upon good cause, supporting ~~for~~ its
188 denial of the charter application and shall provide the letter
189 of denial and supporting documentation to the applicant and to
190 the Department of Education supporting those reasons.

191 4. For budget projection purposes, the ~~district school~~
192 ~~board or other~~ sponsor shall report to the Department of
193 Education the approval or denial of a charter application within
194 10 calendar days after such approval or denial. In the event of
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195 approval, the report to the Department of Education shall
196 include the final projected FTE for the approved charter school.

197 5. Upon approval of a charter application, the initial
198 startup shall commence with the beginning of the public school
199 calendar for the district in which the charter is granted unless
200 the sponsor allows a waiver of this provision for good cause.

201 (c) An applicant may appeal any denial of that applicant's
202 application or failure to act on an application to the State
203 Board of Education no later than 30 calendar days after receipt
204 of the sponsor's ~~district school board's~~ decision or failure to
205 act and shall notify the sponsor ~~district school board~~ of its
206 appeal. Any response of the sponsor ~~district school board~~ shall
207 be submitted to the State Board of Education within 30 calendar
208 days after notification of the appeal. Upon receipt of
209 notification from the State Board of Education that a charter
210 school applicant is filing an appeal, the Commissioner of
211 Education shall convene a meeting of the Charter School Appeal
212 Commission to study and make recommendations to the State Board
213 of Education regarding its pending decision about the appeal.
214 The commission shall forward its recommendation to the state
215 board no later than 7 calendar days prior to the date on which
216 the appeal is to be heard. The State Board of Education shall by
217 majority vote accept or reject the decision of the sponsor
218 ~~district school board~~ no later than 90 calendar days after an
219 appeal is filed in accordance with State Board of Education
220 rule. The Charter School Appeal Commission may reject an appeal
221 submission for failure to comply with procedural rules governing
222 the appeals process. The rejection shall describe the submission

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223 errors. The appellant may have up to 15 calendar days from
224 notice of rejection to resubmit an appeal that meets
225 requirements of State Board of Education rule. An application
226 for appeal submitted subsequent to such rejection shall be
227 considered timely if the original appeal was filed within 30
228 calendar days after receipt of notice of the specific reasons
229 for the sponsor's ~~district school board's~~ denial of the charter
230 application. The State Board of Education shall remand the
231 application to the sponsor ~~district school board~~ with its
232 written decision that the sponsor ~~district school board~~ approve
233 or deny the application. The sponsor ~~district school board~~ shall
234 implement the decision of the State Board of Education. The
235 decision of the State Board of Education is not subject to the
236 provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 120.

237 (e) The sponsor ~~district school board~~ shall act upon the
238 decision of the State Board of Education within 30 calendar days
239 after it is received. The State Board of Education's decision is
240 a final action subject to judicial review in the district court
241 of appeal.

242 (f)1. A Charter School Appeal Commission is established to
243 assist the commissioner and the State Board of Education with a
244 fair and impartial review of appeals by applicants whose charter
245 applications have been denied, whose charter contracts have not
246 been renewed, or whose charter contracts have been terminated by
247 their sponsors.

248 2. The Charter School Appeal Commission may receive copies
249 of the appeal documents forwarded to the State Board of
250 Education, review the documents, gather other applicable

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251 information regarding the appeal, and make a written
252 recommendation to the commissioner. The recommendation must
253 state whether the appeal should be upheld or denied and include
254 the reasons for the recommendation being offered. The
255 commissioner shall forward the recommendation to the State Board
256 of Education no later than 7 calendar days prior to the date on
257 which the appeal is to be heard. The state board must consider
258 the commission's recommendation in making its decision, but is
259 not bound by the recommendation. The decision of the Charter
260 School Appeal Commission is not subject to the provisions of the
261 Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 120.

262 3. The commissioner shall appoint the members of the
263 Charter School Appeal Commission. Members shall serve without
264 compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem
265 expenses in conjunction with their service. One-half of the
266 members must represent currently operating charter schools, and
267 one-half of the members must represent sponsors ~~school~~
268 ~~districts~~. The commissioner or a named designee shall chair the
269 Charter School Appeal Commission.

270 4. The chair shall convene meetings of the commission and
271 shall ensure that the written recommendations are completed and
272 forwarded in a timely manner. In cases where the commission
273 cannot reach a decision, the chair shall make the written
274 recommendation with justification, noting that the decision was
275 rendered by the chair.

276 5. Commission members shall thoroughly review the
277 materials presented to them from the appellant and the sponsor.
278 The commission may request information to clarify the

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279 documentation presented to it. In the course of its review, the
280 commission may facilitate the postponement of an appeal in those
281 cases where additional time and communication may negate the
282 need for a formal appeal and both parties agree, in writing, to
283 postpone the appeal to the State Board of Education. A new date
284 certain for the appeal shall then be set based upon the rules
285 and procedures of the State Board of Education. Commission
286 members shall provide a written recommendation to the state
287 board as to whether the appeal should be upheld or denied. A
288 fact-based justification for the recommendation must be
289 included. The chair must ensure that the written recommendation
290 is submitted to the State Board of Education members no later
291 than 7 calendar days prior to the date on which the appeal is to
292 be heard. Both parties in the case shall also be provided a copy
293 of the recommendation.

294 (7) CHARTER.--The major issues involving the operation of
295 a charter school shall be considered in advance and written into
296 the charter. The charter shall be signed by the governing body
297 of the charter school and the sponsor, following a public
298 hearing to ensure community input.

299 (b)1. A charter may be renewed provided that a program
300 review demonstrates that the criteria in paragraph (a) have been
301 successfully accomplished and that none of the grounds for
302 nonrenewal established by paragraph (8)(a) has been documented.
303 In order to facilitate long-term financing for charter school
304 construction, charter schools operating for a minimum of 3 ~~2~~
305 years and demonstrating exemplary academic programming and
306 fiscal management are eligible for a 15-year charter renewal.

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307 Such long-term charter is subject to annual review and may be
308 terminated during the term of the charter.

309 2. The 15-year charter renewal that may be granted
310 pursuant to subparagraph 1. shall be granted to a charter school
311 that has received a school grade of "A" or "B" pursuant to s.
312 1008.34 in 3 of the past 4 years and is not in a state of
313 financial emergency or deficit position as defined by this
314 section. Such long-term charter is subject to annual review and
315 may be terminated during the term of the charter pursuant to
316 subsection (8).

317 (9) CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS.--

318 (k) The governing body of the charter school shall be
319 responsible for:

320 1. Ensuring that the charter school has retained the
321 services of a certified public accountant or auditor for the
322 annual financial audit, pursuant to paragraph (g), who shall
323 submit the report to the governing body.

324 2. Reviewing and approving the audit report, including
325 audit findings and recommendations for the financial recovery
326 plan.

327 3. Monitoring a financial recovery plan in order to ensure
328 compliance.

329 4. Participating in governance training approved by the
330 department that must include government in the sunshine,
331 conflicts of interest, ethics, and financial responsibility.

332 (18) FACILITIES.--

333 (d) Charter school facilities are exempt from assessments
334 of fees for building permits, except as provided in s. 553.80,
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335 fees for building and occupational licenses, ~~and~~ impact fees, ~~or~~
336 service availability fees, and assessments for special benefits.

337 Section 7. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 1003.428,
338 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

339 1003.428 General Requirements for high school graduation;
340 revised.--

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

344 (a) Sixteen core curriculum credits:

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

347 2. Four credits in mathematics, one of which must be
348 Algebra I, a series of courses equivalent to Algebra I, or a
349 higher-level mathematics course. School districts are encouraged
350 to set specific goals to increase enrollments in, and successful
351 completion of, geometry and Algebra II.

352 3. Three credits in science, two of which must have a
353 laboratory component.

354 4. Three credits in social studies as follows: one credit
355 in American history; one credit in world history; one-half
356 credit in economics; and one-half credit in American government.

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

359 6. One credit in physical education to include integration
360 of health. Participation in an interscholastic sport at the
361 junior varsity or varsity level for two full seasons shall
362 satisfy the one-credit requirement in physical education if the

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363 student passes a competency test on personal fitness with a
364 score of "C" or better. The competency test on personal fitness
365 must be developed by the Department of Education. A district
366 school board may not require that the one credit in physical
367 education be taken during the 9th grade year. Completion of one
368 semester with a grade of "C" or better in a marching band class,
369 in a physical activity class that requires participation in
370 marching band activities as an extracurricular activity, or in a
371 dance class shall satisfy one-half credit in physical education
372 or one-half credit in performing arts. This credit may not be
373 used to satisfy the personal fitness requirement or the
374 requirement for adaptive physical education under an individual
375 education plan (IEP) or 504 plan. Completion of 2 years in a
376 Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) class, a significant
377 component of which is drills, shall satisfy the one-credit
378 requirement in physical education and the one-credit requirement
379 in performing arts. This credit may not be used to satisfy the
380 personal fitness requirement or the requirement for adaptive
381 physical education under an individual education plan (IEP) or
382 504 plan.

383 (b) Eight credits in majors, minors, or electives:

384 1. Four credits in a major area of interest, such as
385 sequential courses in a career and technical program, fine and
386 performing arts, or academic content area, selected by the
387 student as part of the education plan required by s. 1003.4156.
388 Students may revise major areas of interest each year as part of
389 annual course registration processes and should update their
390 education plan to reflect such revisions. Annually by October 1,

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391 the district school board shall approve major areas of interest
392 and submit the list of majors to the Commissioner of Education
393 for approval. Each major area of interest shall be deemed
394 approved unless specifically rejected by the commissioner within
395 60 days. Upon approval, each district's major areas of interest
396 shall be available for use by all school districts and shall be
397 posted on the department's website.

398 2. Four credits in elective courses selected by the
399 student as part of the education plan required by s. 1003.4156.
400 These credits may be combined to allow for a second major area
401 of interest pursuant to subparagraph 1., a minor area of
402 interest, elective courses, or intensive reading or mathematics
403 intervention courses, ~~or credit recovery courses~~ as described in
404 this subparagraph.

405 a. Minor areas of interest are composed of three credits
406 selected by the student as part of the education plan required
407 by s. 1003.4156 and approved by the district school board.

408 b. Elective courses are selected by the student in order
409 to pursue a complete education program as described in s.
410 1001.41(3) and to meet eligibility requirements for
411 scholarships.

412 c. For each year in which a student scores at Level 1 on
413 FCAT Reading, the student must be enrolled in and complete an
414 intensive reading course the following year. Placement of Level
415 2 readers in either an intensive reading course or a content
416 area course in which reading strategies are delivered shall be
417 determined by diagnosis of reading needs. The department shall
418 provide guidance on appropriate strategies for diagnosing and
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419 meeting the varying instructional needs of students reading
420 below grade level. Reading courses shall be designed and offered
421 pursuant to the comprehensive reading plan required by s.
422 1011.62(8).

423 d. For each year in which a student scores at Level 1 or
424 Level 2 on FCAT Mathematics, the student must receive
425 remediation the following year. These courses may be taught
426 through applied, integrated, or combined courses and are subject
427 to approval by the department for inclusion in the Course Code
428 Directory.

429 ~~e. Credit recovery courses shall be offered so that~~
430 ~~students can simultaneously earn an elective credit and the~~
431 ~~recovered credit.~~

432 (4) Each district school board shall establish standards
433 for graduation from its schools, which must include:

434 (a) Successful completion of the academic credit or
435 curriculum requirements of subsections (1) and (2).

436 (b) Earning passing scores on the FCAT, as defined in s.
437 1008.22(3)(c), or scores on a standardized test that are
438 concordant with passing scores on the FCAT as defined in s.
439 1008.22(9).

440 (c) Completion of all other applicable requirements
441 prescribed by the district school board pursuant to s. 1008.25.

442 (d) Achievement of a cumulative grade point average of 2.0
443 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses required by
444 this section.

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446 Each district school board shall adopt policies designed to
447 assist students in meeting the requirements of this subsection.
448 These policies may include, but are not limited to: forgiveness
449 policies, summer school or before or after school attendance,
450 special counseling, volunteers or peer tutors, school-sponsored
451 help sessions, homework hotlines, and study skills classes.
452 Forgiveness policies for required courses shall be limited to
453 replacing a grade of "D" or "F," or the equivalent of a grade of
454 "D" or "F," with a grade of "C" or higher, or the equivalent of
455 a grade of "C" or higher, earned subsequently in the same or
456 comparable course. Forgiveness policies for elective courses
457 shall be limited to replacing a grade of "D" or "F," or the
458 equivalent of a grade of "D" or "F," with a grade of "C" or
459 higher, or the equivalent of a grade of "C" or higher, earned
460 subsequently in another course. The only exception to these
461 forgiveness policies shall be made for a student in the middle
462 grades who takes any high school course for high school credit
463 and earns a grade of "C," "D," or "F" or the equivalent of a
464 grade of "C," "D," or "F." In such case, the district
465 forgiveness policy must allow the replacement of the grade with
466 a grade of "C" or higher, or the equivalent of a grade of "C" or
467 higher, earned subsequently in the same or comparable course. In
468 all cases of grade forgiveness, only the new grade shall be used
469 in the calculation of the student's grade point average. Any
470 course grade not replaced according to a district school board
471 forgiveness policy shall be included in the calculation of the
472 cumulative grade point average required for graduation.

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473 Section 8. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
474 1003.51, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

475 1003.51 Other public educational services.--

476 (2) The State Board of Education shall adopt and maintain
477 an administrative rule articulating expectations for effective
478 education programs for youth in Department of Juvenile Justice
479 programs, including, but not limited to, education programs in
480 juvenile justice commitment and detention facilities. The rule
481 shall articulate policies and standards for education programs
482 for youth in Department of Juvenile Justice programs and shall
483 include the following:

484 (e) Assessment procedures, which:

485 1. Include appropriate academic and career assessments
486 administered at program entry and exit that are selected by the
487 Department of Education in partnership with representatives from
488 the Department of Juvenile Justice, district school boards, and
489 providers.

490 2. Require district school boards to be responsible for
491 ensuring the completion of the assessment process.

492 3. Require assessments for students in detention who will
493 move on to commitment facilities, to be designed to create the
494 foundation for developing the student's education program in the
495 assigned commitment facility.

496 4. Require assessments of students sent directly to
497 commitment facilities to be completed within the first 10 school
498 days ~~week~~ of the student's commitment.

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500 The results of these assessments, together with a portfolio
501 depicting the student's academic and career accomplishments,
502 shall be included in the discharge package assembled for each
503 youth.

504 Section 9. Subsection (7) of section 1003.62, Florida
505 Statutes, is amended to read:

506 1003.62 Academic performance-based charter school
507 districts.--The State Board of Education may enter into a
508 performance contract with district school boards as authorized
509 in this section for the purpose of establishing them as academic
510 performance-based charter school districts. The purpose of this
511 section is to examine a new relationship between the State Board
512 of Education and district school boards that will produce
513 significant improvements in student achievement, while complying
514 with constitutional and statutory requirements assigned to each
515 entity.

516 (7) PILOT PROGRAM CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICTS; GRANDFATHER
517 PROVISION.--The State Board of Education shall use the criteria
518 approved in the initial charter applications issued to the
519 school districts of Volusia, Hillsborough, Orange, and Palm
520 Beach Counties to renew those pilot program charter school
521 districts in accordance with this subsection. No additional
522 pilot program charter school districts shall be approved, and
523 the pilot program consists solely of school districts in
524 Volusia, Hillsborough, Orange, and Palm Beach Counties. The
525 termination of the charter school districts pilot program is
526 effective July 1, 2010. ~~July 1, 2007, or upon the end of a 5-~~
527 ~~year renewal contract issued by the State Board of Education to~~
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528 ~~the Volusia County, Hillsborough County, Orange County, or Palm~~
529 ~~Beach County school district prior to July 1, 2003, whichever is~~
530 ~~later.~~

531 Section 10. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law
532 except that the amendment to s. 1002.33(18)(d), Florida
533 Statutes, by this act, shall apply retroactively to July 1,
534 1996.

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

537 Remove the entire title and insert:

538 A bill to be entitled

539 An act relating to education; amending s. 20.15, F.S.;
540 revising the divisions of the Department of Education to
541 replace the Division of Colleges and Universities with the
542 Division of Workforce Education and to include the
543 Division of Finance and Operations; providing name
544 designations for the director of each division; amending
545 s. 145.19, F.S., relating to salary increases based on
546 increase for state career service employees, to include
547 district school board member salaries; amending s.
548 1001.10, F.S., relating to the Commissioner of Education's
549 powers and duties, to include organizing and naming the
550 structural units of the Department of Education and
551 appointing staff to carry out department functions;
552 amending s. 1001.395, F.S.; revising the manner in which
553 compensation of district school board members is
554 determined; specifying base salary amounts; amending s.
555 1001.47, F.S.; revising provisions relating to base

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556 salaries of district school superintendents; amending s.
557 1002.33, F.S., relating to charter schools; updating
558 terminology; clarifying the standard for review of charter
559 school applications; clarifying charter renewal
560 provisions; requiring the governing body to participate in
561 certain governance training; clarifying charter school
562 facility fee exemptions; amending s. 1003.428, F.S.;
563 revising provisions governing credit requirements for high
564 school graduation; removing language relating to credit
565 recovery courses; requiring policies to assist students in
566 meeting high school graduation requirements; providing
567 guidelines for district school board grade forgiveness
568 policies; amending s. 1003.51, F.S.; providing additional
569 time for initial educational assessments of youths
570 assigned to Department of Juvenile Justice education
571 programs; amending s. 1003.62, F.S.; postponing
572 termination of a charter school district pilot program in
573 certain counties; providing for retroactive application;
574 providing an effective date.

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