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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House

Representative(s) Pickens offered the following:

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Amendment to Senate Amendment (911178) (with title amendment)

On page 24, line(s) 21, through page 44, line 15, remove all of said lines and insert:

Section 3. Effective July 1, 2008, section 220.701, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220.701 Collection authority.--The department shall collect the taxes imposed by this chapter and shall pay all moneys received by it into the Administrative Trust Fund.

Unencumbered balances of revenues transferred into the Administrative Trust Fund pursuant to this section shall be transferred monthly into the General Revenue Fund of the state.

However, such transferred funds shall not be expended for

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programs established pursuant to Art. IX of the State
Constitution.

Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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On page 45, line(s) 18, through 48, line 5, remove all of said lines and insert:

deposit moneys received through the corporate income tax into the Administrative Trust Fund rather than the General Revenue Fund; providing for unencumbered trust fund balances to be transferred into the General Revenue Fund; providing a limitation on how transferred funds may be expended; providing effective dates.

WHEREAS, the Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship
Program has produced substantial cost savings by relieving the
state of the expense of educating program participants in public
schools at a cost in foregone tax revenue that is substantially
less than the per-student cost of educating children in public
schools, and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship
Program has relieved public school class size by creating new
classroom spaces in the public schools at no cost to the
taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, empirical evidence is clear, overwhelming, and uncontroverted that expanding educational options produces improved educational outcomes, both for participating children 348919

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and for public schools that are exposed to healthy competition
as a result, and no study has ever documented any harm to public
schools as a result of expanding educational options through a
program like the Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship
Program, NOW, THEREFORE,

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