

By Senator Baker

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Lake County magnet high school
3 project; providing for a pilot project that includes the
4 formation of a magnet high school on the Lake Sumter
5 Community College South Campus which would allow high
6 school students to complete an Associate of Science or
7 Associate of Arts degree in health-related professions;
8 providing goals; providing for implementation of the
9 architectural design, initial construction, and support of
10 the magnet high school; providing an appropriation;
11 providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. (1) The purpose of this section is to enable
16 the School Board of Lake County, the Lake Sumter Community
17 College, South Lake, and other hospitals in Lake County to
18 implement a pilot project that includes the formation of a magnet
19 high school on the Lake Sumter Community College South Campus
20 which will focus on health-related professions. This special high
21 school will allow Lake County high school students to pursue the
22 completion of an associate of science or an associate of arts
23 degree while they complete their high school education. This
24 pilot project will provide students an outstanding career-
25 technical option while at the same time providing economic
26 opportunity in the field of health-related professions. The goals
27 of this project are to:

28 (a) Develop health-related majors for high school students
29 creating a seamless K-20 education experience.

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30 (b) Help high school students earn college credit through
31 dual enrollment in health-related and general education courses.

32 (c) Provide opportunities for degree and certificate
33 programs in areas where critical shortages exist, thereby
34 offering the greatest employment potential for students.

35 (d) Provide academic excellence in a small learning
36 environment.

37 (e) Offer on-the-job experiences through business
38 partnerships, internships, and job-shadowing opportunities.

39 (f) Provide hands-on projects linking education to the real
40 world while incorporating current technological skills.

41 (g) Provide a foundation for certifying teachers in
42 critical shortage areas and in the areas of math and science.

43 (h) Assist students in recognizing their interests,
44 aptitudes, and abilities as they relate to adult roles in the
45 world of work.

46 (i) Help students understand the broad scope of work and
47 career possibilities currently available in the areas of health
48 and science.

49 (j) Ensure that career education will be thoroughly blended
50 into the school curriculum in order to promote intellectual
51 development and the acquisition of higher-level thinking and
52 problem-solving skills.

53 (k) Assist in the development of the social skills,
54 personal values, and self-esteem of all students.

55 (l) Work with the families of all students to support their
56 child's career aspirations.

57 (m) Maximize the shared use of Lake Sumter Community
58 College and the magnet high school facilities.

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59 (n) Strengthen the partnership between the Lake County
60 schools and Lake Sumter Community College and promote effective
61 coordination between the high school and college.

62 (o) Lighten the burden of overcrowding in Lake County's
63 high-growth areas as well as offer all Lake County students
64 immediate access to college facilities.

65 (2) Beginning in the 2008-2009 school year, the School
66 Board of Lake County shall implement this pilot project for the
67 architectural design, initial construction, and support of this
68 special high school, including the following:

69 (a) Provide seed money for the implementation of the magnet
70 high school design.

71 (b) Create a plan for sharing the pilot project with
72 districts around the state.

73 (c) Provide an evaluation of the pilot project to the
74 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
75 Representatives concerning the effectiveness of the project along
76 with recommendations for assistance in duplicating this project
77 in other partnerships between school districts and community
78 colleges throughout the state.

79 Section 2. The sum of \$250,000 is appropriated from the
80 General Revenue Fund for the 2008-2009 school year for the
81 purposes of paying expenses in establishing the pilot program
82 created in this act.

83 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.