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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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1 The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation
 2 (Saunders) recommended the following **amendment to amendment**
 3 **(866008)** :

Senate Amendment (with title amendments)

Between line(s) 1509 and 1510

insert:

9 Section 23. Section 377.904, Florida Statutes, is created
 10 to read:

11 377.904 Education on climate issues and energy
 12 science.--The Florida Energy Commission shall develop an
 13 educational policy for voluntary programs that informs the
 14 public about the scientific aspects of energy generation, energy

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15 use, energy conservation, climate change, and climate change
16 adaptation.

17 (1) The programs shall provide a coordinated, long-term
18 effort to increase public awareness of the causes and solutions
19 to energy and climate issues. These topics shall be included in
20 the curriculum at all education levels, from elementary schools
21 through state universities, and shall be required for the
22 certification of climate and energy-related professionals in
23 this state, such as architects, engineers, construction-related
24 professions, transportation-sector professions, and health care
25 providers.

26 (2) The Florida Energy Office shall be responsible for
27 coordinating the implementation of this policy through state and
28 local government agencies.

29 Section 24. Section 377.905, Florida Statutes, is created
30 to read:

31 377.905 Green businesses program.--

32 (1) The Florida Energy Commission shall develop a green
33 business program to recognize and award businesses that adopt
34 sound energy or sound environmental practices.

35 (2) The commission shall create the criteria needed for
36 recognizing and awarding all types of businesses. The commission
37 shall also create criteria for a graded award based on the
38 amount of carbon emission reductions a business achieves.

39 (3) In developing the program, the commission shall ensure
40 that the program is coordinated with similar programs currently
41 available through state agencies.

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42 (4) The program shall provide for plaques and window
43 displays to be awarded to a business that has met the
44 appropriate criteria.

45 (5) The commission shall submit in its 2008 annual report
46 to the Legislature the recommendations it proposes be adopted by
47 the Legislature to implement the green business program.

48 Section 25. Section 377.907, Florida Statutes, is created
49 to read:

50 377.907 Lead-by-Example initiatives.--

51 (1) The Florida Energy Commission shall develop Lead-by-
52 Example initiatives to help state, county, and local governments
53 save money on energy costs. The commission shall also develop
54 recommendations to promote energy efficiency and clean energy
55 technologies by the public and private sectors.

56 (a) Recommendations by the commission shall, at a minimum,
57 include a requirement that all new state buildings be built in
58 compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
59 (LEED) standards, Green Globes standards, Florida Green Building
60 Coalition standards, or any other nationally recognized and
61 verified energy efficiency building standard.

62 (b) The commission shall recommend energy efficient
63 operating policies for state buildings to be implemented by the
64 Florida Energy Office or appropriate state agency.

65 (2) The commission shall submit its first recommendations
66 in its annual report to the Legislature by December 31, 2009.
67 Periodically thereafter, the commission shall submit
68 recommendations for Lead-by-Example initiatives to the
69 Legislature.



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70 Section 26. Section 377.909, Florida Statutes, is created
71 to read:

72 377.909 Energy-related research summits.--The Florida
73 Energy Commission shall, in coordination with the Florida Energy
74 Office, convene an annual energy-related research summit to
75 provide a forum for the state's academic and research community
76 to examine energy-related research initiatives and opportunities
77 for cooperative and collaborative research.

78 Section 27. Section 377.913, Florida Statutes, is created
79 to read:

80 377.913 Coordination of energy-related research and
81 development.--The Florida Energy Commission shall, in
82 cooperation and coordination with the state university system
83 and the independent colleges and universities, develop a
84 strategy for enhancing research that supports state energy
85 policy and that has a goal of deploying energy-related related
86 research and technology into the marketplace as soon as
87 possible.

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

90 And the title is amended as follows:

91 On line(s) 2089, after the semicolon,
92 insert:

93 creating s. 377.904, F.S.; requiring the Florida Energy
94 Commission to develop and implement an education policy
95 relating to climate issues and energy science; requiring
96 the policy to be included in curriculum at all education
97 levels and as part of the certification of related

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98 professionals; creating s. 377.905, F.S.; requiring the
99 Florida Energy Commission to develop a green business
100 program to recognize and award businesses that adopt
101 energy and environmental practices; creating s. 377.907,
102 F.S.; requiring the Florida Energy Commission to develop
103 Lead-by-Example initiatives to help defray energy costs
104 and to develop recommendations to promote energy
105 efficiency and clean energy technologies; requiring a
106 report to the Legislature by December 31, 2009, and
107 periodically thereafter; creating s. 377.909, F.S.;
108 requiring the Florida Energy Commission to conduct an
109 annual energy-related summit; creating s. 377.913, F.S.;
110 requiring the Florida Energy Commission to develop a
111 strategy for enhancing energy-related research;