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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: FAV	.	
4/9/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Community Affairs (Hill) recommended the
 2 following **amendment**:

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 4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Delete line(s) 379-387

6 and insert:

7
 8 (9) CREATION OF JACKSONVILLE CHILDREN'S ZONE, PILOT
 9 PROJECT.--

10 (a) There is created within the Grand Park/New Town
 11 Neighborhood in the City of Jacksonville a 10-year pilot project
 12 zone that, by November 1, 2008, shall be managed by an entity
 13 organized as a corporation not for profit which shall be
 14 registered, incorporated, organized, and operated in compliance
 15 with chapter 617. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection
 16 (7), a request for proposals shall be issued to identify an
 17 existing qualified corporation not for profit to implement the

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18 program. The Legislature determines, however, that public policy
19 dictates that the corporation operate in the most open and
20 accessible manner consistent with its public purpose. Therefore,
21 the Legislature specifically declares that the corporation is
22 subject to chapter 119, relating to public records, chapter 286,
23 relating to public meetings and records, and chapter 287,
24 relating to procurement of commodities or contractual services.

25 (b) This pilot project zone is designed to encompass an
26 area that is large enough to include all of the necessary
27 components of community life, including, but not limited to,
28 schools, places of worship, recreational facilities, commercial
29 areas, and common space, yet small enough to allow programs and
30 services to reach every willing member of the neighborhood.
31 Therefore, the geographic boundaries of the pilot program zone
32 are:

- 33 1. West 21st Street to the north;
- 34 2. West Beaver Street to the south;
- 35 3. Myrtle Avenue, Kings Road, and Canal Street to the east;

36 and

- 37 4. Division Street and CSX Railroad to the west.

38 (c) The Jacksonville Children's Zone shall be managed by
39 the selected corporation not for profit.

40 (d) The corporation shall enter into a contract with a
41 management consultant who has experience working with social
42 service and educational entities for the purpose of developing a
43 10-year comprehensive business plan to carry out the provisions
44 of this subsection.

45 (e) To assist with such management, an oversight committee
46 shall be created within the corporation not for profit, which may
47 include, but not limited to, the following:



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- 48 a. The president of Edward Waters College.
- 49 b. The principal of Smart Pope Livingston Elementary
50 School.
- 51 c. The principal of Eugene Butler Middle School.
- 52 d. The principal of Grand Park Alternative School.
- 53 e. A representative of Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
54 District 5 - Northwest.
- 55 f. A business representative from the Jacksonville
56 Children's Zone.
- 57 g. A representative of a faith-based organization that
58 operates in the Jacksonville Children's Zone.
- 59 h. A youth member who lives in the Jacksonville Children's
60 Zone.
- 61 i. A parent or guardian who lives in the Jacksonville
62 Children's Zone.
- 63 j. The director of the Jacksonville Children's Commission.
- 64 k. The director of the City of Jacksonville's Recreation
65 and Community Services Department.
- 66 l. The director of Duval County Health Department.
- 67 m. A representative of the Florida Department of Children
68 and Family Services.
- 69 n. Three open members who may or may not live in the
70 Jacksonville Children's Zone.
- 71 (f) The Jacksonville Children's Zone shall submit an annual
72 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
73 House of Representatives by January 31, 2009, and by January 31
74 of each year thereafter, which shall include a comprehensive and
75 detailed report of operations, activities, and accomplishments
76 for the prior year as well as its goals for the current year. The



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77 initial report shall also include information concerning the
78 status of the development of a business plan.

79 Section 2. The Department of Children and Family Services
80 shall contract with an existing private nonprofit corporation,
81 incorporated for the purpose of identifying, funding, supporting,
82 and evaluating programs and community initiatives to improve the
83 development and life outcomes of children and to preserve and
84 strengthen families with a primary emphasis on education and
85 community support. The existing private nonprofit corporation
86 shall be responsible for the evaluation, fiscal management, and
87 oversight of the Magic City Children's Zone, Inc., and the
88 Jacksonville Children's Zone pilot projects.

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

91 And the title is amended as follows:

92 Delete line(s) 25-29

93 and insert:

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95 reports to the Legislature; establishing the Jacksonville
96 Children's Zone pilot project; requiring that such project
97 be managed by an entity organized as a corporation not for
98 profit; providing for the issuance of a request for
99 proposals to identify an existing corporation to manage
100 the zone; providing geographic boundaries for the zone;
101 establishing an oversight committee; requiring the
102 corporation to enter into a contract with a management
103 consultant to develop a business plan; providing
104 membership; requiring the zone to submit reports to the
105 Legislature by a certain date each year; requiring the
106 Department of Children and Family Services to contract



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107 | with certain private nonprofit corporations for specified
108 | purposes; requiring such corporation to be responsible for
109 | the evaluation, fiscal management, and oversight of the
110 | Magic City Children's Zone, Inc. and the Jacksonville
111 | Children's Zone pilot projects; providing