

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Lake County magnet high school
 3 pilot project; providing for a pilot project that includes
 4 the formation of a magnet high school focusing on health-
 5 related professions on the Lake-Sumter Community College
 6 South Lake Campus which would allow high school students
 7 to complete an associate in science or associate in arts
 8 degree; providing goals; providing for implementation for
 9 the architectural design, initial construction, and
 10 support of the magnet high school; providing an
 11 appropriation; 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, and hospitals in Lake County to implement a pilot
 18 project on the Lake-Sumter Community College South Lake Campus
 19 that includes the formation of a magnet high school that will
 20 focus on health-related professions. This special high school
 21 would allow Lake County students to pursue the completion of an
 22 associate in science or an associate in arts degree while they
 23 complete their high school education. This pilot project will
 24 provide students an outstanding career-technical option while at
 25 the same time providing outstanding economic opportunity in the
 26 field of health-related professions. The goals of this project
 27 are to:

28 (a) Develop health-related majors for high school

29 students, creating a seamless K-20 education experience.

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 partnership, internships, and job-shadowing opportunities.

39 (f) Provide hands-on projects linking education to the
40 real 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
50 blended into the school curriculum in order to promote
51 intellectual development and higher-level thinking and the
52 acquisition of 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
56 their child's career aspirations.

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

59 (n) Strengthen the partnership between the Lake County
60 schools and Lake-Sumter Community College and promote solid
61 coordination between the high school and the community 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 community 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
70 magnet high school design.

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

73 (c) Provide a pilot project evaluation to the President of
74 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on
75 the effectiveness of the project with recommendations for
76 assistance in how to best duplicate this project in other
77 partnerships with school districts and community colleges
78 throughout the state.

79 Section 2. The sum of \$250,000 is appropriated from the
80 General Revenue Fund to the School Board of Lake County for the
81 2008-2009 school year, which sum shall be matched by the School
82 Board of Lake County, for the purposes of paying expenses in
83 establishing the pilot project created in this act.

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