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Senator Wise moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 296 and 297

insert:

Section 8. Section 1012.985, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.985 Regional ~~Statewide~~ ~~system for inservice~~ professional development academies.-

(1) The intent of this section is to facilitate ~~establish~~ a ~~statewide~~ system of professional development that provides a wide range of ~~targeted~~ inservice training to teachers, managers, and administrative personnel which is designed to upgrade skills



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13 and knowledge needed to attain ~~reach~~ world class standards in  
14 education. The system shall consist of a network of professional  
15 development academies that ~~in each region of the state which~~ are  
16 operated in partnership with area business partners to develop  
17 and deliver high-quality training programs for ~~purchased by~~  
18 school districts. Each regional professional development academy  
19 ~~The academies shall be established to~~ meet the human resource  
20 development needs of professional educators, schools, and school  
21 districts and shall. ~~Funds appropriated for the initiation of~~  
22 ~~professional development academies shall be allocated by the~~  
23 ~~Commissioner of Education, unless otherwise provided in an~~  
24 ~~appropriations act. To be eligible for startup funds, the~~  
25 ~~academy must:~~

26 (a) Support ~~Be established by~~ the collaborative efforts of  
27 one or more district school boards, members of the business  
28 community, and the postsecondary educational institutions which  
29 may award college credits for courses taught at the academy.

30 (b) ~~Demonstrate the capacity to provide effective training~~  
31 ~~to improve teaching skills in the areas of elementary reading~~  
32 ~~and mathematics, the use of instructional technology, high~~  
33 ~~school algebra, and classroom management, and to deliver such~~  
34 ~~training using face-to-face, distance learning, and~~  
35 ~~individualized computer-based delivery systems.~~

36 (c) ~~Propose a plan for responding in an effective and~~  
37 ~~timely manner to the professional development needs of teachers,~~  
38 ~~managers, administrative personnel, schools, and school~~  
39 ~~districts relating to improving student achievement and meeting~~  
40 ~~state and local education goals.~~

41 (b)(d) Demonstrate the ability to Provide high-quality



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42 trainers and training and~~7~~ appropriate followup and coaching for  
43 all participants~~7~~ and support school personnel in increasing  
44 student achievement ~~in positively impacting student performance.~~

45 (c)~~(e)~~ Be operated under contract with its public partners.  
46 Contracts between district school boards and each regional  
47 professional development academy shall require:

48 1. The academy's independent board of directors to be  
49 responsible for the prudent use of all public and private funds  
50 and to ensure that such funds are used in accordance with  
51 applicable laws, bylaws, and contractual agreements.

52 2. The academy to retain proper documentation evidencing  
53 that district school board funds provided to the academy are  
54 expended for authorized purposes as prescribed in the contract  
55 and that services to district school boards are commensurate to  
56 the funds paid to the academy for such services. The academy's  
57 records shall be available for inspection by the district school  
58 board's internal auditor and the Auditor General.

59 3. Each district school board to approve any participation  
60 by the academy in the district's programs or services, including  
61 use of the district's facilities, furnishings, equipment, other  
62 chattels, personnel, or services.

63 4. The academy to provide an annual report of its  
64 activities and expenditures to its independent board of  
65 directors and each party to the contract.

66 5. The academy to be annually audited by an independent  
67 certified public accountant retained and paid for by the academy  
68 and to provide a copy of the audit report to each party to the  
69 contract.

70 (d) Be ~~and~~ governed by an independent board of directors,



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71 which should include at least one district school superintendent  
72 and one district school board chair from the participating  
73 school districts, the president of the collective bargaining  
74 unit that represents the majority of the region's teachers, and  
75 at least three individuals who are not employees or elected or  
76 appointed officials of the participating school districts.  
77 Regional educational consortia as defined in s. 1001.451 satisfy  
78 the requirements of this paragraph.

79 ~~(f) Be financed during the first year of operation by an~~  
80 ~~equal or greater match from private funding sources and~~  
81 ~~demonstrate the ability to be self-supporting within 1 year~~  
82 ~~after opening through fees for services, grants, or private~~  
83 ~~contributions. Regional educational consortia as defined in s.~~  
84 ~~1001.451 which serve rural areas of critical economic concern~~  
85 ~~are exempt from the funding match required by this paragraph.~~

86 ~~(g) Own or lease a facility that can be used to deliver~~  
87 ~~training onsite and through distance learning and other~~  
88 ~~technology-based delivery systems. The participating district~~  
89 ~~school boards may lease a site or facility to the academy for a~~  
90 ~~nominal fee and may pay all or part of the costs of renovating a~~  
91 ~~facility to accommodate the academy. The academy is responsible~~  
92 ~~for all operational, maintenance, and repair costs.~~

93 ~~(e)(h)~~ Provide professional development services for the  
94 participating school districts as specified in the contract and  
95 may provide professional development services to other school  
96 districts, private schools, and individuals on a fee-for-  
97 services basis.

98 ~~(2) Upon compliance with the requirements for the first~~  
99 ~~year of operation in paragraph (1)(f),~~ A regional professional



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100 development academy may:

101 (a) ~~May~~ Receive funds from the Department of Education or  
102 as provided in the General Appropriations Act for the purpose of  
103 developing programs, expanding services, assessing inservice  
104 training and professional development, or other programs that  
105 are consistent with the mission of the academy and the needs of  
106 the state and region; and

107 (b) Receive, hold, invest, and administer property and any  
108 moneys acquired from private, local, state, and federal sources,  
109 as well as technical and professional income generated or  
110 derived from activities of the academy, for the benefit of the  
111 academy and the fulfillment of its mission. Income generated by  
112 school district personnel at the academy from trademarks,  
113 copyrights, and patents shall be shared between the academy and  
114 the district school board as outlined in the contract.

115 ~~(b) Is not, by virtue of providing services to one or more~~  
116 ~~school districts, a component of any school district or any~~  
117 ~~governmental unit to which the regional professional development~~  
118 ~~academy provides services.~~

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

121 And the title is amended as follows:

122 Delete line 35

123 and insert:

124 the Florida School Recognition Program; amending s.  
125 1012.985, F.S.; providing for regional academies  
126 rather than a statewide system of organization;  
127 providing duties of regional professional development  
128 academies; deleting provisions that require academies



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129 to meet certain criteria in order to receive start-up  
130 funds; specifying requirements for contracts between  
131 district school boards and academies; deleting  
132 requirements relating to first-year funding and  
133 academy financial self-sufficiency in future years;  
134 authorizing the academies to administer property and  
135 moneys received from various sources; requiring that  
136 income generated from certain activities be shared  
137 between the academy and the district school board;  
138 providing an