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Senator Wise moved the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (413008) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 263 and 264
5 insert:

6 Section 9. Section 1012.985, Florida Statutes, is amended
7 to read:

8 1012.985 Regional ~~Statewide~~ ~~system for inservice~~
9 professional development academies.—

10 (1) The intent of this section is to facilitate ~~establish~~ a
11 ~~statewide~~ system of professional development that provides a
12 wide range of ~~targeted~~ inservice training to teachers, managers,



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

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

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

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



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42 ~~(b)-(d) Demonstrate the ability to~~ Provide high-quality
43 trainers and training ~~and~~ appropriate followup and coaching for
44 all participants~~,~~ and support school personnel in increasing
45 student achievement in positively impacting student performance.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

99 ~~(2) Upon compliance with the requirements for the first~~



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100 ~~year of operation in paragraph (1)(f),~~ A regional professional
101 development academy may:

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

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

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

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

122 And the title is amended as follows:

123 Delete line 307

124 and insert:

125 amending s. 1012.985, F.S.; providing for regional
126 academies rather than a statewide system of
127 organization; providing duties of regional
128 professional development academies; deleting



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