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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Bullard) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (501414) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 1583 and 1584
5 insert:

6 Section 19. Florida Institute for Public School
7 Innovation.—

8 (1) There is established the Florida Institute for Public
9 School Innovation within the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical
10 University. The purpose of the institute is to advance public



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11 school accountability, quality, and innovation; provide support
12 and technical assistance to public schools; connect aspiring
13 teachers to opportunities to experience teaching in public
14 schools; and conduct research and develop and promote best
15 practices for public school financing, management, operations,
16 and instructional practices.

17 (2) The institute shall:

18 (a) Conduct research to inform both policy and practice
19 related to public school accountability, financing, management,
20 operations, and instructional practices.

21 (b) Partner with state-approved teacher preparation
22 programs in this state to provide opportunities for aspiring
23 teachers to experience teaching in public schools.

24 (c) Provide technical assistance and support to public
25 schools with innovative educational concepts.

26 (3) The President of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical
27 University shall appoint a director of the institute. The
28 director is responsible for overall management of the institute
29 and for developing and executing the work of the institute
30 consistent with this section. The director may engage
31 individuals in other state universities with accredited colleges
32 of education to participate in the institute.

33 (4) By each October 1, the institute shall provide a
34 written report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
35 the Speaker of the House of Representatives which outlines its
36 activities in the preceding year, reports significant research
37 findings, details expenditures of state funds, and provides
38 specific recommendations for improving the institute's ability
39 to fulfil its mission and for changes to statewide public school



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40 policy.

41 (5) Within 180 days after completion of the institute's
42 fiscal year, the institute shall provide to the Auditor General,
43 the Board of Governors of the State University System, and the
44 State Board of Education a report on the results of an annual
45 financial audit conducted by an independent certified public
46 accountant in accordance with s. 11.45.

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49 And the title is amended as follows:

50 Delete line 1738

51 and insert:

52 schools; establishing the Florida Institute for Public
53 School Innovation; specifying requirements for the
54 institute; requiring an annual report to the Governor
55 and the Legislature; requiring a report on the
56 institute's annual financial audit to the Auditor
57 General, the Board of Governors of the State
58 University System, and the State Board of Education;
59 providing an effective date.