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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Bullard) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1784 and 1785

insert:

Section 19. Florida Institute for Public School Innovation.—

(1) There is established the Florida Institute for Public School Innovation within the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. The purpose of the institute is to advance public school accountability, quality, and innovation; provide support



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

16 (2) The institute shall:

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

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

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

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

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



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

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48 And the title is amended as follows:

49 Delete line 145

50 and insert:

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