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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Martin) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 197 - 248
and insert:

(a)1. Subject to appropriation, funding may be provided for the operational and instructional services for students enrolled in the Florida Scholars Academy.

2. The Florida Scholars Academy may receive all federal funds for which it is eligible.

(b) The secretary of the department shall prepare and



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11 submit a legislative budget request on behalf of the Florida
12 Scholars Academy as part of the department's legislative budget
13 request. The request of funds may be for operation and fixed
14 capital outlay, in accordance with chapter 216.

15 (c) The fiscal year for the Florida Scholars Academy is the
16 state fiscal year as defined in s. 216.011(1)(o).

17 (6) STATE CREDIT LIMITATION.—The credit of the state may
18 not be pledged under any circumstance on behalf of the Florida
19 Scholars Academy.

20 (7) ANNUAL AUDIT.—

21 (a) The Florida Scholars Academy must have an annual
22 financial audit of its accounts and records conducted by an
23 independent auditor who is a certified public accountant
24 licensed under chapter 473. The independent auditor shall
25 conduct the audit in accordance with rules adopted by the
26 Auditor General pursuant to s. 11.45 and, upon completion of the
27 audit, shall prepare an audit report in accordance with such
28 rules. The audit report must include a written statement by the
29 board of trustees describing corrective action to be taken in
30 response to each of the independent auditor's recommendations
31 included in the audit report.

32 (b) The independent auditor shall submit the audit report
33 to the board of trustees and the Auditor General not later than
34 9 months after the end of the preceding fiscal year.

35 (c) The board of trustees shall respond to recommendations
36 included in the audit report or received directly from the
37 Auditor General with evidence of corrective action within 45
38 days after receipt of the recommendations.