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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Criminal Justice
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Jacques offered the following:

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5 **Amendment**

6 Remove lines 93-231 and insert:

7 the juvenile justice system and to prepare students for gainful
 8 employment as productive citizens upon their reentry into the
 9 community. Educational pathways will include a K-12 education,
 10 high school equivalency diploma, career and technical education
 11 credential pursuant to s. 1003.4282(10), and enrollment in a
 12 degree program at a state college or university, with an
 13 emphasis on attaining an industry-recognized credential of value
 14 from the Master Credentials List under s. 445.004(4)(h).

15 (3)(a) The department shall enter into a contractual
 16 agreement with an education service provider with a proven track

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17 record of success to operate, provide, or supplement full-time
18 instruction and instructional support services for students to
19 earn a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma,
20 to enroll in a degree program at a state college or university,
21 and to earn industry-recognized credentials of value from the
22 Master Credentials List. The contracted education service
23 provider shall be responsible for the administration of all
24 educational services to students enrolled in the academy.

25 (b) The secretary shall appoint the superintendent of the
26 Florida Scholars Academy. The superintendent shall be
27 responsible for the management and day-to-day operation of the
28 Florida Scholars Academy.

29 (4) (a) The Florida Scholars Academy shall be governed by a
30 board of trustees. Board members shall serve a term of 4 years.
31 The board shall be composed of five members:

- 32 1. The secretary of the department or his or her designee.
- 33 2. The superintendent of the Florida Scholars Academy.
- 34 3. Three members appointed by the governor.

35 (b) The board of trustees shall have the following powers
36 and duties:

37 1. To meet at least 4 times each year, upon the call of
38 the chair, or at the request of a majority of the membership.

39 2. To be responsible for the development of an education
40 delivery system, by the Florida Scholars Academy's development,

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41 that is cost-effective, high-quality, educationally sound, and
42 sustainable.

43 3.a. To identify appropriate performance measures and
44 standards based on student achievement that reflect the Florida
45 Scholars Academy's statutory mission and priorities, and to
46 implement an accountability system approved by the State Board
47 of Education for the Florida Scholars Academy by the 2024-2025
48 school year that includes an assessment of the academy's
49 effectiveness and efficiency in providing quality services that
50 encourage high student achievement, seamless articulation, and
51 maximum access to career opportunities. For the 2024-2025 school
52 year, the results of the accountability system shall serve as an
53 informative baseline for the academy to work toward improved
54 performance in future years.

55 4. To administer and maintain the educational programs of
56 the Florida Scholars Academy in accordance with law and with the
57 rules established by the department, in consultation with the
58 State Board of Education.

59 5. To determine, with the approval of the secretary or his
60 or her designee, the compensation, including salaries and fringe
61 benefits, and other conditions of employment for academy
62 personnel, in alignment with the Florida Scholars Academy's
63 provider contracts.

64 6. To review the hiring of all Florida Scholars Academy
65 administrative and instructional personnel, who shall be subject

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66 to rejection for cause by the secretary or his or her designee
67 and who shall be subject to policies established by the board of
68 trustees.

69 7. To provide for the content and custody of student
70 records pursuant to s. 1002.22.

71 8. To maintain the financial records and accounts of the
72 Florida Scholars Academy which shall be maintained under rules
73 adopted by the State Board of Education for the uniform system
74 of financial records and accounts for the schools of the state.

75 9. To select a chair. Initially, the secretary or his or
76 her designee shall serve as chair.

77 (c) Members of the board of trustees shall serve without
78 compensation but may be reimbursed for per diem and travel
79 expenses pursuant to s. 112.061.

80 (d) The board of trustees shall be a body corporate with
81 all the powers of a body corporate and such authority as is
82 needed for the proper operation and improvement of the Florida
83 Scholars Academy. The board of trustees may adopt rules,
84 policies, and procedures, consistent with law and the rules of
85 the State Board of Education relating to governance, personnel,
86 budget and finance, administration, programs, curriculum and
87 instruction, travel and purchasing, technology, students,
88 contracts and grants, and property as necessary for the optimal
89 and efficient operation of the Florida Scholars Academy.

90 (5) FUNDING.-

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91 (a)1. Funding for the operational and instructional
92 services for all students enrolled in the Florida Scholars
93 Academy shall be provided through the General Appropriations
94 Act.

95 2. The Florida Scholars Academy shall receive all federal
96 funds for which it is eligible.

97 (b) The secretary shall prepare and submit a legislative
98 budget request on behalf of the Florida Scholars Academy as part
99 of the department's legislative budget request. The request of
100 funds may be for operation and fixed capital outlay, in
101 accordance with chapter 216.

102 (c) The fiscal year for the Florida Scholars Academy shall
103 be the fiscal year of the state, as defined in s. 216.011(1)(o).

104 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and
105 pursuant to s. 216.351, all unexpended funds appropriated for
106 the Florida Scholars Academy shall be carried forward and
107 included as the balance forward for that fund in the approved
108 operating budget for the following year.

109 (e)1. The Florida Scholars Academy shall maintain a
110 minimum general fund ending fund balance of 3 percent that is
111 sufficient to address normal contingencies.

112 2. If at any time the portion of the general fund's ending
113 fund balance not classified as restricted, committed, or
114 nonspendable in the Florida Scholars Academy's approved
115 operating budget is projected to fall below 2 percent of

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116 projected general fund revenues during the current fiscal year,
117 the secretary or his or her designee shall provide written
118 notification to the Commissioner of Education. Within 14 days
119 after receiving such notification, if the commissioner
120 determines that the Florida Scholars Academy does not have a
121 plan that is reasonably anticipated to avoid a financial
122 emergency as determined pursuant to s. 218.503, the commissioner
123 shall appoint a financial emergency board that shall operate
124 under the requirements, powers, and duties specified in s.
125 218.503(3)(g).

126 (6) The credit of the state may not be pledged on behalf
127 of the Florida Scholars Academy.

128 (7) ANNUAL AUDIT.—

129 (a) The Florida Scholars Academy shall have an annual
130 financial audit of its accounts and records conducted by an
131 independent auditor who is a certified public accountant
132 licensed under chapter 473. The independent auditor shall
133 conduct the audit in accordance with rules adopted by the
134 Auditor General pursuant to s. 11.45 and, upon completion of the
135 audit, shall prepare an audit report in accordance with such
136 rules.

137 (b) The independent auditor shall submit the audit report
138 to the board of trustees and the Auditor General no later than 9
139 months after the end of the preceding fiscal year.

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