By the Committee on Education; and Senators Webster and Fasano

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to suicide prevention;
3	providing legislative intent; providing for a
4	pilot program to be conducted by the Signs of
5	Suicide Prevention Program for secondary
6	schools in specified counties; requiring the
7	submission of proposals to the Department of
8	Education; providing for student participation
9	in the pilot program and for the provision of
10	certain information to parents; requiring a
11	report to the Legislature; providing an
12	appropriation; providing an effective date.
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14	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16	Section 1. Signs of Suicide Prevention Program for
17	secondary schools; pilot program; legislative intent
18	(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide
19	support and funding for a suicide and depression prevention
20	pilot program conducted by the Signs of Suicide Prevention
21	Program for secondary schools, hereinafter referred to as
22	"SOS." The pilot program shall encourage collaboration with
23	local mental health facilities and individual professionals.
24	(2) During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, an SOS pilot
25	program shall be conducted in Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and
26	Seminole counties. In order to receive funding under this act,
27	an SOS entity for a county authorized to participate in the
28	pilot program must submit to the Department of Education by
29	September 1, 2006, a proposal for suicide and depression
30	prevention for secondary school students who attend school in
31	that county. The pilot program shall provide school personnel

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in each participating school with the materials necessary for 2 implementation. (3) The parent of each student in a participating 3 4 school shall be provided with a copy of program information 5 and a screening form to assist the parent in the 6 identification of depression and suicidal tendencies and to 7 help initiate family discussions. (4) By January 1, 2007, the district school board of 8 each participating county shall provide to the President of 9 10 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report that includes an itemized list of program costs, an 11 12 evaluation of participating schools, an assessment of the 13 quality of the program components, an assessment of the safety of program implementation, an assessment of the burden on 14 school support staff after implementation of the program, an 15 assessment of the efficacy of the program, and recommendations 16 regarding program effects and outcomes. The information shall 18 be reported for the pilot program in the aggregate, for each participating county, and for each participating school in 19 each participating county. 2.0 21 Section 2. The sum of \$600,000 is appropriated from 2.2 the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Education for 23 the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be distributed to the Michael Buonauro Foundation to implement the Signs of Suicide 2.4 Prevention Program as a pilot program for secondary schools in 2.5 Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties in accordance 26 27 with this act. The Michael Buonauro Foundation shall provide 2.8 matching funds in the amount of \$600,000 in order to receive the appropriation from the General Revenue Fund. 29 30 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

1	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
2	2 Senate Bill 1876
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4	The Committee Substitute does not require students to be screened for signs of suicide and depression but rather
5	requires that parents be given a screening form and information about the program.
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7	The Michael Buonauro Foundation must provide \$600,000 in matching funds to receive the \$600,000 appropriation in the
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