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CHAMBER ACTION

The PreK-12 Committee recommends the following:

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Council/Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public school magnet programs; creating s. 1011.755, F.S.; creating a matching grant program to enable school districts to establish magnet programs in certain schools; providing for program administration; requiring submission of proposals and distribution of funds; providing for implementation to the extent funds are appropriated; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 1011.755, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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1011.755 Magnet program grants.--

(1) There is created a one-to-one matching grant program to provide funds to school districts with magnet programs that have large waiting lists to enable the school districts to replicate the programs in other schools.

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(2) The matching grant program shall be administered by the Department of Education. A district school board must submit an application proposing the expansion of a magnet program to other schools in the school district. The proposal must include projected enrollment, costs for the magnet program, district match commitment and fund source, and such other information as the department may require. Upon approval, the Commissioner of Education shall authorize distribution of state one-to-one matching funds to the school district which may be used for personnel, supplies, student services, or other expenses associated with the expansion of a magnet program as determined in the grant application.

- (3) The matching grant program shall be implemented to the extent funds are appropriated in the General Appropriations Act to the Department of Education for this purpose.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.