Amendment No. 1

Commissioner Turbeville offered the following:

Amendment (with ballot statement and title amendments)
Between lines 25 and 26, insert:
SECTION 9. Status of education programs.--The creation, funding, and operation of the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program provided in section 1002.39, Florida Statutes (2007), and the Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Program provided in section 220.187, Florida Statutes (2007), and similar programs are consistent with the mandates of subsection 1(a) of this Article.
 Remove line(s) 37-42 and insert:

ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 8 AND 9 ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION

REQUIRING 65 PERCENT OF SCHOOL FUNDING FOR CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION; PROTECTING PROGRAMS FROM LEGAL CHALLENGES.-Requires that 65 percent of school district funding be spent on classroom instruction, rather than on administration. Protects the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program, Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Program, which is for children of families with limited financial resources, and similar programs from legal challenges alleging that the programs violate the state's constitutional duty to provide for the education of children through a uniform system of public schools.

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======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ======= Remove line(s) 2-6 and insert:

A resolution proposing the creation of Sections 8 and 9 of Article IX and a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to require that sixty-five percent of school district funding be spent on classroom instruction, rather than on administration, and to provide that certain education programs are consistent with the requirements of the Constitution.

