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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to public school funding; amending s. 3 212.055, F.S.; deleting a requirement that school 4 boards imposing the school capital outlay surtax 5 freeze noncapital local school property taxes for at 6 least 3 years; repealing s. 216.292(2)(d), F.S., 7 relating to the transfer of funds for class size 8 reduction; conforming provisions to changes made by 9 the act; amending s. 1001.395, F.S.; revising the 10 limitation on salaries of district school board 11 members; amending s. 1001.451, F.S.; removing the repeal of provisions authorizing a reduction in the 12 13 incentive grants that are awarded to consortium 14 service organizations; amending s. 1001.47, F.S.; requiring that the salary of elected district school 15 16 superintendents equal the salary paid for the 2009-2010 fiscal year; defining the term "salary"; amending 17 18 s. 1001.50, F.S.; encouraging district school boards 19 that employ a superintendent to agree to remuneration 20 for the superintendent which does not exceed that 21 provided in the 2009-2010 fiscal year; amending s. 2.2 1002.32, F.S.; including the millage levied for fixed 23 capital outlay in determining the amount provided to 24 lab schools for operating expenses; amending s. 25 1002.33, F.S.; requiring that a charter school comply 26 with statutes pertaining to maximum class size; 27 revising requirements for calculating the

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28 administrative fee that the sponsor of a charter 29 school may withhold and use for capital outlay 30 purposes; amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; providing certain limitations on reporting credits earned by a student 31 32 through the Florida Virtual School for purposes of 33 funding; including the millage levied for fixed 34 capital outlay in determining the amount provided to 35 the Florida Virtual School for operating expenses; 36 amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; providing for school 37 district virtual instruction programs to include 38 programs offered by community colleges; requiring that 39 community college instructors meet certification 40 requirements; prohibiting a community college from reporting students served in a school district virtual 41 42 instruction program for funding under the Community 43 College Program Fund; removing obsolete provisions requiring a report; amending ss. 1002.55 and 1002.63, 44 45 F.S.; revising the requirements for private prekindergarten providers and public school-year 46 47 prekindergarten programs with respect to the number of 48 students for each class; requiring an instructor for 49 certain classes who holds specified credentials; amending s. 1002.71, F.S.; reducing the amount of 50 51 funds that an early learning coalition may retain for 52 administrative purposes from funds paid to private 53 prekindergarten providers and public schools; amending 54 s. 1003.03, F.S.; revising requirements for the 55 Department of Education with respect to calculating 56 the maximum class size based on student membership;

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57 deleting obsolete provisions; providing for reductions 58 in a district's class-size-reduction operating 59 categorical allocation under certain circumstances; providing for a budget amendment in the case of an 60 61 extreme emergency and subject to approval of the 62 Legislative Budget Commission; providing for 63 alternative measures to take effect upon approval of 64 an amendment to the State Constitution by the electors 65 of the state; providing for virtual instruction 66 courses to be included in implementing the class size 67 maximums; amending s. 1003.492, F.S.; clarifying the 68 duties of the Department of Education in approving the 69 list of industry certifications for career education 70 programs; amending s. 1006.28, F.S.; redefining the term "adequate instructional materials" to include 71 72 electronic textbooks; creating s. 1006.281, F.S.; 73 encouraging school districts to provide access for 74 teachers, students, and parents to an electronic 75 learning management system; specifying the required 76 functionality of such a system; requiring the 77 Department of Education to assist school districts in 78 deploying an electronic learning management system; 79 amending s. 1006.29, F.S.; providing that instructional materials include electronic textbooks; 80 81 requiring that a publisher or manufacturer providing 82 instructional materials as a single bundle make the 83 materials available separately and priced 84 individually; requiring that instructional materials 85 adopted after a specified date for students in grades

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86 9 through 12 be provided primarily in an electronic 87 format; amending s. 1006.33, F.S.; requiring that an 88 advertisement for bids for instructional materials 89 require the bidder to furnish electronic specimen 90 copies of the materials; requiring that district 91 school superintendents request samples in a format 92 other than an electronic format through the department; amending s. 1006.40, F.S.; requiring that 93 94 a specified percentage of a district's annual 95 allocation for instructional materials be used for 96 electronic materials beginning with the 2012-2013 97 fiscal year; including electronic textbooks as an approved item of instruction; amending s. 1007.27, 98 99 F.S.; providing that secondary school students are 100 authorized users of the state-funded electronic library resources licensed for public colleges and 101 102 universities; providing for verification of eligibility according to rules established by the 103 104 State Board of Education and the Board of Governors of 105 the State University System; amending s. 1008.34, 106 F.S.; providing for the calculation of certain school 107 grades to include student completion of specified 108 courses; amending s. 1011.03, F.S.; requiring that a 109 district school board post its proposed millage levies 110 on the district's website; revising the requirements 111 for publishing the proposed levies in a newspaper; 112 amending s. 1011.60, F.S.; deleting a requirement that the State Board of Education adopt rules governing the 113 114 school term; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising the

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115 requirements for calculating full-time equivalent 116 student membership; reducing the amount authorized for 117 teacher bonuses; requiring that a district allocate a 118 specified percentage of funds for industry 119 certification to the center or program that generated 120 the funds; authorizing a district school board to use 121 categorical funds for materials that meet the Next 122 Generation Sunshine State Standards and for certain 123 hardware; providing for adjusting a district's 124 sparsity supplement based on Merit Award Program 125 funds; clarifying that a calculation subsequent to an 126 appropriation does not result in negative state funds 127 for any district; amending s. 1011.64, F.S., relating 128 to minimum classroom expenditure requirements; 129 conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 1011.67, 130 F.S.; removing requirements for the staggered distribution of funds to districts for instructional 131 materials; amending s. 1011.66, F.S.; removing a 132 133 provision authorizing the distribution of 60 percent 134 of FEFP funds to a district during the first quarter 135 of a fiscal year; amending s. 1011.68, F.S.; requiring 136 that the allocation for student transportation be 137 determined by the Legislature rather than based on the 138 prior year's average student cost for transportation; 139 amending s. 1011.71, F.S.; removing certain 140 requirements for the additional millage levied by a 141 district for critical capital outlay needs or critical operating needs; amending s. 1011.73, F.S., relating 142 143 to district millage elections; correcting a cross-

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144 reference; amending s. 1012.33, F.S.; exempting 145 specified reemployed instructional personnel from 146 certain requirements for determining pay; amending s. 1012.55, F.S.; requiring that instructional personnel 147 148 providing instruction through a virtual environment 149 hold certification as otherwise required by law and rule; amending s. 1013.62, F.S.; providing that a 150 151 charter school provided by a business partner as a 152 school-in-the-workplace is eligible for an allocation 153 of funds for capital outlay purposes unless the school 154 facilities are provided by the business partnership; 155 amending s. 1013.64, F.S.; requiring that the Office of Educational Facilities assist school districts in 156 157 developing lists of approved school construction projects; providing certain limits on total project 158 159 costs and limiting additional funding, except for 160 providential causes; requiring that the Office of Educational Facilities review and approve final phase 161 162 III plans for a project; revising the composition of 163 the membership of the Special Facility Construction 164 Committee; providing for the incorporation by 165 reference of certain calculations used by the 166 Legislature for the 2010-2011 fiscal year; providing effective dates. 167 168

169 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 170

171 Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (6) of 172 section 212.055, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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173 212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent; 174 authorization and use of proceeds.-It is the legislative intent that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales 175 176 surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the 177 178 levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties 179 authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the 180 maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the 181 procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if 182 required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended; 183 and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide. 184 Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as 185 provided in s. 212.054.

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(6) SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY SURTAX.-

(d) Any school board imposing the surtax shall implement a freeze on noncapital local school property taxes, at the millage rate imposed in the year prior to the implementation of the surtax, for a period of at least 3 years from the date of imposition of the surtax. This provision shall not apply to existing debt service or taxes authorized in the General Appropriations Act.

194 <u>(d) (e)</u> Surtax revenues collected by the Department of 195 Revenue pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed to the 196 school board imposing the surtax in accordance with law.

197Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section198216.292, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

199Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 1001.395, Florida200Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.395 District school board members; compensation.-

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202 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section and s. 203 145.19, beginning with the 2010-2011 for the 2009-2010 fiscal 204 year and each fiscal year thereafter, the salary of each district school board member shall be the amount calculated 205 206 pursuant to subsection (1) or the salary of legislative members, 207 other than the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the corresponding fiscal year 208 209 district's beginning salary for teachers who hold baccalaureate 210 degrees, whichever is less.

211 Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 212 1001.451, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

213 1001.451 Regional consortium service organizations.—In 214 order to provide a full range of programs to larger numbers of 215 students, minimize duplication of services, and encourage the 216 development of new programs and services:

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(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the appropriation for any the 2009-2010 fiscal year may be less than \$50,000 per school district and eligible member. If the amount appropriated is insufficient to provide \$50,000, the funds available must be prorated among all eligible districts and members. This paragraph expires July 1, 2010.

224 Section 5. Subsection (8) is added to section 1001.47, 225 Florida Statutes, to read:

226 1001.47 District school superintendent; salary.227 (8) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section and s.
228 145.19, for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the salary of each
229 elected district school superintendent shall equal the salary
230 paid for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. As used in this subsection,

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231	the term "salary" means the sum total of the following amounts:
232	any district school board-approved salary authorized pursuant to
233	subsection (1); the formula-based salary calculated pursuant to
234	subsections (2) and (3); any special qualification salary
235	authorized pursuant to subsection (4); and any performance
236	salary incentive authorized pursuant to subsection (5).
237	Section 6. Subsection (6) of section 1001.50, Florida
238	Statutes, is amended to read:
239	1001.50 Superintendents employed under Art. IX of the State
240	Constitution
241	(6) District school boards and superintendents employed
242	pursuant to this section are encouraged to review the
243	superintendent's annual remuneration for the 2009-2010 fiscal
244	year and mutually agree that the remuneration for the 2010-2011
245	fiscal year will not exceed the remuneration for the 2009-2010
246	fiscal year to a reduction of at least 5 percent.
247	Section 7. Paragraph (d) of subsection (9) of section
248	1002.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
249	1002.32 Developmental research (laboratory) schools
250	(9) FUNDING.—Funding for a lab school, including a charter
251	lab school, shall be provided as follows:
252	(d) Each lab school shall receive funds for operating
253	purposes in an amount determined as follows: multiply the
254	maximum allowable nonvoted discretionary millage for operations
255	pursuant to s. 1011.71(1) <u>and (3)</u> by the value of 95 percent of
256	the current year's taxable value for school purposes for the
257	district in which each lab school is located; divide the result
258	by the total full-time equivalent membership of the district;
259	and multiply the result by the full-time equivalent membership

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of the lab school. The amount thus obtained shall be discretionary operating funds and shall be appropriated from state funds in the General Appropriations Act to the Lab School Trust Fund.

264 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (16) and paragraph 265 (a) of subsection (20) of section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, are 266 amended to read:

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1002.33 Charter schools.-

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(16) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES.-

(a) A charter school shall operate in accordance with its
charter and shall be exempt from all statutes in chapters 10001013. However, a charter school shall be in compliance with the
following statutes in chapters 1000-1013:

273 1. Those statutes specifically applying to charter schools,274 including this section.

275 2. Those statutes pertaining to the student assessment276 program and school grading system.

3. Those statutes pertaining to the provision of servicesto students with disabilities.

4. Those statutes pertaining to civil rights, including s.1000.05, relating to discrimination.

5. Those statutes pertaining to student health, safety, andwelfare.

283 284 6. Those statutes pertaining to maximum class size.
 (20) SERVICES.-

(a)<u>1.</u> A sponsor shall provide certain administrative and
educational services to charter schools. These services shall
include contract management services; full-time equivalent and
data reporting services; exceptional student education

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289 administration services; services related to eligibility and 290 reporting duties required to ensure that school lunch services 291 under the federal lunch program, consistent with the needs of 292 the charter school, are provided by the school district at the 293 request of the charter school, that any funds due to the charter 294 school under the federal lunch program be paid to the charter 295 school as soon as the charter school begins serving food under 296 the federal lunch program, and that the charter school is paid 297 at the same time and in the same manner under the federal lunch 298 program as other public schools serviced by the sponsor or the 299 school district; test administration services, including payment 300 of the costs of state-required or district-required student 301 assessments; processing of teacher certificate data services; 302 and information services, including equal access to student information systems that are used by public schools in the 303 304 district in which the charter school is located. Student 305 performance data for each student in a charter school, including, but not limited to, FCAT scores, standardized test 306 307 scores, previous public school student report cards, and student 308 performance measures, shall be provided by the sponsor to a 309 charter school in the same manner provided to other public 310 schools in the district.

311 <u>2.</u> A total administrative fee for the provision of such 312 services shall be calculated based upon up to 5 percent of the 313 available funds defined in paragraph (17) (b) for all students. 314 However, a sponsor may only withhold up to a <u>5 percent</u> 5-percent 315 administrative fee for enrollment for up to and including <u>250</u> 316 500 students. For charter schools with a population of <u>251</u> 501 317 or more students, the difference between the total

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318	administrative fee calculation and the amount of the			
319	administrative fee withheld may only be used for capital outlay			
320	purposes specified in s. 1013.62(2).			
321	3. In addition, a sponsor may withhold only up to a 5			
322	percent administrative fee for enrollment for up to and			
323	including 500 students within the system for a system of charter			
324	schools which meets all of the following:			
325	a. Includes both conversion charter schools and non-			
326	conversion charter schools;			
327	b. All schools are located in the same municipality in the			
328	same county;			
329	c. Has a total enrollment exceeding the total enrollment of			
330	at least one county school district in the state;			
331	d. Has the same governing board; and			
332	e. Does not contract with a for-profit service provider for			
333	management of school operations.			
334	4. The difference between the total administrative fee			
335	calculation and the amount of the administrative fee withheld			
336	for such system of charter schools may be used for instructional			
337	and administrative purposes as well as for capital outlay			
338	purposes specified in s. 1013.62(2).			
339	5. Each charter school shall receive 100 percent of the			
340	funds awarded to that school pursuant to s. 1012.225. Sponsors			
341	shall not charge charter schools any additional fees or			
342	surcharges for administrative and educational services in			
343	addition to the maximum <u>5 percent</u> 5-percent administrative fee			
344	withheld pursuant to this paragraph.			

345 Section 9. Paragraphs (a) and (f) of subsection (3) of 346 section 1002.37, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.-

(3) Funding for the Florida Virtual School shall be 348 349 provided as follows:

350 (a) A "full-time equivalent student" for the Florida 351 Virtual School is one student who has successfully completed six 352 credits that shall count toward the minimum number of credits 353 required for high school graduation. A student who completes 354 less than six credits shall be a fraction of a full-time equivalent student. Half-credit completions shall be included in 355 356 determining a full-time equivalent student. Half-credits earned 357 by a student 20 weeks or more after beginning the course, and 358 credits earned by a student 40 weeks or more after beginning the 359 course, are not eligible to be funded and may not be reported. 360 Credit completed by a student in excess of the minimum required 361 for that student for high school graduation is not eligible for 362 funding.

363 (f) The Florida Virtual School shall receive funds for 364 operating purposes in an amount determined as follows: multiply 365 the maximum allowable nonvoted discretionary millage for 366 operations pursuant to s. 1011.71(1) and (3) by the value of 95 367 percent of the current year's taxable value for school purposes 368 for the state; divide the result by the total full-time 369 equivalent membership of the state; and multiply the result by 370 the full-time equivalent membership of the school. The amount 371 thus obtained shall be discretionary operating funds and shall 372 be appropriated from state funds in the General Appropriations 373 Act.

374 Section 10. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (2), and subsections (7) and (12) of 375

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- 376 section 1002.45, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 377 1002.45 School district virtual instruction programs.-378 (1) PROGRAM.-379 (a) For purposes of this section, the term: 380 1. "Approved provider" means a provider that is approved by 381 the Department of Education under subsection (2), the Florida 382 Virtual School, or a franchise of the Florida Virtual School<u>, or</u>
- 383 <u>a public community college</u>.

2. "Virtual instruction program" means a program of instruction provided in an interactive learning environment created through technology in which students are separated from their teachers by time or space, or both, and in which a Florida-certified teacher under chapter 1012 is responsible for at least:

390 a. Fifty percent of the direct instruction to students in391 kindergarten through grade 5; or

392 b. Eighty percent of the direct instruction to students in393 grades 6 through 12.

(b) Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, each school
district shall provide eligible students within its boundaries
the option of participating in a virtual instruction program.
The purpose of the program is to make instruction available to
students using online and distance learning technology in the
nontraditional classroom. The program shall be:

400 1. Full-time for students enrolled in kindergarten through401 grade 12.

402 2. Full-time or part-time for students in grades 9 through
403 <u>12 who are</u> enrolled in dropout prevention and academic
404 intervention programs under s. 1003.53, or Department of

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405 Juvenile Justice education programs under s. 1003.52, core-406 <u>curricula courses to meet class size requirements, or community</u> 407 <u>colleges in grades 9 through 12</u>.

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(2) PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS.-

(a) The department shall annually provide school districts
with a list of providers approved to offer virtual instruction
programs. To be approved by the department, a provider must
document that it:

413 1. Is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies,414 employment practices, and operations;

415 2. Complies with the antidiscrimination provisions of s. 416 1000.05;

417 3. Locates an administrative office or offices in this 418 state, requires its administrative staff to be state residents, 419 requires all instructional staff to be Florida-certified 420 teachers under chapter 1012, and conducts background screenings 421 for all employees or contracted personnel, as required by s. 422 1012.32, using state and national criminal history records;

423 4. Possesses prior, successful experience offering online 424 courses to elementary, middle, or high school students; and

425 5. Is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges 426 and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement, the 427 North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School 428 Improvement, the Middle States Association of Colleges and 429 Schools Commission on Elementary Schools and Commission on 430 Secondary Schools, the New England Association of Schools and 431 Colleges, the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools, the 432 Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or the Commission 433 on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation; and-

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434	4 <u>6. If the provi</u>	der is a commun	ity college,	its instructors
435	5 <u>meet the certification</u>	on requirements	for instruc	tional staff.
436	6 (7) FUNDING			

(a) For purposes of a school district virtual instruction
program, "full-time equivalent student" has the same meaning as
provided in s. 1011.61(1)(c)1.b.(III) or (IV).

440 (b) The school district in which the student resides shall 441 report full-time equivalent students for the school district 442 virtual instruction program to the department in a manner 443 prescribed by the department, and funding shall be provided 444 through the Florida Education Finance Program. Funds received by the school district of residence for a student in a virtual 445 446 instruction program provided by another school district under 447 this section shall be transferred to the school district 448 providing the virtual instruction program.

449 (c) A community college provider may not report students
 450 who are served in a school district virtual instruction program
 451 for funding under the Community College Program Fund.

452 (12) STUDY.-The department shall review the advisability of 453 legislatively authorizing school districts to contract with 454 approved private providers for the provision of part-time 455 virtual instruction programs for students in grades 9 through 12 456 who are not enrolled in programs under ss. 1003.52 and 1003.53. 457 The department shall report its findings and recommendations to 458 the presiding officers of the Legislature and the Governor by 459 January 15, 2010.

Section 11. Paragraphs (c) and (f) of subsection (3) of
section 1002.55, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
1002.55 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by

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463 private prekindergarten providers.-

464 (3) To be eligible to deliver the prekindergarten program,
465 a private prekindergarten provider must meet each of the
466 following requirements:

(c) The private prekindergarten provider must have, for each prekindergarten class <u>composed of 12 children or fewer</u>, at least one prekindergarten instructor who meets each of the following requirements:

471 1. The prekindergarten instructor must hold, at a minimum,472 one of the following credentials:

473 a. A child development associate credential issued by the
474 National Credentialing Program of the Council for Professional
475 Recognition; or

b. A credential approved by the Department of Children and
Family Services as being equivalent to or greater than the
credential described in sub-subparagraph a.

480 The Department of Children and Family Services may adopt rules 481 under ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 which provide criteria and 482 procedures for approving equivalent credentials under sub-483 subparagraph b.

484 2. The prekindergarten instructor must successfully 485 complete an emergent literacy training course approved by the 486 department as meeting or exceeding the minimum standards adopted 487 under s. 1002.59. This subparagraph does not apply to a 488 prekindergarten instructor who successfully completes approved 489 training in early literacy and language development under s. 490 402.305(2)(d)5., s. 402.313(6), or s. 402.3131(5) before the 491 establishment of one or more emergent literacy training courses

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492 under s. 1002.59 or April 1, 2005, whichever occurs later. 493 (f) Each of the private prekindergarten provider's 494 prekindergarten classes must be composed of at least 4 students 495 but may not exceed 24 18 students. In order to protect the 496 health and safety of students, each private prekindergarten 497 provider must also provide appropriate adult supervision for 498 students at all times and, for each prekindergarten class 499 composed of 13 to 20 11 or more students, must have, in addition 500 to a prekindergarten instructor who meets the requirements of 501 paragraph (c), at least one adult prekindergarten instructor who 502 is not required to meet those requirements but who must meet 503 each requirement of paragraph (d). Each prekindergarten class 504 composed of 21 to 24 students must have an additional 505 prekindergarten instructor who meets the requirements of 506 paragraph (c). This paragraph does not supersede any requirement 507 imposed on a provider under ss. 402.301-402.319.

508 Section 12. Subsection (7) of section 1002.63, Florida 509 Statutes, is amended to read:

510 1002.63 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by 511 public schools.-

512 (7) Each prekindergarten class in a public school 513 delivering the school-year prekindergarten program must be composed of at least 4 students but may not exceed 24 18 514 515 students. In order to protect the health and safety of students, 516 each school must also provide appropriate adult supervision for 517 students at all times and, for each prekindergarten class 518 composed of 13 to 20 11 or more students, must have, in addition 519 to a prekindergarten instructor who meets the requirements of s. 520 1002.55(3)(c), at least one adult prekindergarten instructor who

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521 is not required to meet those requirements but who must meet 522 each requirement of subsection (5). Each prekindergarten class 523 <u>composed of 21 to 24 students must have an additional</u> 524 <u>prekindergarten instructor who meets the requirements of</u> 525 <u>paragraph (c).</u>

526 Section 13. Subsection (7) of section 1002.71, Florida 527 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.-

529 (7) The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall require that 530 administrative expenditures be kept to the minimum necessary for 531 efficient and effective administration of the Voluntary 532 Prekindergarten Education Program. Administrative policies and procedures shall be revised, to the maximum extent practicable, 533 534 to incorporate the use of automation and electronic submission of forms, including those required for child eligibility and 535 536 enrollment, provider and class registration, and monthly 537 certification of attendance for payment. A school district may use its automated daily attendance reporting system for the 538 539 purpose of transmitting attendance records to the early learning 540 coalition in a mutually agreed-upon format. In addition, actions 541 shall be taken to reduce paperwork, eliminate the duplication of 542 reports, and eliminate other duplicative activities. Beginning 543 with the 2010-2011 2008-2009 fiscal year, each early learning 544 coalition may retain and expend no more than 4.5 4.85 percent of 545 the funds paid by the coalition to private prekindergarten 546 providers and public schools under paragraph (5)(b). Funds 547 retained by an early learning coalition under this subsection may be used only for administering the Voluntary Prekindergarten 548 549 Education Program and may not be used for the school readiness

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550	program	or	other	programs.
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551	Section 14. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section
552	1003.03, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
553	1003.03 Maximum class size

(2) IMPLEMENTATION.-<u>The Department of Education shall</u>
annually calculate class size measures defined in subsection (1)
<u>based upon the October student membership survey, except that</u>
<u>the calculation for 2010-2011 shall be based on the February</u>
student membership survey.

(a) Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, each school district that is not in compliance with the maximums in subsection (1) shall reduce the average number of students per classroom in each of the following grade groupings: prekindergarten through grade 3, grade 4 through grade 8, and grade 9 through grade 12, by at least two students each year.

565 (b) Determination of the number of students per classroom 566 in paragraph (a) shall be calculated as follows:

567 1. For fiscal years 2003-2004 through 2005-2006, the 568 calculation for compliance for each of the 3 grade groupings 569 shall be the average at the district level.

570 2. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, the
571 calculation for compliance for each of the 3 grade groupings
572 shall be the average at the school level.

573 3. For fiscal year 2010-2011 and thereafter, the 574 calculation for compliance shall be at the individual classroom 575 level.

576 4. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010 and
577 threafter, each teacher assigned to any classroom shall be
578 included in the calculation for compliance.

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579 (c) The Department of Education shall annually calculate 580 each of the three average class size measures defined in 581 paragraphs (a) and (b) based upon the October student membership 582 survey. For purposes of determining the baseline from which each 583 district's average class size must be reduced for the 2003-2004 584 school year, the department shall use data from the February 585 2003 student membership survey updated to include classroom 586 identification numbers as required by the department.

587 (d) Prior to the adoption of the district school budget for 588 2004-2005, each district school board shall hold public hearings 589 to review school attendance zones in order to ensure maximum use 590 of facilities while minimizing the additional use of

591 transportation in order to comply with the two-student-per-year 592 reduction required in paragraph (a). School districts that meet 593 the constitutional class size maximums described in subsection 594 (1) are exempt from this requirement.

(3) IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS.-District school boards must consider, but are not limited to, implementing the following items in order to meet the constitutional class size maximums described in subsection (1) and the two-student-per-year reduction required in subsection (2):

600 (a) Adopt policies to encourage qualified students to take601 dual enrollment courses.

602 (b) Adopt policies to encourage students to take courses
603 from the Florida Virtual School <u>and school district virtual</u>
604 <u>instruction programs</u>.

605 (c)1. Repeal district school board policies that require 606 students to have more than 24 credits to graduate from high 607 school.

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Adopt policies to allow students to graduate from high
school as soon as they pass the grade 10 FCAT and complete the
courses required for high school graduation.

(d) Use methods to maximize use of instructional staff,
such as changing required teaching loads and scheduling of
planning periods, deploying district employees that have
professional certification to the classroom, using adjunct
educators, or any other method not prohibited by law.

(e) Use innovative methods to reduce the cost of school
construction by using prototype school designs, using SMART
Schools designs, participating in the School Infrastructure
Thrift Program, or any other method not prohibited by law.

620 (f) Use joint-use facilities through partnerships with 621 community colleges, state universities, and private colleges and 622 universities. Joint-use facilities available for use as K-12 623 classrooms that do not meet the K-12 State Regulations for 624 Educational Facilities in the Florida Building Code may be used at the discretion of the district school board provided that 625 626 such facilities meet all other health, life, safety, and fire 627 codes.

628 (g) Adopt alternative methods of class scheduling, such as629 block scheduling.

630 (h) Redraw school attendance zones to maximize use of
631 facilities while minimizing the additional use of
632 transportation.

(i) Operate schools beyond the normal operating hours to
provide classes in the evening or operate more than one session
of school during the day.

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(j) Use year-round schools and other nontraditional



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637 calendars that do not adversely impact annual assessment of638 student achievement.

(k) Review and consider amending any collective bargaining
contracts that hinder the implementation of class size
reduction.

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(1) Use any other approach not prohibited by law.

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(4) ACCOUNTABILITY.-

644 (a) 1. Beginning in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, if the 645 department determines for any year that a school district has 646 not reduced average class size as required in subsection (2) at 647 the time of the third FEFP calculation, the department shall calculate an amount from the class size reduction operating 648 649 categorical which is proportionate to the amount of class size 650 reduction not accomplished. Upon verification of the 651 department's calculation by the Florida Education Finance 652 Program Appropriation Allocation Conference and not later than 653 March 1 of each year, the Executive Office of the Governor shall 654 transfer undistributed funds equivalent to the calculated amount 655 from the district's class size reduction operating categorical 656 to an approved fixed capital outlay appropriation for class size 657 reduction in the affected district pursuant to s. 216.292(2)(d). 658 The amount of funds transferred shall be the lesser of the 659 amount verified by the Florida Education Finance Program 660 Appropriation Allocation Conference or the undistributed balance of the district's class size reduction operating categorical. 661 662 2. In lieu of the transfer required by subparagraph 1., the

663 Commissioner of Education may recommend a budget amendment,
664 subject to approval by the Legislative Budget Commission, to
665 transfer an alternative amount of funds from the district's

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666 class size reduction operating categorical to its approved fixed 667 capital outlay account for class size reduction if the 668 commissioner finds that the State Board of Education has 669 reviewed evidence indicating that a district has been unable to 670 meet class size reduction requirements despite appropriate 671 effort to do so. The commissioner's budget amendment must be 672 submitted to the Legislative Budget Commission by February 15 of 673 each year.

674 3. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year and thereafter, if in any fiscal year funds from a district's class size operating 675 676 categorical are required to be transferred to its fixed capital 677 outlay fund and the district's class size operating categorical 678 allocation in the General Appropriations Act for that fiscal 679 year has been reduced by a subsequent appropriation, the 680 Commissioner of Education may recommend a 50-percent reduction 681 in the amount of the transfer.

(a) (b) Beginning in the 2010-2011 fiscal year and each yearthereafter, If the department determines that the number ofstudents assigned to any individual class <u>exceed</u> exceeds theclass size maximum, as required in subsection (1) (2), at thetime of the third FEFP calculation, <u>except in 2010-2011 at the</u>time of the fourth calculation, the department shall:

1. Identify, for each grade group, the number of classes in which the enrollment exceeds the maximum, the number of students <u>exceed</u> which exceeds the maximum for each class, and the total number of students <u>that exceed</u> which exceeds the maximum for all classes.

693 2. Determine the number of full-time equivalent students
694 that exceed which exceeds the maximum class size for each grade

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696 3. Multiply the total number of FTE students <u>that exceed</u> 697 which exceeds the maximum class size for each grade group by the 698 district's FTE dollar amount of the class-size-reduction 699 allocation for that year and calculate the total for all three 700 grade groups.

701 <u>4. Multiply the total number of FTE students that exceed</u> 702 <u>the maximum for all classes by the amount of the base student</u> 703 <u>allocation adjusted by the district's district cost</u> 704 differential.

705 <u>5.4.</u> Reduce the district's class-size-reduction operating 706 categorical allocation by an amount equal to the sum of the 707 <u>calculations</u> calculation in <u>subparagraphs</u> subparagraph 3. <u>and 4.</u> 708 <u>The commissioner is authorized to withhold the distribution of</u> 709 <u>class size allocation reduction funds to the extent necessary to</u> 710 <u>comply with this section.</u>

711 (b) (c) Upon verification of the department's calculation by 712 the Florida Education Finance Program Appropriation Allocation 713 Conference and no later than March 1 of each year, the Executive 714 Office of the Governor shall place these funds in reserve, and 715 the undistributed funds shall revert to the General Revenue Fund 716 unallocated at the end of the fiscal year. The amount of funds 717 reduced shall be the lesser of the amount verified by the 718 Florida Education Finance Program Appropriation Allocation 719 Conference or the undistributed balance of the district's class-720 size-reduction operating categorical allocation.

721 (c) (d) In lieu of the reduction calculation in paragraph 722 (a) (b), if the Commissioner of Education has evidence that a 723 district was unable to meet the class size requirements despite

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appropriate efforts to do so or because of an extreme emergency,
he or she may recommend a budget amendment, subject to approval
of the Legislative Budget Commission, to reduce an alternative
amount of funds from the district's class-size-reduction
operating categorical allocation. The commissioner's budget
amendment must be submitted to the Legislative Budget Commission
by February 15 of each year.
(d) The March 1 and February 15 dates in paragraphs (b) and
(c) do not apply for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
(e) In addition to the calculation required in paragraph
(a), at the time of the third FEFP calculation for the 2009-2010
fiscal year, the department shall also prepare a simulated
calculation based on the requirements in paragraphs (b) and (c).
This simulated calculation shall be provided to the school
districts and the Legislature.
Section 15. Effective upon approval by the electors of
Senate Joint Resolution 2 or House Joint Resolution 7039 in the
2010 General Election and retroactive to the beginning of the
2010-2011 school year, section 1003.03, Florida Statutes, is
amended to read:
1003.03 Maximum class size
(1) CONSTITUTIONAL CLASS SIZE MAXIMUMSPursuant to s. 1,
Art. IX of the State Constitution, beginning in the 2010-2011
school year:
(a) The average number of students at the school level
assigned to each teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses
in public school classrooms for prekindergarten through grade 3

751 <u>may not exceed 18 students and the maximum number of students</u> 752 <u>assigned to a teacher in an individual class may not exceed 21</u>

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753 students.

754 (b) The average number of students at the school level 755 assigned to each teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses 756 in public school classrooms for grades 4 through 8 may not 757 exceed 22 students and the maximum number of students assigned 758 to a teacher in an individual class may not exceed 27 students. 759 (c) The average number of students at the school level 760 assigned to each teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses 761 in public school classrooms for grades 9 through 12 may not 762 exceed 25 students and the maximum number of students assigned 763 to a teacher in an individual class may not exceed 30 students. 764 (a) The maximum number of students assigned to each teacher 765 who is teaching core-curricula courses in public school 766 classrooms for prekindergarten through grade 3 may not exceed 18 767 students. 768 (b) The maximum number of students assigned to each teacher 769 who is teaching core-curricula courses in public school 770 classrooms for grades 4 through 8 may not exceed 22 students. 771 (c) The maximum number of students assigned to each teacher 772 who is teaching core-curricula courses in public school 773 classrooms for grades 9 through 12 may not exceed 25 students. 774 (2) IMPLEMENTATION. - The Department of Education shall 775 annually calculate class size as defined in subsection (1) based 776 upon the October student membership survey, except that the 777 calculation for the 2010-2011 school year shall be based on the 778 February student membership survey. The calculation for 779 compliance for each of the three grade groupings shall be the 780 number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual 781 class and the average number of students at the school level

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782 assigned to each teacher. Each teacher assigned to any classroom 783 shall be included in the calculation for compliance. 784 (a) Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, each school 785 district that is not in compliance with the maximums in 786 subsection (1) shall reduce the average number of students per 787 classroom in each of the following grade groupings: 788 prekindergarten through grade 3, grade 4 through grade 8, and 789 grade 9 through grade 12, by at least two students each year. 790 (b) Determination of the number of students per classroom 791 in paragraph (a) shall be calculated as follows: 1. For fiscal years 2003-2004 through 2005-2006, the 792 793 calculation for compliance for each of the 3 grade groupings 794 shall be the average at the district level. 795 2. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, the 796 calculation for compliance for each of the 3 grade groupings 797 shall be the average at the school level. 798 3. For fiscal year 2010-2011 and thereafter, the 799 calculation for compliance shall be at the individual classroom 800 level. 801 4. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010 and 802 thereafter, each teacher assigned to any classroom shall be 803 included in the calculation for compliance. 804 (c) The Department of Education shall annually calculate 805 each of the three average class size measures defined in 806 paragraphs (a) and (b) based upon the October student membership 807 survey. For purposes of determining the baseline from which each 808 district's average class size must be reduced for the 2003-2004 809 school year, the department shall use data from the February 2003 student membership survey updated to include classroom 810

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811 identification numbers as required by the department.

812 (d) Prior to the adoption of the district school budget for 813 2004-2005, each district school board shall hold public hearings 814 to review school attendance zones in order to ensure maximum use 815 of facilities while minimizing the additional use of

816 transportation in order to comply with the two-student-per-year 817 reduction required in paragraph (a). School districts that meet 818 the constitutional class size maximums described in subsection 819 (1) are exempt from this requirement.

(3) IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS.-District school boards must consider, but are not limited to, implementing the following items in order to meet the constitutional class size maximums described in subsection (1) and the two-student-per-year reduction required in subsection (2):

825 (a) Adopt policies to encourage qualified students to take826 dual enrollment courses.

(b) Adopt policies to encourage students to take courses
from the Florida Virtual School <u>and school district virtual</u>
instruction programs.

830 (c)1. Repeal district school board policies that require 831 students to have more than 24 credits to graduate from high 832 school.

Adopt policies to allow students to graduate from high
school as soon as they pass the grade 10 FCAT and complete the
courses required for high school graduation.

(d) Use methods to maximize use of instructional staff,
such as changing required teaching loads and scheduling of
planning periods, deploying district employees that have
professional certification to the classroom, using adjunct

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840 educators, or any other method not prohibited by law.

(e) Use innovative methods to reduce the cost of school
construction by using prototype school designs, using SMART
Schools designs, participating in the School Infrastructure
Thrift Program, or any other method not prohibited by law.

845 (f) Use joint-use facilities through partnerships with 846 community colleges, state universities, and private colleges and 847 universities. Joint-use facilities available for use as K-12 848 classrooms that do not meet the K-12 State Regulations for 849 Educational Facilities in the Florida Building Code may be used 850 at the discretion of the district school board provided that 851 such facilities meet all other health, life, safety, and fire 852 codes.

853 (g) Adopt alternative methods of class scheduling, such as 854 block scheduling.

(h) Redraw school attendance zones to maximize use of facilities while minimizing the additional use of transportation.

(i) Operate schools beyond the normal operating hours to
provide classes in the evening or operate more than one session
of school during the day.

861 (j) Use year-round schools and other nontraditional 862 calendars that do not adversely impact annual assessment of 863 student achievement.

864 (k) Review and consider amending any collective bargaining 865 contracts that hinder the implementation of class size 866 reduction.

867 868 (1) Use any other approach not prohibited by law.(4) ACCOUNTABILITY.-

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869	(a) If the department determines that the number of
870	students assigned to any individual class exceeds the classroom
871	maximum, or if the department determines that the school average
872	is greater than the school level maximum, the department shall
873	identify for each of three grade groups:
874	1. The number of FTE students in an individual classroom
875	that are greater than the classroom maximum and the number of
876	FTE students that are greater than the school level average, not
877	including the number of FTE that are greater than the classroom
878	maximum.
879	2. Multiply the total number of FTE students as calculated
880	in subparagraph 1. which exceed the maximum class size for each
881	grade group by the district's FTE dollar amount of the class-
882	size-reduction allocation for that year and calculate the total
883	dollar amount for all three grade groups.
884	3. Multiply the total number of FTE students as calculated
885	in subparagraph 1. which exceed the maximum by the amount of the
886	base student allocation adjusted by the district cost
887	differential.
888	4. Reduce the district's class-size-reduction operating
889	categorical allocation by an amount equal to the sum of the
890	calculations in subparagraphs 2. and 3. The commissioner is
891	authorized to withhold the distribution of class size reduction
892	allocation funds to the extent necessary to comply with this
893	section.
894	(a)1. Beginning in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, if the
895	department determines for any year that a school district has
896	not reduced average class size as required in subsection (2) at
897	the time of the third FEFP calculation, the department shall

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calculate an amount from the class size reduction operating
categorical which is proportionate to the amount of class size
reduction not accomplished. Upon verification of the
department's calculation by the Florida Education Finance
Program Appropriation Allocation Conference and not later than
March 1 of each year, the Executive Office of the Governor shall
transfer undistributed funds equivalent to the calculated amount
from the district's class size reduction operating categorical
to an approved fixed capital outlay appropriation for class size
reduction in the affected district pursuant to s. 216.292(2)(d).
The amount of funds transferred shall be the lesser of the
amount verified by the Florida Education Finance Program
Appropriation Allocation Conference or the undistributed balance
of the district's class size reduction operating categorical.
2. In lieu of the transfer required by subparagraph 1., the
Commissioner of Education may recommend a budget amendment,
subject to approval by the Legislative Budget Commission, to
transfer an alternative amount of funds from the district's
class size reduction operating categorical to its approved fixed
capital outlay account for class size reduction if the
commissioner finds that the State Board of Education has
reviewed evidence indicating that a district has been unable to
meet class size reduction requirements despite appropriate
effort to do so. The commissioner's budget amendment must be
submitted to the Legislative Budget Commission by February 15 of
each year.
3. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year and thereafter, if in any
fiscal year funds from a district's class size operating

926 categorical are required to be transferred to its fixed capital

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927 outlay fund and the district's class size operating categorical 928 allocation in the General Appropriations Act for that fiscal 929 year has been reduced by a subsequent appropriation, the 930 Commissioner of Education may recommend a 50-percent reduction 931 in the amount of the transfer.

932 (b) (c) Upon verification of the department's calculation by 933 the Florida Education Finance Program Appropriation Allocation 934 Conference and no later than March 1 of each year, the Executive 935 Office of the Governor shall place these funds in reserve, and 936 the undistributed funds shall revert to the General Revenue Fund 937 unallocated at the end of the fiscal year. The amount of funds 938 reduced shall be the lesser of the amount verified by the 939 Florida Education Finance Program Appropriation Allocation 940 Conference or the undistributed balance of the district's classsize-reduction operating categorical allocation. 941

942 (c) (d) In lieu of the reduction calculation in paragraph 943 (a) (b), if the Commissioner of Education has evidence that a 944 district has been unable to meet the class size requirements 945 despite appropriate efforts to do so or because of an extreme 946 emergency, he or she may recommend a budget amendment, subject 947 to approval of the Legislative Budget Commission, to reduce an alternative amount of funds from the district's class-size-948 949 reduction operating categorical allocation. The commissioner's 950 budget amendment must be submitted to the Legislative Budget 951 Commission by February 15 of each year.

952 (d) The March 1 and February 15 dates in paragraphs (b) and 953 (c) do not apply for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

954 (e) In addition to the calculation required in paragraph 955 (a), at the time of the third FEFP calculation for the 2009-2010

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956 fiscal year, the department shall also prepare a simulated 957 calculation based on the requirements in paragraphs (b) and (c). 958 This simulated calculation shall be provided to the school 959 districts and the Legislature. 960 (5) TEAM-TEACHING STRATEGIES.-961 (a) School districts may use teaching strategies that 962 include the assignment of more than one teacher to a classroom 963 of students and that were implemented before July 1, 2005. 964 Effective July 1, 2005, school districts may implement 965 additional teaching strategies that include the assignment of 966 more than one teacher to a classroom of students for the 967 following purposes only: 968 1. Pairing teachers for the purpose of staff development. 969 2. Pairing new teachers with veteran teachers. 970 3. Reducing turnover among new teachers.

971 4. Pairing teachers who are teaching out-of-field with972 teachers who are in-field.

973 5. Providing for more flexibility and innovation in the974 classroom.

975 6. Improving learning opportunities for students, including976 students who have disabilities.

977 (b) Teaching strategies, including team teaching, co-978 teaching, or inclusion teaching, implemented on or after July 1, 979 2005, pursuant to paragraph (a) may be implemented subject to 980 the following restrictions:

981 1. Reasonable limits shall be placed on the number of 982 students in a classroom so that classrooms are not overcrowded. 983 Teacher-to-student ratios within a curriculum area or grade 984 level must not exceed constitutional limits.

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985 2. At least one member of the team must have at least 3 986 years of teaching experience.

987 3. At least one member of the team must be teaching in-988 field.

989 4. The teachers must be trained in team-teaching methods990 within 1 year after assignment.

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(c) As used in this subsection, the term:

992 1. "Team teaching" or "co-teaching" means two or more 993 teachers are assigned to a group of students and each teacher is 994 responsible for all of the students during the entire class 995 period. In order to be considered team teaching or co-teaching, 996 each teacher is responsible for planning, delivering, and 997 evaluating instruction for all students in the class or subject 998 for the entire class period.

999 2. "Inclusion teaching" means two or more teachers are 1000 assigned to a group of students, but one of the teachers is 1001 responsible for only one student or a small group of students in 1002 the classroom.

1004 The use of strategies implemented as outlined in this subsection 1005 meets the letter and intent of the Florida Constitution and the 1006 Florida Statutes which relate to implementing class size 1007 reduction, and this subsection applies retroactively. A school 1008 district may not be penalized financially or otherwise as a 1009 result of the use of any legal strategy, including, but not 1010 limited to, those set forth in subsection (3) and this 1011 subsection.

1012 Section 16. Subsection (2) of section 1003.492, Florida 1013 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1003.492 Industry-certified career education programs.-1015 (2) The State Board of Education shall use the expertise of 1016 Workforce Florida, Inc., and Enterprise Florida, Inc., to 1017 develop and adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 1018 for implementing an industry certification process. Industry 1019 certification shall be defined by the Agency for Workforce 1020 Innovation, based upon the highest available national standards 1021 for specific industry certification, to ensure student skill 1022 proficiency and to address emerging labor market and industry 1023 trends. A regional workforce board or a career and professional 1024 academy may apply to Workforce Florida, Inc., to request 1025 additions to the approved list of industry certifications based on high-demand job requirements in the regional economy. The 1026 1027 list of industry certifications approved by Workforce Florida, 1028 Inc., and the Department of Education shall be published and updated annually by a date certain, to be included in the 1029 1030 adopted rule.

Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 1006.28, Florida 1031 1032 Statutes, is amended to read:

1006.28 Duties of district school board, district school 1033 1034 superintendent; and school principal regarding K-12 1035 instructional materials.-

1036 (1) DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.-The district school board has 1037 the duty to provide adequate instructional materials for all 1038 students in accordance with the requirements of this part. The 1039 term "adequate instructional materials" means a sufficient 1040 number of textbooks or sets of materials that are available in bound, unbound, kit, or package form and may consist of hard-1041 1042 backed, or soft-backed, or electronic textbooks, consumables,

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1043 learning laboratories, manipulatives, electronic media, and 1044 computer courseware or software that serve as the basis for 1045 instruction for each student in the core courses of mathematics, language arts, social studies, science, reading, and literature, 1046 1047 except for instruction for which the school advisory council 1048 approves the use of a program that does not include a textbook as a major tool of instruction. The district school board has 1049 1050 the following specific duties:

(a) Courses of study; adoption.-Adopt courses of study foruse in the schools of the district.

1053 (b) Textbooks.-Provide for proper requisitioning, 1054 distribution, accounting, storage, care, and use of all 1055 instructional materials furnished by the state and furnish such 1056 other instructional materials as may be needed. The district 1057 school board shall assure that instructional materials used in 1058 the district are consistent with the district goals and 1059 objectives and the curriculum frameworks adopted by rule of the 1060 State Board of Education, as well as with the state and district 1061 performance standards provided for in s. 1001.03(1).

1062 (c) Other instructional materials.-Provide such other 1063 teaching accessories and aids as are needed for the school 1064 district's educational program.

(d) School library media services; establishment and maintenance.—Establish and maintain a program of school library media services for all public schools in the district, including school library media centers, or school library media centers open to the public, and, in addition such traveling or circulating libraries as may be needed for the proper operation of the district school system.

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1072	Section 18. Section 1006.281, Florida Statutes, is created
1073	to read:
1074	1006.281 Learning management systems
1075	(1) To ensure that all school districts have equitable
1076	access to digitally rich instructional materials, districts are
1077	encouraged to provide access to an electronic learning
1078	management system that allows teachers, students, and parents to
1079	access, organize, and use electronically available instructional
1080	materials and teaching and learning tools and resources, and
1081	that enables teachers to manage, assess, and track student
1082	learning.
1083	(2) To the extent fiscally and technologically feasible, a
1084	school district's electronic learning management system should
1085	allow for a single, authenticated sign-on and include the
1086	following functionality:
1087	(a) Vertically searches for, gathers, and organizes
1088	specific standards-based instructional materials.
1089	(b) Enables teachers to prepare lessons, individualize
1090	student instruction, and use best practices in providing
1091	instruction.
1092	(c) Provides communication, including access to up-to-date
1093	student performance data, in order to help teachers and parents
1094	better serve the needs of students.
1095	(d) Provides access for administrators to ensure quality of
1096	instruction within every classroom.
1097	(3) The Department of Education shall provide assistance as
1098	requested by school districts in their deployment of a district
1099	electronic learning management system.
1100	Section 19. Subsection (4) of section 1006.29, Florida

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1101 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1006.29 State instructional materials committees.-

1103 (4) For purposes of state adoption, "instructional 1104 materials" means items having intellectual content that by 1105 design serve as a major tool for assisting in the instruction of 1106 a subject or course. These items may be available in bound, 1107 unbound, kit, or package form and may consist of hardbacked, or 1108 softbacked, or electronic textbooks, consumables, learning 1109 laboratories, manipulatives, electronic media, and computer 1110 courseware or software. The term does not include electronic or 1111 computer hardware even if such hardware is bundled with software 1112 or other electronic media, nor does it include equipment or 1113 supplies. A publisher or manufacturer providing instructional 1114 materials as a single bundle shall also make the instructional 1115 materials available as separate and unbundled items, each priced 1116 individually. Any instructional materials adopted after 2012-1117 2013 for students in grades 9 through 12 shall be provided 1118 primarily in an electronic format.

1119 Section 20. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 1120 1006.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1006.33 Bids or proposals; advertisement and its contents.-(1)

(b) The advertisement shall state that, beginning in 2010-1123 1124 2011, each bidder shall furnish electronic specimen copies of 1125 all instructional materials submitted, at a time designated by 1126 the department, which specimen copies shall be identical with 1127 the copies approved and accepted by the members of the state instructional materials committee, as prescribed in this 1128 1129 section, and with the copies furnished to the department and

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1130 district school superintendents, as provided in this part. Any 1131 district school superintendent who requires samples in addition 1132 to the electronic format must request those samples through the 1133 department.

1134 Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and subsection 1135 (4) of section 1006.40, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1006.40 Use of instructional materials allocation; 1136 1137 instructional materials, library books, and reference books; 11.38 repair of books.-

1139 (3) (a) Each district school board shall use the annual 1140 allocation for the purchase of instructional materials included 1141 on the state-adopted list, except as otherwise authorized in 1142 paragraphs (b) and (c). No less than 50 percent of the annual 1143 allocation shall be used to purchase items which will be used to provide instruction to students at the level or levels for which 1144 the materials are designed. Beginning with the 2012-2013 fiscal 1145 year, not less than 10 percent of the annual allocation shall be 1146 used to purchase items for which the major tool of instruction 1147 1148 is used electronically.

(4) The funds described in subsection (3) which district 1149 1150 school boards may use to purchase materials not on the state-1151 adopted list shall be used for the purchase of instructional 1152 materials or other items having intellectual content which 1153 assist in the instruction of a subject or course. These items 1154 may be available in bound, unbound, kit, or package form and may 1155 consist of hardbacked, or softbacked, or electronic textbooks, 1156 replacements for items which were part of previously purchased instructional materials, consumables, learning laboratories, 1157 1158 manipulatives, electronic media, computer courseware or



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1159 software, and other commonly accepted instructional tools as 1160 prescribed by district school board rule. The funds available to 1161 district school boards for the purchase of materials not on the state-adopted list may not be used to purchase electronic or 1162 1163 computer hardware even if such hardware is bundled with software 1164 or other electronic media, nor may such funds be used to 1165 purchase equipment or supplies. However, when authorized to do so in the General Appropriations Act, a school or district 1166 1167 school board may use a portion of the funds available to it for 1168 the purchase of materials not on the state-adopted list to 1169 purchase science laboratory materials and supplies.

1170 Section 22. Subsection (1) of section 1007.27, Florida 1171 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.-

1173 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that a variety of 1174 articulated acceleration mechanisms be available for secondary 1175 and postsecondary students attending public educational institutions. It is intended that articulated acceleration serve 1176 1177 to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete the 1178 requirements associated with the conference of a high school 1179 diploma and a postsecondary degree, broaden the scope of 1180 curricular options available to students, or increase the depth of study available for a particular subject. Articulated 1181 1182 acceleration mechanisms shall include, but not be limited to, 1183 dual enrollment as provided for in s. 1007.271, early admission, 1184 advanced placement, credit by examination, the International 1185 Baccalaureate Program, and the Advanced International 1186 Certificate of Education Program. Credit earned through the 1187 Florida Virtual School shall provide additional opportunities

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1188	for early graduation and acceleration. Students of Florida
1189	public secondary schools enrolled pursuant to this subsection
1190	shall be deemed authorized users of the state-funded electronic
1191	library resources that are licensed for public colleges and
1192	universities by the Florida Center for Library Automation and
1193	the College Center for Library Automation. Verification of
1194	eligibility shall be in accordance with rules established by the
1195	State Board of Education and the Board of Governors and
1196	processes implemented by public colleges and universities.
1197	Section 23. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
1198	1008.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1199	1008.34 School grading system; school report cards;
1200	district grade
1201	(3) DESIGNATION OF SCHOOL GRADES
1202	(c) Student assessment data used in determining school
1203	grades shall include:
1204	1. The aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled
1205	in the school who have been assessed on the FCAT.
1206	2. The aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled
1207	in the school who have been assessed on the FCAT and who have
1208	scored at or in the lowest 25th percentile of students in the
1209	school in reading, mathematics, or writing, unless these
1210	students are exhibiting satisfactory performance.
1211	3. Effective with the 2005-2006 school year, the
1212	achievement scores and learning gains of eligible students
1213	attending alternative schools that provide dropout prevention
1214	and academic intervention services pursuant to s. 1003.53. The
1215	term "eligible students" in this subparagraph does not include
1216	students attending an alternative school who are subject to



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1217 district school board policies for expulsion for repeated or 1218 serious offenses, who are in dropout retrieval programs serving 1219 students who have officially been designated as dropouts, or who 1220 are in programs operated or contracted by the Department of 1221 Juvenile Justice. The student performance data for eligible 1222 students identified in this subparagraph shall be included in 1223 the calculation of the home school's grade. As used in this 1224 section and s. 1008.341, the term "home school" means the school 1225 to which the student would be assigned if the student were not 1226 assigned to an alternative school. If an alternative school 1227 chooses to be graded under this section, student performance 1228 data for eligible students identified in this subparagraph shall 1229 not be included in the home school's grade but shall be included 1230 only in the calculation of the alternative school's grade. A 1231 school district that fails to assign the FCAT scores of each of its students to his or her home school or to the alternative 1232 1233 school that receives a grade shall forfeit Florida School 1234 Recognition Program funds for 1 fiscal year. School districts 1235 must require collaboration between the home school and the 1236 alternative school in order to promote student success. This 1237 collaboration must include an annual discussion between the 1238 principal of the alternative school and the principal of each 1239 student's home school concerning the most appropriate school 1240 assignment of the student.

4. Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year for schools comprised of high school grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, or grades 10, 1243 11, and 12, the data listed in subparagraphs 1.-3. and the following data as the Department of Education determines such data are valid and available:

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a. The high school graduation rate of the school ascalculated by the Department of Education;

1248 b. The successful completion participation rate of all 1249 eligible students enrolled in the school and enrolled in College 1250 Board Advanced Placement courses; International Baccalaureate 1251 courses; dual enrollment courses; Advanced International 1252 Certificate of Education courses; and courses or sequence of 1253 courses leading to industry certification, as determined by the 1254 Agency for Workforce Innovation under s. 1003.492(2) in a career 1255 and professional academy, as described in s. 1003.493;

1256 c. The aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled 1257 in the school in College Board Advanced Placement courses, 1258 International Baccalaureate courses, and Advanced International 1259 Certificate of Education courses;

1260 d. Earning of college credit by all eligible students 1261 enrolled in the school in dual enrollment programs under s. 1262 1007.271;

e. Earning of an industry certification, as determined by the Agency for Workforce Innovation under s. 1003.492(2) in a career and professional academy, as described in s. 1003.493;

1266 f. The aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled 1267 in the school in reading, mathematics, and other subjects as 1268 measured by the SAT, the ACT, and the common placement test for 1269 postsecondary readiness;

1270 g. The high school graduation rate of all eligible at-risk 1271 students enrolled in the school who scored at Level 2 or lower 1272 on the grade 8 FCAT Reading and Mathematics examinations;

h. The performance of the school's students on statewidestandardized end-of-course assessments administered under s.

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1276 i. The growth or decline in the data components listed in1277 sub-subparagraphs a.-h. from year to year.

1279 The State Board of Education shall adopt appropriate criteria 1280 for each school grade. The criteria must also give added weight 1281 to student achievement in reading. Schools designated with a 1282 grade of "C," making satisfactory progress, shall be required to 1283 demonstrate that adequate progress has been made by students in 1284 the school who are in the lowest 25th percentile in reading, 1285 mathematics, or writing on the FCAT, unless these students are 1286 exhibiting satisfactory performance. Beginning with the 2009-1287 2010 school year for schools comprised of high school grades 9, 1288 10, 11, and 12, or grades 10, 11, and 12, the criteria for school grades must also give added weight to the graduation rate 1289 1290 of all eligible at-risk students, as defined in this paragraph. 1291 Beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, in order for a high 1292 school to be designated as having a grade of "A," making 1293 excellent progress, the school must demonstrate that at-risk 1294 students, as defined in this paragraph, in the school are making 1295 adequate progress.

1296 Section 24. Section 1011.03, Florida Statutes, is amended 1297 to read:

1298 1011.03 Public hearings; budget to be submitted to 1299 Department of Education.-

(1) Each district school board must cause a summary of its
tentative budget, including the proposed millage levies as
provided for by law, and graphs illustrating a historical
summary of financial and demographic data, to be posted online

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602-02837D-10 1304 and advertised at least one time as a full-page advertisement in 1305 a the newspaper of general with the largest circulation published in the district or to be posted at the courthouse door 1306 1307 if there be no such newspaper. 1308 (2) (a) The advertisement must include a graph illustrating the historical summary of financial and demographic data for 1309 each of the following data values which shall be plotted along 1310 1311 the vertical axis of each graph: 1312 1. Total revenue provided to the school district from all 1313 sources for the corresponding fiscal year, including all 1314 federal, state, and local revenue. 1315 2. Total revenue provided to the school district for the 1316 corresponding fiscal year for current operations. 1317 3. Total revenue provided to the school district for the 1318 corresponding fiscal year for fixed capital outlay projects. 1319 4. Total revenue provided to the school district for the 1320 corresponding fiscal year for debt service. 5. Total number of unweighted full-time equivalent 1321 1322 students, inclusive of all programs listed in s. 1011.62. 1323 6. Total revenue provided to the school district for 1324 current operations divided by the number of unweighted full-time 1325 equivalent students for the corresponding fiscal year. 1326 7. Total number of employees of the school district for the 1327 corresponding fiscal year. 1328 8. Total number of employees of the school district 1329 classified as instructional personnel under s. 1012.01 for the 1330 corresponding fiscal year. (b) Each graph must include a separate histogram 1331 corresponding to the financial and demographic data for each of 1332

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1333 the following fiscal years, which shall be plotted along the 1334 horizontal axis of each graph:

1. Current fiscal year.

1336 2. Fiscal year that is 5 years before the current fiscal 1337 year.

1338 3. Fiscal year that is 10 years before the current fiscal 1339 year.

1340 (c) The numeric value of the financial and demographic data
 1341 corresponding to each histogram must be included in each graph.

1342 (2)-(3) The advertisement of a district that has been 1343 required by the Legislature to increase classroom expenditures 1344 pursuant to s. 1011.64 must include the following statement: 1345

1346 "This proposed budget reflects an increase in classroom 1347 expenditures as a percent of total current operating 1348 expenditures of XX percent over the (previous fiscal year) 1349 fiscal year. This increase in classroom expenditures is required 1350 by the Legislature because the district has performed below the 1351 required performance standard on XX of XX student performance 1352 standards for the (previous school year) school year. In order 1353 to achieve the legislatively required level of classroom 1354 expenditures as a percentage of total operating expenditures, 1355 the proposed budget includes an increase in overall classroom 1356 expenditures of \$XX,XXX,XXX above the amount spent for this same 1357 purpose during the (previous fiscal year) fiscal year. In order 1358 to achieve improved student academic performance, this proposed 1359 increase is being budgeted for the following activities: ... (list activities and amount budgeted) " 1360

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(3) (4) The advertisement shall appear adjacent to the

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1362 advertisement required pursuant to s. 200.065. The State Board 1363 of Education may adopt rules necessary to provide specific 1364 requirements for the format of the advertisement.

1365 (4) (4) (5) The board shall hold public hearings to adopt 1366 tentative and final budgets pursuant to s. 200.065. The hearings 1367 shall be primarily for the purpose of hearing requests and 1368 complaints from the public regarding the budgets and the 1369 proposed tax levies and for explaining the budget and proposed 1370 or adopted amendments thereto, if any. The district school board 1371 shall then require the superintendent to transmit forthwith two 1372 copies of the adopted budget to the Department of Education for 1373 approval as prescribed by law and rules of the State Board of 1374 Education.

1375 Section 25. Subsection (2) of section 1011.60, Florida
1376 Statutes, is amended to read:

1377 1011.60 Minimum requirements of the Florida Education 1378 Finance Program.—Each district which participates in the state 1379 appropriations for the Florida Education Finance Program shall 1380 provide evidence of its effort to maintain an adequate school 1381 program throughout the district and shall meet at least the 1382 following requirements:

1383 (2) MINIMUM TERM.-Operate all schools for a term of 180 actual teaching days or the equivalent on an hourly basis as 1384 1385 specified by rules of the State Board of Education each school 1386 year. The State Board of Education may prescribe procedures for 1387 altering, and, upon written application, may alter, this requirement during a national, state, or local emergency as it 1388 1389 may apply to an individual school or schools in any district or 1390 districts if, in the opinion of the board, it is not feasible to

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1391 make up lost days or hours, and the apportionment may, at the 1392 discretion of the Commissioner of Education and if the board 1393 determines that the reduction of school days or hours is caused 1394 by the existence of a bona fide emergency, be reduced for such 1395 district or districts in proportion to the decrease in the 1396 length of term in any such school or schools. A strike, as 1397 defined in s. 447.203(6), by employees of the school district 1398 may not be considered an emergency.

Section 26. Paragraphs (m), (n), (o), (p), and (q) of subsection (1), paragraph (b) of subsection (6), paragraph (d) of subsection (7), and paragraph (a) of subsection (12) of section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1403 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual 1404 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each 1405 district for operation of schools is not determined in the 1406 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing 1407 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as 1408 follows:

(1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR OPERATION.—The following procedure shall be followed in determining the annual allocation to each district for operation:

(m) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on international baccalaureate examination scores of students.—A value of <u>0.1</u> 0.16 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled in an international baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each

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1420 student who receives an international baccalaureate diploma. 1421 Such value shall be added to the total full-time equivalent 1422 student membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in 1423 the subsequent fiscal year. The school district shall distribute 1424 to each classroom teacher who provided international 1425 baccalaureate instruction:

1426 1. A bonus in the amount of <u>\$25</u> \$50 for each student taught 1427 by the International Baccalaureate teacher in each international 1428 baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or higher on the 1429 international baccalaureate examination.

1430 2. An additional bonus of \$250 \$500 to each International 1431 Baccalaureate teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" 1432 or "F" who has at least one student scoring 4 or higher on the 1433 international baccalaureate examination, regardless of the 1434 number of classes taught or of the number of students scoring a 1435 4 or higher on the international baccalaureate examination.

1437Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph shall1438not exceed \$1,000 \$2,000 in any given school year and shall be1439in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher1440received or is scheduled to receive.

1441 (n) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on Advanced International Certificate of 1442 1443 Education examination scores of students. A value of 0.1 $\frac{0.16}{0.16}$ 1444 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for 1445 each student enrolled in a full-credit Advanced International 1446 Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.05 0.08 full-time 1447 1448 equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each

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1449 student enrolled in a half-credit Advanced International 1450 Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or 1451 higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.3 full-time 1452 equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each 1453 student who receives an Advanced International Certificate of 1454 Education diploma. Such value shall be added to the total full-1455 time equivalent student membership in basic programs for grades 1456 9 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year. The school district 1457 shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided Advanced 1458 International Certificate of Education instruction:

1459 1. A bonus in the amount of \$25 + 50 for each student taught 1460 by the Advanced International Certificate of Education teacher 1461 in each full-credit Advanced International Certificate of 1462 Education course who receives a score of E or higher on the Advanced International Certificate of Education examination. A 1463 1464 bonus in the amount of \$12.50 $\frac{25}{525}$ for each student taught by the Advanced International Certificate of Education teacher in each 1465 half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education 1466 1467 course who receives a score of E or higher on the Advanced 1468 International Certificate of Education examination.

1469 2. An additional bonus of \$250 \$500 to each Advanced 1470 International Certificate of Education teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" who has at least one 1471 1472 student scoring E or higher on the full-credit Advanced 1473 International Certificate of Education examination, regardless 1474 of the number of classes taught or of the number of students 1475 scoring an E or higher on the full-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education examination. 1476

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3. Additional bonuses of $\frac{$125}{$250}$ each to teachers of



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1478 half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education classes in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" which 1479 1480 has at least one student scoring an E or higher on the half-1481 credit Advanced International Certificate of Education 1482 examination in that class. The maximum additional bonus for a 1483 teacher awarded in accordance with this subparagraph shall not 1484 exceed \$250 \$500 in any given school year. Teachers receiving an award under subparagraph 2. are not eligible for a bonus under 1485 1486 this subparagraph.

Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph shall not exceed <u>\$1,000</u> \$2,000 in any given school year and shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive.

1492 (o) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent 1493 membership based on college board advanced placement scores of students.-A value of 0.1 0.16 full-time equivalent student 1494 1495 membership shall be calculated for each student in each advanced 1496 placement course who receives a score of 3 or higher on the 1497 College Board Advanced Placement Examination for the prior year 1498 and added to the total full-time equivalent student membership 1499 in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in the subsequent 1500 fiscal year. A student who receives a score of 3 or higher and 1501 did not take the advanced placement course is not eligible for 1502 the 0.1 FTE membership. Each district must allocate at least 80 1503 percent of the funds provided to the district for advanced 1504 placement instruction, in accordance with this paragraph, to the 1505 high school that generates the funds. The school district shall 1506 distribute to each classroom teacher who provided advanced

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placement instruction:

1. A bonus in the amount of \$25 \$50 for each student taught
by the Advanced Placement teacher in each advanced placement
course who receives a score of 3 or higher on the College Board
Advanced Placement Examination.

12 2. An additional bonus of <u>\$250</u> \$500 to each Advanced 13 Placement teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" or 14 "F" who has at least one student scoring 3 or higher on the 15 College Board Advanced Placement Examination, regardless of the 16 number of classes taught or of the number of students scoring a 17 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination.

Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph shall not exceed $\frac{1,000}{2,000}$ in any given school year and shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive.

(p) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on certification of successful completion of industry-certified career and professional academy programs pursuant to ss. 1003.491, 1003.492, and 1003.493 and identified in the Industry Certified Funding List pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education.—A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student who completes an industry-certified career and professional academy program under ss. 1003.491, 1003.492, and 1003.493 and who is issued the highest level of industry certification identified annually in the Industry Certification Funding List <u>approved</u> under rules adopted by the State Board of Education and a high school diploma. Such value shall be added



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1536 to the total full-time equivalent student membership in secondary career education programs for grades 9 through 12 in 1537 1538 the subsequent year for courses that were not funded through 1539 dual enrollment. The additional full-time equivalent membership 1540 authorized under this paragraph may not exceed 0.3 per student. 1541 Each district must allocate at least 80 percent of the funds 1542 provided for industry certification, in accordance with this 1543 paragraph, to the program that generated the funds. Unless a 1544 different amount is specified in the General Appropriations Act, 1545 the appropriation for this calculation is limited to \$15 million 1546 annually. If the appropriation is insufficient to fully fund the 1547 total calculation, the appropriation shall be prorated.

1548 (q) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent 1549 membership for the Florida Virtual School.—The reported full-1550 time equivalent student membership for the Florida Virtual 1551 School for students who are also enrolled in a school district 1552 shall be multiplied by 0.114, and such value shall be added to 1553 the total full-time equivalent student membership.

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(6) CATEGORICAL FUNDS.-

1555 (b) If a district school board finds and declares in a 1556 resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the school board that 1557 the funds received for any of the following categorical 1558 appropriations are urgently needed to maintain school board 1559 specified academic classroom instruction, the school board may 1560 consider and approve an amendment to the school district 1561 operating budget transferring the identified amount of the 1562 categorical funds to the appropriate account for expenditure: 1. Funds for student transportation. 1563

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2. Funds for safe schools.

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3. Funds for supplemental academic instruction.

4. Funds for research-based reading instruction.

1567 5. Funds for instructional materials if all instructional 1568 material purchases necessary to provide updated materials 1569 aligned to Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and 1570 benchmarks and that meet statutory requirements of content and 1571 learning have been completed for that fiscal year, but no sooner 1572 than March 1, 2011 2010. Funds available after March 1 may be 1573 used to purchase hardware used to provide student instruction.

(7) DETERMINATION OF SPARSITY SUPPLEMENT.-

1575 (d) Each district's allocation of sparsity supplement funds 1576 shall be adjusted in the following manner:

1. A maximum discretionary levy per FTE value for each district shall be calculated by dividing the value of each district's maximum discretionary levy by its FTE student count.

1580 2. A state average discretionary levy value per FTE shall be calculated by dividing the total maximum discretionary levy 1581 value for all districts by the state total FTE student count. 1582

1583 3. A total potential funds per FTE for each district shall 1584 be calculated by dividing the total potential funds, not 1585 including Florida School Recognition Program funds, Merit Award 1586 Program funds, and the minimum guarantee funds, for each 1587 district by its FTE student count.

1588 4. A state average total potential funds per FTE shall be 1589 calculated by dividing the total potential funds, not including 1590 Florida School Recognition Program funds, Merit Award Program 1591 funds, and the minimum guarantee funds, for all districts by the state total FTE student count. 1592

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5. For districts that have a levy value per FTE as



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1594 calculated in subparagraph 1. higher than the state average 1595 calculated in subparagraph 2., a sparsity wealth adjustment 1596 shall be calculated as the product of the difference between the 1597 state average levy value per FTE calculated in subparagraph 2. 1598 and the district's levy value per FTE calculated in subparagraph 1599 1. and the district's FTE student count and -1. However, no 1600 district shall have a sparsity wealth adjustment that, when 1601 applied to the total potential funds calculated in subparagraph 1602 3., would cause the district's total potential funds per FTE to 1603 be less than the state average calculated in subparagraph 4.

1604 6. Each district's sparsity supplement allocation shall be
1605 calculated by adding the amount calculated as specified in
1606 paragraphs (a) and (b) and the wealth adjustment amount
1607 calculated in this paragraph.

1608 (12) TOTAL ALLOCATION OF STATE FUNDS TO EACH DISTRICT FOR 1609 CURRENT OPERATION.—The total annual state allocation to each 1610 district for current operation for the FEFP shall be distributed 1611 periodically in the manner prescribed in the General 1612 Appropriations Act.

(a) If the funds appropriated for current operation of the
FEFP are not sufficient to pay the state requirement in full,
the department shall prorate the available state funds to each
district in the following manner:

1617 1. Determine the percentage of proration by dividing the 1618 sum of the total amount for current operation, as provided in 1619 this paragraph for all districts collectively, and the total 1620 district required local effort into the sum of the state funds 1621 available for current operation and the total district required 1622 local effort.

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1623 2. Multiply the percentage so determined by the sum of the 1624 total amount for current operation as provided in this paragraph 1625 and the required local effort for each individual district.

1626 3. From the product of such multiplication, subtract the 1627 required local effort of each district; and the remainder shall 1628 be the amount of state funds allocated to the district for 1629 current operation; however, no calculation subsequent to the 1630 appropriation shall result in negative state funds for any 1631 district.

1632 Section 27. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 1633 1011.64, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1634 1011.64 School district minimum classroom expenditure 1635 requirements.-

(4) In order for the Department of Education to monitor the implementation of this section, each school district which is required to increase emphasis on classroom activities from operating funds pursuant to subsection (1) shall submit to the department the following two reports in a format determined by the department:

(a) An initial report, which shall include the proposed
budget actions identified for increased classroom expenditures,
a description of how such actions are designed to improve
student achievement, and a copy of the published statement
required by <u>s. 1011.03(2)</u> s. 1011.03(3). This report shall be
submitted within 30 days after final budget approval as provided
in s. 200.065.

1649 Section 28. Subsection (1) of section 1011.67, Florida 1650 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1011.67 Funds for instructional materials.-

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1652 (1) The department is authorized to allocate and distribute 1653 to each district an amount as prescribed annually by the 1654 Legislature for instructional materials for student membership 1655 in basic and special programs in grades K-12, which will provide 1656 for growth and maintenance needs. For purposes of this 1657 subsection, unweighted full-time equivalent students enrolled in 1658 the lab schools in state universities are to be included as 1659 school district students and reported as such to the department. 1660 These funds shall be distributed to school districts as follows: 1661 50 percent on or about July 10; 35 percent on or about October 1662 10; 10 percent on or about January 10; and 5 percent on or about 1663 June 10. The annual allocation shall be determined as follows:

(a) The growth allocation for each school district shall becalculated as follows:

1666 1. Subtract from that district's projected full-time equivalent membership of students in basic and special programs in grades K-12 used in determining the initial allocation of the Florida Education Finance Program, the prior year's full-time equivalent membership of students in basic and special programs in grades K-12 for that district.

1672 2. Multiply any such increase in full-time equivalent 1673 student membership by the allocation for a set of instructional 1674 materials, as determined by the department, or as provided for 1675 in the General Appropriations Act.

1676 3. The amount thus determined shall be that district's 1677 initial allocation for growth for the school year. However, the 1678 department shall recompute and adjust the initial allocation 1679 based on actual full-time equivalent student membership data for 1680 that year.

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1681 (b) The maintenance of the instructional materials allocation for each school district shall be calculated by 1682 1683 multiplying each district's prior year full-time equivalent 1684 membership of students in basic and special programs in grades 1685 K-12 by the allocation for maintenance of a set of instructional 1686 materials as provided for in the General Appropriations Act. The amount thus determined shall be that district's initial 1687 1688 allocation for maintenance for the school year; however, the 1689 department shall recompute and adjust the initial allocation 1690 based on such actual full-time equivalent student membership 1691 data for that year.

(c) In the event the funds appropriated are not sufficient for the purpose of implementing this subsection in full, the department shall prorate the funds available for instructional materials after first funding in full each district's growth allocation.

1697 Section 29. Section 1011.66, Florida Statutes, is amended 1698 to read:

1699 1011.66 Distribution of FEFP funds.-The distribution of 1700 FEFP funds shall be made in payments on or about the 10th and 1701 26th of each month. Upon the request of any school district 1702 whose net state FEFP funding is less than 60 percent of its 1703 gross state and local FEFP funding, the Department of Education 1704 shall distribute to that school district in the first quarter of 1705 the fiscal year an amount from the funds appropriated for the 1706 FEFP in the General Appropriations Act up to a maximum of 15 1707 percent of that school district's gross state and local FEFP funding or that school district's net state FEFP funding, 1708 1709 whichever is less.

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1710 Section 30. Subsection (2) of section 1011.68, Florida 1711 Statutes, is amended to read:

1712 1011.68 Funds for student transportation.—The annual 1713 allocation to each district for transportation to public school 1714 programs, including charter schools as provided in s. 1715 1002.33(17)(b), of students in membership in kindergarten 1716 through grade 12 and in migrant and exceptional student programs 1717 below kindergarten shall be determined as follows:

1718 (2) The allocation for each district shall be calculated 1719 annually in accordance with the following formula:

1720 T = B + EX. The elements of this formula are defined as 1721 follows: T is the total dollar allocation for transportation. B 1722 is the base transportation dollar allocation prorated by an 1723 adjusted student membership count. The adjusted membership count 1724 shall be derived from a multiplicative index function in which 1725 the base student membership is adjusted by multiplying it by 1726 index numbers that individually account for the impact of the 1727 price level index, average bus occupancy, and the extent of 1728 rural population in the district. EX is the base transportation 1729 dollar allocation for disabled students prorated by an adjusted 1730 disabled student membership count. The base transportation 1731 dollar allocation for disabled students is the total state base 1732 disabled student membership count weighted for increased costs 1733 associated with transporting disabled students and multiplying 1734 it by an the prior year's average per student cost for 1735 transportation as determined by the Legislature. The adjusted 1736 disabled student membership count shall be derived from a 1737 multiplicative index function in which the weighted base 1738 disabled student membership is adjusted by multiplying it by

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1739 index numbers that individually account for the impact of the 1740 price level index, average bus occupancy, and the extent of 1741 rural population in the district. Each adjustment factor shall 1742 be designed to affect the base allocation by no more or less 1743 than 10 percent.

1744Section 31. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section17451011.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.71 District school tax.-

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1748 (b) In addition to the millage authorized in this section, 1749 each district school board may, by a super majority vote, levy 1750 an additional 0.25 mills for critical capital outlay needs or 1751 for critical operating needs. If levied for capital outlay, 1752 expenditures shall be subject to the requirements of this 1753 section. If levied for operations, expenditures shall be 1754 consistent with the requirements for operating funds received 1755 pursuant to s. 1011.62. If the district levies this additional 0.25 mills for operations, the compression adjustment pursuant 1756 1757 to s. 1011.62(5) shall be calculated and added to the district's 1758 FEFP allocation. Millage levied pursuant to this paragraph is 1759 subject to the provisions of s. 200.065. In order to be 1760 continued, millage levied pursuant to this paragraph must be approved by the voters of the district at the next general 1761 election. 1762

1763 Section 32. Subsection (2) of section 1011.73, Florida 1764 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1011.73 District millage elections.-

1766 (2) MILLAGE AUTHORIZED NOT TO EXCEED 4 YEARS.—The district1767 school board, pursuant to resolution adopted at a regular



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1768 meeting, shall direct the county commissioners to call an 1769 election at which the electors within the school district may 1770 approve an ad valorem tax millage as authorized under s. 1771 1011.71(9) s. 1011.71(8). Such election may be held at any time, 1772 except that not more than one such election shall be held during 1773 any 12-month period. Any millage so authorized shall be levied 1774 for a period not in excess of 4 years or until changed by 1775 another millage election, whichever is earlier. If any such 1776 election is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, 1777 such invalidated election shall be considered not to have been 1778 held.

1779Section 33. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section17801012.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1781 1012.33 Contracts with instructional staff, supervisors, 1782 and school principals.-

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1784 (q) Beginning July 1, 2001, for each employee who enters into a written contract, pursuant to this section, in a school 1785 1786 district in which the employee was not employed as of June 30, 2001, or was employed as of June 30, 2001, but has since broken 1787 1788 employment with that district for 1 school year or more, for 1789 purposes of pay, a district school board must recognize and 1790 accept each year of full-time public school teaching service 1791 earned in the State of Florida for which the employee received a 1792 satisfactory performance evaluation; however, an employee may 1793 voluntarily waive this provision. Instructional personnel 1794 employed pursuant to s. 121.091(9)(b) and (c) are exempt from 1795 the provisions of this paragraph.

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Section 34. Subsection (1) of section 1012.55, Florida

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1797 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.-1799 (1) The State Board of Education shall classify school 1800 services, designate the certification subject areas, establish 1801 competencies, including the use of technology to enhance student 1802 learning, and certification requirements for all school-based 1803 personnel, and adopt rules in accordance with which the 1804 professional, temporary, and part-time certificates shall be 1805 issued by the Department of Education to applicants who meet the 1806 standards prescribed by such rules for their class of service. 1807 Each person employed or occupying a position as school 1808 supervisor, school principal, teacher, library media specialist, 1809 school counselor, athletic coach, or other position in which the 1810 employee serves in an instructional capacity, in any public school of any district of this state shall hold the certificate 1811 1812 required by law and by rules of the State Board of Education in 1813 fulfilling the requirements of the law for the type of service 1814 rendered. Such positions include personnel providing direct 1815 instruction to students through a virtual environment or through 1816 a blended virtual and physical environment. The Department of 1817 Education shall identify appropriate educator certification for 1818 the instruction of specified courses in an annual publication of 1819 a directory of course code numbers for all programs and courses 1820 that are funded through the Florida Education Finance Program. 1821 However, the state board shall adopt rules authorizing district school boards to employ selected noncertificated personnel to 1822 1823 provide instructional services in the individuals' fields of specialty or to assist instructional staff members as education 1824 1825 paraprofessionals.

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1826Section 35. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (1) of1827section 1013.62, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1013.62 Charter schools capital outlay funding.-

(1) In each year in which funds are appropriated for charter school capital outlay purposes, the Commissioner of Education shall allocate the funds among eligible charter schools.

1833 (a) To be eligible for a funding allocation, a charter 1834 school must:

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1.a. Have been in operation for 3 or more years;

1836 b. Be governed by a governing board established in the 1837 state for 3 or more years which operates both charter schools 1838 and conversion charter schools within the state;

1839 c. Be an expanded feeder chain of a charter school within 1840 the same school district that is currently receiving charter 1841 school capital outlay funds; or

1842 d. Have been accredited by the Commission on Schools of the1843 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

1844 2. Have financial stability for future operation as a 1845 charter school.

18463. Have satisfactory student achievement based on state1847accountability standards applicable to the charter school.

18484. Have received final approval from its sponsor pursuant1849to s. 1002.33 for operation during that fiscal year.

1850 5. Serve students in facilities that are not provided by 1851 the charter school's sponsor <u>or that are provided by a business</u> 1852 <u>partner for a charter school-in-the-workplace pursuant to s.</u> 1853 <u>1002.33(15)(b)</u>.

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(d) A charter school is not eligible for a funding

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1855 allocation:

1856 <u>1.</u> If it was created by the conversion of a public school 1857 and operates in facilities provided by the charter school's 1858 sponsor for a nominal fee, or at no charge, or if it is directly 1859 or indirectly operated by the school district.

0 <u>2. If it was created as a charter school-in-the-workplace</u> 1 <u>and operates in facilities provided by the business partnership.</u> 2 Section 36. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of

section 1013.64, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1013.64 Funds for comprehensive educational plant needs; construction cost maximums for school district capital projects.—Allocations from the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund to the various boards for capital outlay projects shall be determined as follows:

1869 (2) (a) The department shall establish, as a part of the 1870 Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund, a 1871 separate account, in an amount determined by the Legislature, to be known as the "Special Facility Construction Account." The 1872 1873 Special Facility Construction Account shall be used to provide 1874 necessary construction funds to school districts which have 1875 urgent construction needs but which lack sufficient resources at 1876 present, and cannot reasonably anticipate sufficient resources 1877 within the period of the next 3 years, for these purposes from 1878 currently authorized sources of capital outlay revenue. A school 1879 district requesting funding from the Special Facility 1880 Construction Account shall submit one specific construction 1881 project, not to exceed one complete educational plant, to the Special Facility Construction Committee. No district shall 1882 1883 receive funding for more than one approved project in any 3-year

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1884 period. The first year of the 3-year period shall be the first 1885 year a district receives an appropriation. The department shall 1886 encourage a construction program that reduces the average size 1887 of schools in the district. The request must meet the following 1888 criteria to be considered by the committee:

1889 1. The project must be deemed a critical need and must be 1890 recommended for funding by the Special Facility Construction 1891 Committee. Prior to developing plans for the proposed facility, 1892 the district school board must request a preapplication review 1893 by the Special Facility Construction Committee or a project 1894 review subcommittee convened by the committee to include two 1895 representatives of the department and two staff from school 1896 districts not eligible to participate in the program. Within 60 1897 days after receiving the preapplication review request, the committee or subcommittee must meet in the school district to 1898 review the project proposal and existing facilities. To 1899 1900 determine whether the proposed project is a critical need, the 1901 committee or subcommittee shall consider, at a minimum, the 1902 capacity of all existing facilities within the district as 1903 determined by the Florida Inventory of School Houses; the 1904 district's pattern of student growth; the district's existing 1905 and projected capital outlay full-time equivalent student 1906 enrollment as determined by the department; the district's 1907 existing satisfactory student stations; the use of all existing 1908 district property and facilities; grade level configurations; 1909 and any other information that may affect the need for the 1910 proposed project.

19112. The construction project must be recommended in the most1912recent survey or surveys conducted and approved by the Office of



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1913 Educational Facilities with assistance of by the district under the rules of the State Board of Education. 1914

1915 3. The construction project must appear on the district's 1916 approved project priority list under the rules of the State Board of Education. 1917

1918 4. The district must have selected and had approved a site 1919 for the construction project in compliance with s. 1013.36 and 1920 the rules of the State Board of Education.

1921 5. With assistance of the Office of Educational Facilities, 1922 the district shall have developed a district school board 1923 adopted list of facilities that do not exceed the norm for net 1924 square feet occupancy requirements under the State Requirements 1925 for Educational Facilities, using all possible programmatic 1926 combinations for multiple use of space to obtain maximum daily 1927 use of all spaces within the facility under consideration.

1928 6. Upon construction, the total cost per student station, 1929 including change orders, must not exceed the cost per student station as provided in subsection (6). The total project may not 1930 1931 exceed the cost estimate approved by the Special Facility 1932 Construction Committee, and additional funding may not be added 1933 except for providential causes.

7. There shall be an agreement signed by the district 1934 school board stating that it will advertise for bids within 30 1935 1936 days of receipt of its encumbrance authorization from the 1937 department.

1938 8. The district shall, at the time of the request and for a 1939 continuing period of 3 years, levy the maximum millage against 1940 their nonexempt assessed property value as allowed in s. 1941 1011.71(2) or shall raise an equivalent amount of revenue from



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1942 the school capital outlay surtax authorized under s. 212.055(6). 1943 Any district with a new or active project, funded under the 1944 provisions of this subsection, shall be required to budget no 1945 more than the value of 1.5 mills per year to the project to 1946 satisfy the annual participation requirement in the Special 1947 Facility Construction Account.

1948 9. If a contract has not been signed 90 days after the 1949 advertising of bids, the funding for the specific project shall 1950 revert to the Special Facility New Construction Account to be 1951 reallocated to other projects on the list. However, an 1952 additional 90 days may be granted by the commissioner.

1953 10. The department shall certify the inability of the 1954 district to fund the survey-recommended project over a 1955 continuous 3-year period using projected capital outlay revenue 1956 derived from s. 9(d), Art. XII of the State Constitution, as 1957 amended, paragraph (3)(a) of this section, and s. 1011.71(2).

1958 11. The district shall have on file with the department an 1959 adopted resolution acknowledging its 3-year commitment of all 1960 unencumbered and future revenue acquired from s. 9(d), Art. XII 1961 of the State Constitution, as amended, paragraph (3)(a) of this 1962 section, and s. 1011.71(2).

1963 12. Final phase III plans must be certified by the board as 1964 complete and in compliance with the building and life safety 1965 codes, and reviewed and approved by the Office of Educational 1966 <u>Facilities</u>, prior to August 1.

(b) The Special Facility Construction Committee shall be
composed of the following: two representatives of the Department
of Education, a representative from the Governor's office, and
two representatives for school districts. The school district

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1971 representatives must be from districts that do not qualify for 1972 appropriations from the Special Facilities Construction Account 1973 and shall be a representative selected annually, one by the 1974 district school boards, and one a representative selected 1975 annually by the superintendents. 1976 Section 37. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 1977 ++++ of the General Appropriations Act for the 2010-2011 fiscal 1978 year, the calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program 1979 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year in the document entitled "Public 1980 School Funding - The Florida Education Finance Program," dated 1981 xx, 2010, and filed with the Secretary of the Senate are 1982 incorporated by reference for the purpose of displaying the 1983 calculations used by the Legislature, consistent with 1984 requirements of the Florida Statutes, in making appropriations

1985 for the Florida Education Finance Program.

1986Section 38. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this1987act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2010.