# The Florida Senate GOVERNOR'S VETO OF PORTIONS OF THE 2017 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT SB 2500

## SPECIFIC APPROPRIATION VETOED

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"The calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year are incorporated by reference in Senate Bill 2502. The calculations are the basis for the appropriations made in the General Appropriations Act in Specific Appropriations 7, 8, 9, 91, and 92."

Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 7 are allocated in Specific Appropriation 91."

#### **GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE**

"The [indicated project following Specific Appropriation 7] is vetoed because the amount of funding included in the Florida Education Finance Program should be higher in order to educate and prepare Florida's 2.8 million public kindergarten through grade 12 students for college and career."

### ANALYST COMMENT

This appropriation provided \$197,655,678 in recurring funds from the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund (EETF) and \$206,900,000 in nonrecurring funds from the EETF to the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). The FEFP is the primary mechanism for funding the operating costs of Florida school districts.

In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, \$276,772,458 in EETF funds were provided for this initiative.

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This initiative was funded in the amount of \$361,555,678 from the EETF in the House General Appropriations Bill. In the Senate General Appropriations Bill, it was funded in the amount of \$402,768,141 from the EETF. The Appropriations Conference funded the initiative in the amount of \$404,555,678.