

Committee on Education

CS/HB 337 — Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program

by K-12 Subcommittee and Rep. Fresen (SB 886 by Senator Montford)

The bill revises provisions of the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program providing flexibility for school districts to distribute funds to classroom teachers sooner for the purchase of supplemental materials and supplies for public school students assigned to them.

The bill requires school districts, by July 1 of each year, to determine the expected number of classroom teachers who will be employed by the district or a charter school in the district on September 1. As of July 1, if a teacher is expected to be employed by a school district or a charter school in the district on September 1, the district school board and each charter school board may provide the teacher with the teacher's proportionate share of funds by August 1. If a teacher's expected employment is determined after July 1, the district school board and each charter school board must provide the teacher with the teacher's proportionate share of funds by September 30, which is the current date for distribution of funds from the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 115-0