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The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

EDUCATION PRE-K - 12
Senator Legg, Chair
Senator Detert, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 13, 2016

TIME: 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Legg, Chair; Senator Detert, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Brandes, Bullard, Clemens, Gaetz, Galvano, Garcia, Montford, and Sobel

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
Workshop - Discussion on Class Size, Innovation, and Public School Choice			
Workshop - Update and Discussion on the Implementation of the Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program and on the following bill (no vote to be taken):			
1	SB 978 Legg (Compare H 7043)	Public School Teachers; Establishing the Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program; requiring a school district to annually submit the number of eligible teachers to the Department of Education; providing for funding and disbursement of funds, etc. ED 01/13/2016 Workshop-Discussed AED AP	Workshop-Discussed
Other Related Meeting Documents			



Class Size Reduction District-Operated Schools of Choice

The Florida Senate
Committee on Education Pre-K - 12
January 13, 2016

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District-Operated Schools of Choice Class Size Reduction

- **Section 1002.31, F.S., specifies that the average number of students at the school level shall be used as the basis for determining compliance with maximum class size requirements for a school or program that is a public school of choice.**

District-Operated Schools of Choice

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Number of District-Operated Schools	3,052	3,041	3,041
Number of District-Operated Schools of Choice	1,193	1,861	2,237
Percentage of District Schools	39.09%	61.20%	73.56%
Number of District-Operated Schools of Choice Not in Compliance with Class Size Requirements	37	22	18

Data above is prior to school district appeals for reporting errors and does not include charter schools or developmental research schools.

District-Operated Schools of Choice Class Size Funding Reduction

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Pre-Appeals Reduction	\$1,000,534	\$396,703	\$890,874
Post-Appeals Reduction	\$475,592	\$177,347	
Final Reduction after Restoration	\$118,898	\$44,337	

Data above does not include charter schools or developmental research schools.

District-Operated Schools of Choice

2014-15	School Average Actual	Class Average Pro Forma	Difference
FTE Students Out of Compliance	77.80	31,231.75	31,153.95
Funding Adjustment (prior to appeals)	\$396,703	\$162,397,493	\$162,000,790



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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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SENATOR JOHN LEGG

17th District

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October 19, 2015

Commissioner Pam Stewart
Florida Department of Education
Office of the Commissioner
Turlington Building, Suite 1514
325 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Commissioner Stewart:

Consistent with our oversight responsibilities, now that the October 2015-2016 Full-Time Equivalent student survey has been completed, the Senate Committee on Education Pre-K – 12 will be reviewing the compliance of school districts with class size requirements, as codified in Article IX, Section 1, of the Florida Constitution.

Since passage of the class size provisions, the Florida Legislature has implemented the policy in the interest of students obtaining a high quality education. Considerations have been made in class size compliance calculations, for unique public school district programs that support innovation and parental choice.

State policy has established innovation and parental choice as the key components for the class size standard to be calculated as a school average. Policy allows flexibility in the areas of public schools of choice, charter schools, and innovation schools of technology. Some school districts, however, have expanded the intent of state policy by naming themselves a “district of choice” or a “district of innovation,” or labeled many of their schools as “public schools of choice.”

Our committee will be reviewing the existing public policy, examining how it is being implemented, and discussing whether retention, modification, or elimination of the flexibility should occur moving forward.

REPLY TO:

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- ☐ 316 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5017

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ANDY GARDINER
President of the Senate

GARRETT RICHTER
President Pro Tempore

With that in mind, I ask for the assistance of the Florida Department of Education (DOE) in providing the following information, no later than **November 13, 2015**:

- Which districts have labeled themselves as “districts of choice” or “districts of innovation” or have named more than one-third of their schools within their respective district “public schools of choice”?
- Of these districts, what documentation does DOE have that:
 - Illustrates specific school level innovation?
 - Substantiates meaningful parental choice?
- What other criteria is considered by these districts and by DOE for conformity to statutory letter and intent?
- Since the 2010-2011 school year:
 - How many students have been affected by having the compliance calculation at the school average rather than class level?
 - How many classroom teaching positions have been eliminated or not needed by having the compliance calculation at the school average rather than class level?
 - How much money has each of these districts saved by having the compliance calculation at the school average rather than class level?

Florida voted for quality education and smaller class sizes, and concerns have been raised by parents, students, and teachers. I understand the magnitude of this request, especially in conjunction with your current duties as the Commissioner of Education. The abbreviated timeline is due to the 2016 Legislative Session beginning in January. Your assistance with this request is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



John Legg
Committee on Education Pre-K – 12, Chair

cc: President Andy Gardiner
Senator Don Gaetz, Chair, Education Appropriations Subcommittee
Senator Bill Montford, Vice Chair, Education Appropriations Subcommittee
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Commissioner of Education

November 13, 2015

The Honorable John Legg, Chair
Committee on Education Pre-K – 12
The Florida Senate
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404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Dear Chairman Legg:

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 19, 2015, in which you requested information related to compliance with class size requirements and schools of choice.

As authorized in section 1002.31(5), Florida Statutes, the calculation for compliance with maximum class size is calculated at the school average for a school or program that is a public school of choice. District-operated public schools of choice include district-designated public schools of choice, magnet schools and alternative schools. Attached is a schedule that presents for each district the total number of district-operated schools, the number of district-operated schools of choice and the relative percentages for 2013-14 and 2014-15. This schedule shows that, in 2013-14, 59 districts identified 1,193 district-operated schools of choice. There were 33 districts that identified more than one-third of their schools as a public school of choice. In 2014-15, 1,861 district-operated schools of choice in 58 districts were identified. There were 37 districts that identified more than one-third of their schools as a public school of choice.

On October 4, 2013, the department informed school districts of the legislative changes that measured class size compliance at the school average for schools of choice. This communication is attached. Because no statutory definition of schools of choice currently exists, school districts determine which of their schools are designated as schools of choice. This information is reported during each student membership survey using data elements created for this purpose and is stored on the student staff data base.

Although you requested information regarding the number of classroom teaching positions that have been eliminated due to the calculation of compliance at the school average for public schools of choice, information is not currently available to answer this question. Because staffing decisions at schools are influenced by many factors, including class sizes, the state database does not isolate a single factor as the cause of a staffing change.

The Honorable John Legg, Chair
November 13, 2015
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Information regarding class size compliance for public schools of choice measured at the class level has not yet been calculated. Programming changes are required to our student and staff databases in order to produce this calculation. Those changes, which are currently being made, will allow us to recalculate class size data to generate the information necessary to calculate the additional compliance funding adjustments that would result. We plan to provide this information by November 30, 2015.

I look forward to working with you on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Pam Stewart
Commissioner

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Attachments

cc: President Andy Gardiner

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2013-14 and 2014-15 District-Operated Schools and District-Operated Schools of Choice - Pre Appeals
(Does Not Include Charter Schools)

District	2013-14			2014-15		
	Total District-Operated Schools	District-Operated Shools of Choice	Choice School Percentage	Total District-Operated Schools	District-Operated Shools of Choice	Choice School Percentage
	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-
1 Alachua	42	40	95.24%	41	39	95.12%
2 Baker	6	2	33.33%	6	2	33.33%
3 Bay	35	31	88.57%	34	3	8.82%
4 Bradford	10	0	0.00%	8	1	12.50%
5 Brevard	90	13	14.44%	89	84	94.38%
6 Broward	234	221	94.44%	234	221	94.44%
7 Calhoun	5	5	100.00%	5	5	100.00%
8 Charlotte	21	1	4.76%	20	1	5.00%
9 Citrus	21	1	4.76%	21	1	4.76%
10 Clay	42	42	100.00%	42	42	100.00%
11 Collier	55	55	100.00%	55	55	100.00%
12 Columbia	15	1	6.67%	16	1	6.25%
13 Miami-Dade	333	45	13.51%	332	287	86.45%
14 DeSoto	8	4	50.00%	7	3	42.86%
15 Dixie	4	4	100.00%	4	4	100.00%
16 Duval	163	21	12.88%	163	158	96.93%
17 Escambia	55	39	70.91%	56	51	91.07%
18 Flagler	10	10	100.00%	10	10	100.00%
19 Franklin	2	1	50.00%	1	0	0.00%
20 Gadsden	16	15	93.75%	17	11	64.71%
21 Gilchrist	4	2	50.00%	4	2	50.00%
22 Glades	5	1	20.00%	5	0	0.00%
23 Gulf	4	4	100.00%	4	4	100.00%
24 Hamilton	5	0	0.00%	5	0	0.00%
25 Hardee	8	6	75.00%	8	6	75.00%
26 Hendry	12	2	16.67%	13	2	15.38%
27 Hernando	23	5	21.74%	23	5	21.74%
28 Highlands	18	0	0.00%	18	0	0.00%
29 Hillsborough	236	32	13.56%	232	29	12.50%
30 Holmes	8	8	100.00%	8	8	100.00%
31 Indian River	21	4	19.05%	21	4	19.05%
32 Jackson	16	13	81.25%	16	14	87.50%
33 Jefferson	2	0	0.00%	2	0	0.00%
34 Lafayette	2	2	100.00%	2	2	100.00%
35 Lake	43	5	11.63%	42	4	9.52%
36 Lee	85	79	92.94%	85	79	92.94%
37 Leon	43	42	97.67%	44	43	97.73%
38 Levy	12	12	100.00%	11	11	100.00%
39 Liberty	5	3	60.00%	5	3	60.00%
40 Madison	6	3	50.00%	6	3	50.00%
41 Manatee	63	57	90.48%	60	55	91.67%
42 Marion	53	5	9.43%	53	50	94.34%
43 Martin	26	21	80.77%	26	2	7.69%
44 Monroe	12	12	100.00%	12	12	100.00%
45 Nassau	15	0	0.00%	15	0	0.00%
46 Okaloosa	39	7	17.95%	39	7	17.95%
47 Okeechobee	10	10	100.00%	9	1	11.11%
48 Orange	197	20	10.15%	196	19	9.69%
49 Osceola	49	13	26.53%	47	15	31.91%
50 Palm Beach	177	25	14.12%	177	153	86.44%
51 Pasco	78	78	100.00%	78	78	100.00%
52 Pinellas	123	25	20.33%	127	24	18.90%
53 Polk	119	23	19.33%	121	69	57.02%
54 Putnam	18	0	0.00%	18	0	0.00%
55 St. Johns	36	2	5.56%	38	2	5.26%
56 St. Lucie	38	33	86.84%	38	33	86.84%
57 Santa Rosa	32	0	0.00%	32	0	0.00%
58 Sarasota	47	44	93.62%	46	43	93.48%
59 Seminole	61	18	29.51%	61	61	100.00%
60 Sumter	9	1	11.11%	8	1	12.50%
61 Suwannee	9	1	11.11%	8	1	12.50%
62 Taylor	7	0	0.00%	7	0	0.00%
63 Union	4	1	25.00%	4	1	25.00%
64 Volusia	73	5	6.85%	73	5	6.85%
65 Wakulla	11	10	90.91%	11	10	90.91%
66 Walton	14	1	7.14%	15	14	93.33%
67 Washington	7	7	100.00%	7	7	100.00%
Total	3,052	1,193	39.09%	3,041	1,861	61.20%

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NOTE No. 2014-02
Revised



Florida Department of Education
Pam Stewart, Commissioner

School Business Services
Office of Funding and Financial Reporting

Contact: Mark Eggers
Phone: 850-245-0405

Implementation of 2013 Legislation

DATE: October 4, 2013

TO: District School Superintendents
District Finance Officers

FROM: Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner
Division of Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: Implementation of 2013 Legislation

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The 2013 Legislature passed legislation that affects the calculation of compliance with class size requirements for blended learning courses and schools of choice. This technical assistance memorandum provides guidance on implementation and also clarifies full-time equivalent (FTE) student reporting for a franchise of the Florida Virtual School.

Blended Learning

Section 3 of Chapter 2013-225, Laws of Florida (L.O.F.), amends Section 1003.01(14), Florida Statutes (F.S.), excluding blended learning courses from the definition of core-curricula courses for the purpose of designating classes that are subject to maximum class size requirements. As defined in Section 1002.321(4)(e), F.S., a blended learning course consists of both traditional classroom and online instruction. As required by Section 4 of Chapter 2013-225, L.O.F., a data element has been established to identify blended learning courses. Blended courses will not be included in the calculation of class size requirements beginning with the October 2013 student enrollment survey.

Public Schools of Choice

Section 1002.31, F.S., as amended by House Bill 7009, specifies that the average number of students at the school level shall be used as the basis for determining compliance with maximum class size requirements for a school or program that is a public school of choice.

Franchise of the Florida Virtual School

Section 1002.45(1)(c), F.S., authorizes school districts to establish a franchise with the Florida Virtual School as an option for providing virtual instruction programs. Section 1002.45(7), F.S., stipulates that funding is based on course completions or the prescribed level of content, pursuant to Section 1011.61(1)(c)1.b.(III) or (IV), F.S. The full-time equivalent student enrollment generated by a student who completes a course through a franchise of the Florida Virtual School must be based on completions or the prescribed level of content and may not be based on seat-time enrollment.

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cc: District FTE Administrators
District MIS Directors

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November 30, 2015

The Honorable John Legg, Chair
Committee on Education Pre-K – 12
The Florida Senate
316 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Dear Chairman Legg:

On November 13, 2015, information related to compliance with class size requirements and district-operated schools of choice was provided in response to your October 19, 2015, request. This communication provides additional information in response to your request.

In Attachment 1, comparison of October 2014 district class size averages in district-operated schools of choice with class size maximums shows that, except for one instance, all district averages are at or below the applicable limit (18, 22 or 25 students) for each grade group.

Attachment 2 compares the number of FTE students in district-operated schools of choice above the class size maximums measured at the classroom level with the number of FTE students above the class size maximums measured at the school average. Prior to class size appeals in October 2014, there were 82.17 FTE students statewide out of compliance at the school average in district-operated schools of choice. Had the calculation of compliance been measured at the classroom level, there would have been 31,257.25 FTE students out of compliance, a difference of 31,175.08 FTE students.

Class size funding adjustments of \$162,529,202 would have resulted for district-operated schools of choice had the measure of compliance been the class average (see Attachment 3). The actual initial funding adjustments were \$421,513, representing a difference of \$162,107,689.

The Honorable John Legg, Chair

November 30, 2015

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Please let me know if you need additional information. I look forward to working with you on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Pam Stewart
Commissioner

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Attachments

cc: President Andy Gardiner, The Florida Senate

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2014-15 Class Size Reduction Summary (Prior to Appeals)

District	District-Operated Schools of Choice Class Size Average			Class Size Maximums			Difference		
	Grades K-3	Grades 4-8	Grades 9-12	Grades K-3	Grades 4-8	Grades 9-12	Grades K-3	Grades 4-8	Grades 9-12
	-1-	-2-	-3-	-5-	-6-	-7-	-9-	-10-	-11-
1 Alachua	16.45	18.18	21.39	18	22	25	-	-	-
2 Baker	15.85	-	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
3 Bay	6.21	12.51	14.88	18	22	25	-	-	-
4 Bradford	-	9.12	2.80	18	22	25	-	-	-
5 Brevard	16.37	18.94	20.50	18	22	25	-	-	-
6 Broward	16.74	20.08	21.98	18	22	25	-	-	-
7 Calhoun	13.84	15.94	15.32	18	22	25	-	-	-
8 Charlotte	-	-	9.00	18	22	25	-	-	-
9 Citrus	-	14.83	10.44	18	22	25	-	-	-
10 Clay	15.12	17.01	18.22	18	22	25	-	-	-
11 Collier	16.47	19.17	20.74	18	22	25	-	-	-
12 Columbia	6.00	9.00	13.72	18	22	25	-	-	-
13 Dade	14.81	17.81	20.92	18	22	25	-	-	-
14 DeSoto	17.37	20.44	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
15 Dixie	15.83	14.97	18.26	18	22	25	-	-	-
16 Duval	15.71	19.05	22.12	18	22	25	-	-	-
17 Escambia	15.71	18.17	19.93	18	22	25	-	-	-
18 Flagler	16.44	19.21	20.71	18	22	25	-	-	-
19 Franklin	-	-	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
20 Gadsden	15.14	15.58	17.21	18	22	25	-	-	-
21 Gilchrist	-	15.05	17.69	18	22	25	-	-	-
22 Glades	-	-	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
23 Gulf	17.35	17.34	16.66	18	22	25	-	-	-
24 Hamilton	-	-	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
25 Hardee	16.43	16.36	1.00	18	22	25	-	-	-
26 Hendry	-	3.00	4.23	18	22	25	-	-	-
27 Hernando	16.43	17.86	20.54	18	22	25	-	-	-
28 Highlands	-	-	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
29 Hillsborough	15.75	16.80	16.99	18	22	25	-	-	-
30 Holmes	16.65	16.94	14.41	18	22	25	-	-	-
31 Indian River	17.40	19.00	5.33	18	22	25	-	-	-
32 Jackson	16.07	17.25	16.94	18	22	25	-	-	-
33 Jefferson	-	-	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
34 Lafayette	17.57	20.59	18.63	18	22	25	-	-	-
35 Lake	15.10	17.57	8.00	18	22	25	-	-	-
36 Lee	16.92	19.56	20.40	18	22	25	-	-	-
37 Leon	16.20	18.57	21.52	18	22	25	-	-	-
38 Levy	16.97	18.02	19.31	18	22	25	-	-	-
39 Liberty	14.31	16.96	17.50	18	22	25	-	-	-
40 Madison	16.94	17.87	13.00	18	22	25	-	-	-
41 Manatee	16.19	19.32	21.54	18	22	25	-	-	-
42 Marion	14.84	15.94	17.68	18	22	25	-	-	-
43 Martin	-	7.61	19.78	18	22	25	-	-	-
44 Monroe	15.02	16.84	18.37	18	22	25	-	-	-
45 Nassau	-	-	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
46 Okaloosa	10.74	12.71	10.90	18	22	25	-	-	-
47 Okeechobee	9.00	11.00	13.20	18	22	25	-	-	-
48 Orange	14.67	12.04	9.82	18	22	25	-	-	-
49 Osceola	16.06	17.04	19.57	18	22	25	-	-	-
50 Palm Beach	15.46	18.20	21.11	18	22	25	-	-	-
51 Pasco	15.72	18.73	20.47	18	22	25	-	-	-
52 Pinellas	16.75	18.50	16.60	18	22	25	-	-	-
53 Polk	16.65	18.33	21.85	18	22	25	-	-	-
54 Putnam	-	-	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
55 St. Johns	-	9.19	10.59	18	22	25	-	-	-
56 St. Lucie	16.73	19.33	13.14	18	22	25	-	-	-
57 Santa Rosa	-	-	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
58 Sarasota	15.72	17.43	17.80	18	22	25	-	-	-
59 Seminole	16.47	18.55	20.36	18	22	25	-	-	-
60 Sumter	-	11.33	11.41	18	22	25	-	-	-
61 Suwannee	-	11.16	12.00	18	22	25	-	-	-
62 Taylor	-	-	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
63 Union	-	18.00	16.33	18	22	25	-	-	-
64 Volusia	-	3.72	3.14	18	22	25	-	-	-
65 Wakulla	16.73	18.54	14.45	18	22	25	-	-	-
66 Walton	17.20	19.34	20.03	18	22	25	-	-	-
67 Washington	14.32	15.63	19.11	18	22	25	-	-	-
68 Washington Special	-	-	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
69 FAMU Lab School	17.22	16.15	15.77	18	22	25	-	-	-
70 FAU - Palm Beach	18.36	20.86	20.58	18	22	25	0.36	-	-
71 FAU - St. Lucie	-	-	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
72 FSU Lab - Broward	-	-	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
73 FSU Lab - Leon	-	-	-	18	22	25	-	-	-
74 UF Lab School	17.43	22.00	23.18	18	22	25	-	-	-
75 Virtual School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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District	District-Operated Schools of Choice School Average - FTE Out of Compliance				District-Operated Schools of Choice Class Average - FTE Out of Compliance				Difference			
	Grades K-3	Grades 4-8	Grades 9-12	Total	Grades K-3	Grades 4-8	Grades 9-12	Total	Grades K-3	Grades 4-8	Grades 9-12	Total
	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	-7-	-8-	-9-	-10-	-11-	-12-
1 Alachua	-	-	-	-	224.15	246.22	161.37	631.74	224.15	246.22	161.37	631.74
2 Baker	-	-	-	-	10.57	-	-	10.57	10.57	-	-	10.57
3 Bay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Bradford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Brevard	-	-	-	-	381.22	374.43	100.16	855.81	381.22	374.43	100.16	855.81
6 Broward	-	-	-	-	873.40	695.33	305.18	1,873.91	873.40	695.33	305.18	1,873.91
7 Calhoun	-	-	-	-	14.88	19.11	2.41	36.40	14.88	19.11	2.41	36.40
8 Charlotte	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 Citrus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 Clay	-	-	-	-	65.43	50.86	24.65	140.94	65.43	50.86	24.65	140.94
11 Collier	-	-	-	-	221.47	320.91	201.24	743.62	221.47	320.91	201.24	743.62
12 Columbia	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.83	0.83	-	-	0.83	0.83
13 Dade	-	5.21	-	5.21	3,406.97	3,656.20	2,313.20	9,376.37	3,406.97	3,650.99	2,313.20	9,371.16
14 DeSoto	-	-	-	-	120.92	39.28	-	160.20	120.92	39.28	-	160.20
15 Dixie	-	-	-	-	28.59	0.76	2.55	31.90	28.59	0.76	2.55	31.90
16 Duval	-	-	-	-	1,730.87	1,506.47	868.26	4,105.60	1,730.87	1,506.47	868.26	4,105.60
17 Escambia	-	-	-	-	359.61	217.68	70.54	647.83	359.61	217.68	70.54	647.83
18 Flagler	-	-	-	-	51.22	57.06	23.01	131.29	51.22	57.06	23.01	131.29
19 Franklin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Gadsden	-	-	-	-	48.44	5.17	12.75	66.36	48.44	5.17	12.75	66.36
21 Gilchrist	-	-	-	-	-	4.36	5.30	9.66	-	4.36	5.30	9.66
22 Glades	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Gulf	-	-	-	-	42.92	7.18	1.57	51.67	42.92	7.18	1.57	51.67
24 Hamilton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 Hardee	-	-	-	-	44.69	1.13	-	45.82	44.69	1.13	-	45.82
26 Hendry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27 Hernando	-	-	-	-	-	3.58	-	3.58	-	3.58	-	3.58
28 Highlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29 Hillsborough	-	-	-	-	12.94	3.23	20.99	37.16	12.94	3.23	20.99	37.16
30 Holmes	0.77	-	-	0.77	25.35	25.23	0.68	51.26	24.58	25.23	0.68	50.49
31 Indian River	-	-	-	-	5.81	0.84	-	6.65	5.81	0.84	-	6.65
32 Jackson	-	-	-	-	29.17	9.07	3.26	41.50	29.17	9.07	3.26	41.50
33 Jefferson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34 Lafayette	-	6.64	-	6.64	19.53	17.00	1.70	38.23	19.53	10.36	1.70	31.59
35 Lake	-	-	-	-	2.70	6.03	-	8.73	2.70	6.03	-	8.73
36 Lee	-	-	2.80	2.80	608.59	1,123.70	318.62	2,050.91	608.59	1,123.70	315.82	2,048.11
37 Leon	-	-	-	-	337.74	284.25	159.65	781.64	337.74	284.25	159.65	781.64
38 Levy	5.72	-	-	5.72	52.64	62.24	34.66	149.54	46.92	62.24	34.66	143.82
39 Liberty	-	-	-	-	4.24	1.27	-	5.51	4.24	1.27	-	5.51
40 Madison	-	-	-	-	16.39	3.52	-	19.91	16.39	3.52	-	19.91
41 Manatee	10.15	23.35	0.93	34.43	445.50	314.94	94.80	855.24	435.35	291.59	93.87	820.81
42 Marion	6.65	-	1.20	7.85	731.92	271.07	97.00	1,099.99	725.27	271.07	95.80	1,092.14
43 Martin	-	-	-	-	-	0.23	-	0.23	-	0.23	-	0.23
44 Monroe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 Nassau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46 Okaloosa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47 Okeechobee	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.16	0.16	-	-	0.16	0.16
48 Orange	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49 Osceola	-	-	-	-	-	5.11	10.93	16.04	-	5.11	10.93	16.04
50 Palm Beach	-	-	-	-	433.14	761.08	888.55	2,082.77	433.14	761.08	888.55	2,082.77
51 Pasco	-	6.88	2.34	9.22	347.39	728.36	288.42	1,364.17	347.39	721.48	286.08	1,354.95
52 Pinellas	-	-	-	-	0.84	-	-	0.84	0.84	-	-	0.84
53 Polk	-	-	-	-	212.44	603.84	894.14	1,710.42	212.44	603.84	894.14	1,710.42
54 Putnam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 St. Johns	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56 St. Lucie	-	-	-	-	239.57	395.05	0.63	635.25	239.57	395.05	0.63	635.25
57 Santa Rosa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58 Sarasota	2.44	-	0.40	2.84	91.16	77.56	1.71	170.43	88.72	77.56	1.31	167.59
59 Seminole	-	-	-	-	202.01	287.97	413.04	903.02	202.01	287.97	413.04	903.02
60 Sumter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
61 Suwannee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
62 Taylor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
63 Union	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
64 Volusia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 Wakulla	-	-	-	-	33.92	35.84	-	69.76	33.92	35.84	-	69.76
66 Walton	2.32	-	-	2.32	85.96	95.83	19.36	201.15	83.64	95.83	19.36	198.83
67 Washington	-	-	-	-	2.95	0.28	3.91	7.14	2.95	0.28	3.91	7.14
68 Washington Special	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
69 FAMU Lab School	-	-	-	-	0.98	-	-	0.98	0.98	-	-	0.98
70 FAU - Palm Beach	4.37	-	-	4.37	4.90	14.79	1.02	20.71	0.53	14.79	1.02	16.34
71 FAU - St. Lucie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
72 FSU Lab - Broward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
73 FSU Lab - Leon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
74 UF Lab School	-	-	-	-	-	2.25	1.56	3.81	-	2.25	1.56	3.81
75 Virtual School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	32.42	42.08	7.67	82.17	11,573.13	12,336.31	7,347.81	31,257.25	11,540.71	12,294.23	7,340.14	31,175.08

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2014-15 Class Size Reduction Summary (Prior to Appeals)

District	District-Operated Schools of Choice Funding Reduction - School Average				District-Operated Schools of Choice Funding Reduction - Class Average				Difference			
	Grades K-3	Grades 4-8	Grades 9-12	Total	Grades K-3	Grades 4-8	Grades 9-12	Total	Grades K-3	Grades 4-8	Grades 9-12	Total
	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	-7-	-8-	-9-	-10-	-11-	-12-
1 Alachua	-	-	-	-	1,217,468	1,195,535	784,651	3,197,654	1,217,468	1,195,535	784,651	3,197,654
2 Baker	-	-	-	-	57,051	-	-	57,051	57,051	-	-	57,051
3 Bay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Bradford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Brevard	-	-	-	-	2,135,178	1,873,550	501,657	4,510,385	2,135,178	1,873,550	501,657	4,510,385
6 Broward	-	-	-	-	4,970,912	3,527,541	1,549,766	10,048,219	4,970,912	3,527,541	1,549,766	10,048,219
7 Calhoun	-	-	-	-	76,988	88,009	11,108	176,105	76,988	88,009	11,108	176,105
8 Charlotte	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 Citrus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 Clay	-	-	-	-	360,158	250,015	121,409	731,582	360,158	250,015	121,409	731,582
11 Collier	-	-	-	-	1,254,167	1,619,359	1,015,144	3,888,670	1,254,167	1,619,359	1,015,144	3,888,670
12 Columbia	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,944	3,944	-	-	-	3,944
13 Dade	-	26,082	-	26,082	19,172,394	18,398,376	11,647,409	49,218,179	19,172,394	18,372,294	11,647,409	49,192,097
14 DeSoto	-	-	-	-	651,834	189,124	-	840,958	651,834	189,124	-	840,958
15 Dixie	-	-	-	-	149,273	3,545	11,873	164,691	149,273	3,545	11,873	164,691
16 Duval	-	-	-	-	9,698,349	7,551,715	4,369,801	21,619,865	9,698,349	7,551,715	4,369,801	21,619,865
17 Escambia	-	-	-	-	1,935,625	1,046,792	340,328	3,322,745	1,935,625	1,046,792	340,328	3,322,745
18 Flagler	-	-	-	-	270,452	269,446	108,723	648,621	270,452	269,446	108,723	648,621
19 Franklin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Gadsden	-	-	-	-	254,237	24,239	60,042	338,518	254,237	24,239	60,042	338,518
21 Gilchrist	-	-	-	-	-	20,671	25,144	45,815	-	20,671	25,144	45,815
22 Glades	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Gulf	-	-	-	-	226,661	33,404	7,369	267,434	226,661	33,404	7,369	267,434
24 Hamilton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 Hardee	-	-	-	-	238,948	5,399	-	244,347	238,948	5,399	-	244,347
26 Hendry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27 Hernando	-	-	-	-	-	17,243	-	17,243	-	17,243	-	17,243
28 Highlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29 Hillsborough	-	-	-	-	72,445	16,159	105,218	193,822	72,445	16,159	105,218	193,822
30 Holmes	3,982	-	-	3,982	130,700	116,192	3,133	250,025	126,718	116,192	3,133	246,043
31 Indian River	-	-	-	-	32,033	4,129	-	36,162	32,033	4,129	-	36,162
32 Jackson	-	-	-	-	151,672	42,204	15,200	209,076	151,672	42,204	15,200	209,076
33 Jefferson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34 Lafayette	-	30,408	-	30,408	100,058	77,957	7,806	185,821	100,058	47,549	7,806	155,413
35 Lake	-	-	-	-	14,629	29,158	-	43,787	14,629	29,158	-	43,787
36 Lee	-	-	14,050	14,050	3,421,513	5,645,888	1,602,310	10,669,711	3,421,513	5,645,888	1,588,260	10,655,661
37 Leon	-	-	-	-	1,800,470	1,352,111	761,580	3,914,161	1,800,470	1,352,111	761,580	3,914,161
38 Levy	30,266	-	-	30,266	278,517	294,458	163,756	736,731	248,251	294,458	163,756	706,465
39 Liberty	-	-	-	-	22,178	5,909	-	28,087	22,178	5,909	-	28,087
40 Madison	-	-	-	-	83,722	16,083	-	99,805	83,722	16,083	-	99,805
41 Manatee	56,631	116,544	4,637	177,812	2,498,237	1,575,442	474,602	4,548,281	2,441,606	1,458,898	469,965	4,370,469
42 Marion	35,340	-	5,710	41,050	3,905,423	1,290,632	462,895	5,658,950	3,870,083	1,290,632	457,185	5,617,900
43 Martin	-	-	-	-	-	1,142	-	1,142	-	1,142	-	1,142
44 Monroe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 Nassau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46 Okaloosa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47 Okeechobee	-	-	-	-	-	-	765	765	-	-	765	765
48 Orange	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49 Osceola	-	-	-	-	-	25,024	53,578	78,602	-	25,024	53,578	78,602
50 Palm Beach	-	-	-	-	2,468,859	3,876,928	4,531,774	10,877,561	2,468,859	3,876,928	4,531,774	10,877,561
51 Pasco	-	33,613	11,475	45,088	1,921,468	3,581,314	1,419,937	6,922,719	1,921,468	3,547,701	1,408,462	6,877,631
52 Pinellas	-	-	-	-	4,675	-	-	4,675	4,675	-	-	4,675
53 Polk	-	-	-	-	1,157,963	2,947,927	4,371,822	8,477,712	1,157,963	2,947,927	4,371,822	8,477,712
54 Putnam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 St. Johns	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56 St. Lucie	-	-	-	-	1,312,660	1,936,020	3,091	3,251,771	1,312,660	1,936,020	3,091	3,251,771
57 Santa Rosa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58 Sarasota	13,529	-	1,986	15,515	510,455	387,339	8,568	906,362	496,926	387,339	6,582	890,847
59 Seminole	-	-	-	-	1,112,455	1,417,354	2,033,119	4,562,928	1,112,455	1,417,354	2,033,119	4,562,928
60 Sumter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
61 Suwannee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
62 Taylor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
63 Union	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
64 Volusia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 Wakulla	-	-	-	-	178,831	169,090	-	347,921	178,831	169,090	-	347,921
66 Walton	12,450	-	-	12,450	461,279	459,845	92,991	1,014,115	448,829	459,845	92,991	1,001,665
67 Washington	-	-	-	-	15,360	1,297	18,118	34,775	15,360	1,297	18,118	34,775
68 Washington Special	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
69 FAMU Lab School	-	-	-	-	5,185	-	-	5,185	5,185	-	-	5,185
70 FAU - Palm Beach	24,810	-	-	24,810	27,819	75,049	5,181	108,049	3,009	75,049	5,181	83,239
71 FAU - St. Lucie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
72 FSU Lab - Broward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
73 FSU Lab - Leon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
74 UF Lab School	-	-	-	-	-	10,905	7,570	18,475	-	10,905	7,570	18,475
75 Virtual School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	177,008	206,647	37,858	421,513	64,358,301	61,469,519	36,701,382	162,529,202	64,181,293	61,262,872	36,663,524	162,107,689

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01/13/2016

Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Class size- Schools of Choice

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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City

State

Zip

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Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☒ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Florida Department of Education

Appearing at request of Chair: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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1/13/15

Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic CLASS SIZE

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☒ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Broward County Public Schools

Appearing at request of Chair: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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1-13-16

Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic _____

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing _____

Appearing at request of Chair: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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1/13/14
Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic CLASS SIZE Reduction

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Pasco District Schools

Appearing at request of Chair: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic CLASS SIZE CALCULATION

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing _____

Appearing at request of Chair: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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1-13-16

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Class Size calculation

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☒ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
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Representing Escambia School District

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Florida's Best & Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program

Senate Education Pre K -12
Brian Dassler, Deputy Chancellor
January 13, 2016



Overview of Program Authorization

2015 General Appropriations Act Proviso Language

- Funds in Specific Appropriation 99A are provided to implement Florida's Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program. The funds shall be used to award a maximum of 4,402 teachers with a \$10,000 scholarship based on high academic achievement on the SAT or ACT. To be eligible for a scholarship, a teacher must have scored at or above the 80th percentile on either the SAT or the ACT based upon the percentile ranks in effect when the teacher took the assessment and have been evaluated as highly effective pursuant to section 1012.34, Florida Statutes, or if the teacher is a first-year teacher who has not been evaluated pursuant to section 1012.34, Florida Statutes, must have scored at or above the 80th percentile on either the SAT or the ACT based upon the percentile ranks in effect when the teacher took the assessment. In order to demonstrate eligibility for an award, an eligible teacher must submit to the school district, no later than October 1, 2015, an official record of his or her SAT or ACT score demonstrating that the teacher scored at or above the 80th percentile based upon the percentile ranks in effect when the teacher took the assessment. By December 1, 2015, each school district, charter school governing board, and the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind shall submit to the department the number of eligible teachers who qualify for the scholarship. By February 1, 2016, the department shall disburse scholarship funds to each school district for each eligible teacher to receive a scholarship. By April 1, 2016, each school district, charter school governing board, and the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind shall provide payment of the scholarship to each eligible teacher. If the number of eligible teachers exceeds the total the department shall prorate the per teacher scholarship amount.

Overview of Program

Definitions

1. Classroom teacher: per s. 1012.01 (2)(a), F.S., classroom teachers are defined as staff members assigned the professional activity of instructing students in courses in classroom situations, including basic instruction, exceptional student education, career education, and adult education, including substitute teachers.
2. Evaluation rating requirement per s. 1012.34, F.S.:
Rated highly effective for 2013-14 or 2014-15

Overview of Program

Eligibility Requirements / New Classroom Teachers

- Submission of official ACT report with a composite score at or above 80th percentile; or
- Submission of official SAT report with scores for both Critical Reading and Mathematics at or above the 80th percentile
- No evaluation rating requirement

Overview of Program

Eligibility Requirements / Current Classroom Teachers

- Submission of official ACT report with a composite score at or above 80th percentile; or
- Submission of official SAT report with scores for both Critical Reading and Mathematics at or above the 80th percentile
- Rated as highly effective on most recent evaluation (2013-2014 or 2014-2015)

Administration of Program

Deadlines for Eligibility

- Eligible teachers submit ACT or SAT official score reports to school district by October 1.
- School districts, charter schools and Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind provide number of eligible teachers to the Department by December 1.
- Department disburses funds prescribed in the legislative General Appropriations Act to each school district for eligible teachers by February 1.
- Each school district, charter school and Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind provides payment to each eligible teacher by April 1.

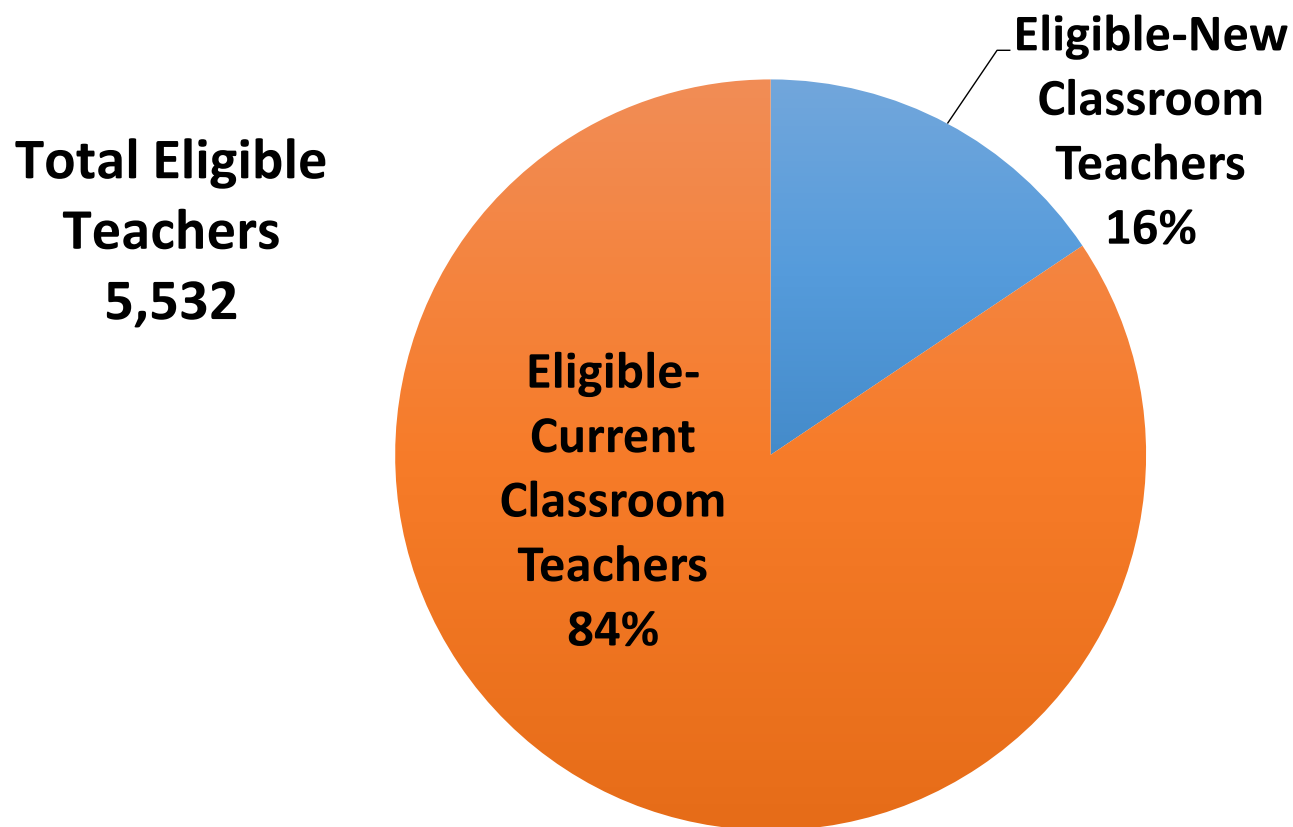
Administration of Program

Implementation Guidance to Districts

- DPS Memo #2015-116 distributed 7/27/15
- DPS Memo #2015-145 distributed 9/4/15 to include Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Information added to the FLDOE.org homepage
(Total page hits as of 1/5/16: 10,662)
- Information added to TeachinFlorida.com
(Total Page Hits as of 1/5/2016: 525)
- Email sent to all teachers via Just for Teachers 7/27/15
- Email sent to all Principals 7/27/15

Administration of Program Eligibility Comparison

2015-16 Best and Brightest Eligible Classroom Teachers



Source: Florida School Districts



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By Senator Legg

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public school teachers; creating s. 1012.731, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining the term "school district"; establishing the Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program; providing eligibility criteria; requiring a school district to annually submit the number of eligible teachers to the Department of Education; providing for funding and disbursement of funds; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1012.731, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1012.731 The Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program.—

(1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.—The Legislature recognizes that teachers play a critical role in preparing students to achieve a high level of academic performance. The Legislature further recognizes that research has linked student performance to a teacher's own academic achievements. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to designate teachers who have achieved high academic standards during their own education as Florida's Best and Brightest Teacher scholars.

(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term "school district" includes the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind and a charter school governing board.

(3) PROGRAM.—There is created the Florida Best and

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Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program to be administered by the Department of Education. Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the scholarship program shall provide categorical funding for scholarships to be awarded to teachers who have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement.

(4) TEACHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—

(a) To be eligible for a Florida Best and Brightest Teacher scholarship:

1. A teacher must have scored at or above the 60th percentile on either the SAT or the ACT, based upon the percentile ranks in effect when the teacher took the assessment, and must have been evaluated as highly effective pursuant to s. 1012.34; or

2. A teacher who is in his or her first year and who has not been evaluated pursuant to s. 1012.34 must have scored at or above the 80th percentile on either the SAT or the ACT, based upon the percentile ranks in effect when the teacher took the assessment.

(b) In order to demonstrate eligibility for an award, a teacher must submit to the school district no later than October 1 an official record of his or her SAT or ACT score demonstrating that he or she scored at or above the 60th percentile, based upon the percentile ranks in effect when he or she took the assessment. If a teacher is deemed eligible by the school district, the teacher will remain eligible as long as he or she is employed by the school district and maintains or, if the teacher is a first-year teacher, is evaluated at the highly effective level pursuant to s. 1012.34.

(5) ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION; FUNDING AND DISBURSEMENT OF

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59 FUNDS.—

60 (a) By December 1 of each year, each school district shall
61 submit to the department the number of eligible teachers who
62 qualify for the scholarship.

63 (b) By February 1 of each year, the department shall
64 disburse scholarship funds, in an amount prescribed by the
65 Legislature in the General Appropriations Act, to each school
66 district for eligible teachers to receive a scholarship. If the
67 number of eligible teachers exceeds the total appropriation
68 authorized in the General Appropriation Act, the department
69 shall prorate the per-teacher scholarship amount.

70 (c) By April 1 of each year, each school district shall
71 provide payment of the scholarship to each eligible teacher.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.



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January 8, 2016

The Honorable Erik Fresen
Florida House of Representatives, District 114
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Dear Chairman Fresen,

On behalf of the Senate Education Pre-K – 12 Committee, I invite you to attend and participate in the workshop portion of a committee meeting during which the members will be discussing policies and practices related to the ***Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program***. The committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 4:00-6:00 p.m., in 412 Knott Building.

As you may be aware, I filed SB 978 using the substance of the language that created the program as a priority of the House of Representatives in 2015. As the champion of the program in 2015 and again in 2016 through your sponsorship of HB 7043, you are uniquely positioned as a leader on the intent and goals of the program. My intent is to provide ample opportunity for this legislation to be heard and discussed regarding the merits of the policy; as such, I value your input and believe the senators on our committee would also benefit from your perspective and comments during the workshop.

I understand your schedule may be full during the very busy first week of the 2016 Legislative Session, but I hope you will find time to join us for the meeting. Thank you for your consideration and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Legg", is written over a horizontal line.

Senator John Legg, Chair

cc: Theresa Klebacha, Staff Director

Attachment

CourtSmart Tag Report

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4:07:33 PM	Class size presentation, Linda Champion, Dep. Commissioner, Division of Finance and Operations, DOE
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4:19:53 PM	Chair
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