

Committee on Appropriations

HB 3-A — Florida Education Finance Program

by Rep. M. Diaz (SB 2500-A by Senator Latvala)

The bill provides funding for K-12 public schools for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Specifically:

Section 1 provides funding for the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as follows:

- General revenue (GR): \$7.9 billion
- Education Enhancement Trust Fund (EETF): \$404.6 million
- State School Trust Fund (SSTF): \$70.4 million

Section 2 provides funding for the Class Size Reduction category for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as follows:

- General revenue (GR): \$2.9 billion
- Education Enhancement Trust Fund (EETF): \$103.8 million
- State School Trust Fund (SSTF): \$86.2 million

Section 3 provides the sum of 134.6 million in funds from the EETF for the District Lottery and School Recognition category for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Section 4 incorporates the FEFP work papers by reference for displaying the calculations used by the Legislature.

Section 5 provides the authority to create the FEFP calculation.

Section 6 specifies the programmatic spending of FEFP funds as provided in Section 1 of the bill. Specifically, the bill provides for the following:

- The base student allocation for the FEFP is set at \$4,203.95;
- \$52.8 million for the Sparsity Supplement;
- \$7.6 billion for the Total Required Local Effort;
- \$1.06 billion for the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Guaranteed Allocation;
- \$64.5 million for Safe Schools;
- \$712.2 million for Supplemental Academic Instruction;
- \$130 million for Research-based Reading Instruction;
- \$230.7 million for Instructional Materials;
- \$438.9 million for Student Transportation;
- \$45.3 million for the Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program;
- \$12.9 million for the Federally Connected Student Supplement; and
- \$80 million for the Digital Classrooms Allocation;

Section 7 specifies the programmatic spending of funds for the Class Size Reduction category as provided in Section 2 of the bill. The class size reduction allocation factor is \$1,317.03 for grades prekindergarten to grade 3, \$898.36 for grades 4 to 8, and \$900.53 for grades 9 to 12. The class size reduction allocation will be recalculated based on enrollment through the October 2017 FTE survey.

Section 8 specifies the programmatic spending of funds for the District Lottery and School Recognition category as provided in Section 3 of the bill. These funds will be allocated as awards of up to \$100 per student to qualified schools pursuant to section 1008.36, F.S. Any funds remaining after payment to qualified schools will be allocated as discretionary lottery funds to all school districts based on each district's K-12 base funding. From these funds, school districts shall allocate up to \$5 per unweighted student to be used at the discretion of the school advisory council.

Section 9 provides an effective date.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 31-4; House 107-6