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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public K-12 education; providing a
3 short title; amending s. 1007.35, F.S.; providing
4 reporting requirements for the Florida Partnership for
5 Minority and Underrepresented Student Achievement relating
6 to Advanced Placement instruction; amending s. 1011.62,
7 F.S., relating to funds for the operation of schools;
8 revising requirements for the allocation of funds
9 appropriated for International Baccalaureate, Advanced
10 International Certificate of Education, and Advanced
11 Placement instruction and corresponding teacher bonuses;
12 removing limitations on teacher bonuses; providing an
13 effective date.

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15 WHEREAS, the State of Florida is constitutionally mandated
16 to provide for a high-quality system of public education, and

17 WHEREAS, studies have shown that having high-quality
18 teachers is one of the most important contributors to high
19 levels of student achievement, and

20 WHEREAS, Florida should do whatever possible to recruit,
21 retain, and reward teachers for excellence in education while
22 operating within its budgetary constraints, and

23 WHEREAS, Florida must continue to recognize its highest-
24 achieving teachers based on student performance, and

25 WHEREAS, Advanced Placement Examination results for Florida
26 students demonstrated that minority students in the 2009
27 graduating senior class showed improvement over previous years

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28 | in both the percentage of students taking and the percentage of
 29 | students passing Advanced Placement Examinations, and

30 | WHEREAS, a stream of revenue currently exists for the
 31 | purpose of rewarding excellent teachers of Advanced Placement,
 32 | International Baccalaureate, and Advanced International
 33 | Certificate of Education courses, and

34 | WHEREAS, such revenue should be spent more effectively,
 35 | with a larger portion of the revenue used for bonuses for
 36 | deserving teachers rather than for administrative overhead
 37 | costs, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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41 | Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Incentives for
 42 | Excellence in Education Act."

43 | Section 2. Paragraph (1) is added to subsection (6) of
 44 | section 1007.35, Florida Statutes, to read:

45 | 1007.35 Florida Partnership for Minority and
 46 | Underrepresented Student Achievement.—

47 | (6) The partnership shall:

48 | (1) In conjunction with the Department of Education, post
 49 | an annual report on the department's website on or before August
 50 | 1 each year that delineates:

51 | 1. The total number of teachers who participate in
 52 | professional development associated with Advanced Placement
 53 | courses; the registration fees associated with such professional
 54 | development; and the number and value of scholarships awarded by

55 the College Board for teacher participation in Advanced
56 Placement professional development.

57 2. The number of students who enroll in Advanced Placement
58 courses; the number of Advanced Placement courses in which such
59 students enroll; the number and percentage of students enrolled
60 in Advanced Placement courses who take the Advanced Placement
61 Examination that corresponds to each course; the number and
62 percentage of students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses
63 who take the Advanced Placement Examination that corresponds to
64 each course and receive a score of 3 or higher; and the number
65 and percentage of students who take an Advanced Placement
66 Examination without having enrolled in the corresponding
67 Advanced Placement course and earn a score of 3 or higher. Such
68 information shall be reported by subject, race, and gender.

69 3. The amount paid by the state for each examination and
70 the total rebates provided to each school for the administration
71 of Advanced Placement Examinations.

72 Section 3. Paragraphs (m), (n), and (o) of subsection (1)
73 of section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

74 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual
75 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
76 district for operation of schools is not determined in the
77 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
78 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
79 follows:

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

83 operation:

84 (m) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent
 85 membership based on International Baccalaureate examination
 86 scores of students.—A value of 0.16 full-time equivalent student
 87 membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled in an
 88 International Baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or
 89 higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.3 full-time
 90 equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each
 91 student who receives an International Baccalaureate diploma.
 92 Such value shall be added to the total full-time equivalent
 93 student membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in
 94 the subsequent fiscal year. Each school district must allocate
 95 100 percent of the funds received for International
 96 Baccalaureate instruction to the program that generates such
 97 funds. Funds allocated in accordance with this paragraph shall
 98 be expended solely for the payment of administrative costs
 99 associated with the International Baccalaureate Program and
 100 teacher bonuses. Administrative costs include costs associated
 101 with International Baccalaureate annual school fees and
 102 examination fees and professional development for International
 103 Baccalaureate teachers. The teacher bonus shall equal the
 104 proportionate value of the 0.16 additional funding minus
 105 administrative costs for each eligible student score, or \$50 per
 106 eligible student score, whichever is greater. The teacher bonus
 107 in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" shall equal 10
 108 times the proportionate value of the 0.16 additional funding
 109 minus administrative costs for each eligible student score and
 110 minus the fees charged for each examination, or \$500 per

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111 eligible student score, whichever is greater. ~~The school~~
112 ~~district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided~~
113 ~~international baccalaureate instruction:~~

114 ~~1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by~~
115 ~~the International Baccalaureate teacher in each international~~
116 ~~baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or higher on the~~
117 ~~international baccalaureate examination.~~

118 ~~2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each International~~
119 ~~Baccalaureate teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D"~~
120 ~~or "F" who has at least one student scoring 4 or higher on the~~
121 ~~international baccalaureate examination, regardless of the~~
122 ~~number of classes taught or of the number of students scoring a~~
123 ~~4 or higher on the international baccalaureate examination.~~

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125 Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph ~~shall~~
126 ~~not exceed \$2,000 in any given school year and shall be in~~
127 ~~addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received~~
128 ~~or is scheduled to receive.~~

129 (n) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent
130 membership based on Advanced International Certificate of
131 Education examination scores of students.—A value of 0.16 full-
132 time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each
133 student enrolled in a full-credit Advanced International
134 Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or
135 higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.08 full-time
136 equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each
137 student enrolled in a half-credit Advanced International
138 Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or

139 higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.3 full-time
 140 equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each
 141 student who receives an Advanced International Certificate of
 142 Education diploma. Such value shall be added to the total full-
 143 time equivalent student membership in basic programs for grades
 144 9 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year. Each school district
 145 must allocate 100 percent of the funds received for Advanced
 146 International Certificate of Education instruction to the
 147 program that generates such funds. Funds allocated in accordance
 148 with this paragraph shall be expended solely for the payment of
 149 administrative costs associated with the Advanced International
 150 Certificate of Education Program and teacher bonuses.
 151 Administrative costs include costs associated with Advanced
 152 International Certificate of Education annual school fees and
 153 examination fees and professional development for Advanced
 154 International Certificate of Education teachers. The teacher
 155 bonus shall equal the proportionate value of the 0.16 or 0.08
 156 additional funding minus administrative costs for each eligible
 157 student score, or \$50 per eligible student score, whichever is
 158 greater. The teacher bonus in a school designated with a grade
 159 of "D" or "F" shall equal 10 times the proportionate value of
 160 the 0.16 or 0.08 additional funding minus administrative costs
 161 for each eligible student score and minus the fees charged for
 162 each examination, or \$500 per eligible student score, whichever
 163 is greater. The school district shall distribute to each
 164 classroom teacher who provided Advanced International
 165 Certificate of Education instruction:
 166 1. ~~A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by~~

167 ~~the Advanced International Certificate of Education teacher in~~
168 ~~each full-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education~~
169 ~~course who receives a score of E or higher on the Advanced~~
170 ~~International Certificate of Education examination. A bonus in~~
171 ~~the amount of \$25 for each student taught by the Advanced~~
172 ~~International Certificate of Education teacher in each half-~~
173 ~~credit Advanced International Certificate of Education course~~
174 ~~who receives a score of E or higher on the Advanced~~
175 ~~International Certificate of Education examination.~~

176 ~~2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each Advanced~~
177 ~~International Certificate of Education teacher in a school~~
178 ~~designated with a grade of "D" or "F" who has at least one~~
179 ~~student scoring E or higher on the full-credit Advanced~~
180 ~~International Certificate of Education examination, regardless~~
181 ~~of the number of classes taught or of the number of students~~
182 ~~scoring an E or higher on the full-credit Advanced International~~
183 ~~Certificate of Education examination.~~

184 ~~3. Additional bonuses of \$250 each to teachers of half-~~
185 ~~credit Advanced International Certificate of Education classes~~
186 ~~in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" which has at~~
187 ~~least one student scoring an E or higher on the half-credit~~
188 ~~Advanced International Certificate of Education examination in~~
189 ~~that class. The maximum additional bonus for a teacher awarded~~
190 ~~in accordance with this subparagraph shall not exceed \$500 in~~
191 ~~any given school year. Teachers receiving an award under~~
192 ~~subparagraph 2. are not eligible for a bonus under this~~
193 ~~subparagraph.~~

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195 Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph ~~shall~~
196 ~~not exceed \$2,000 in any given school year and shall be in~~
197 addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received
198 or is scheduled to receive.

199 (o) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent
200 membership based on College Board Advanced Placement scores of
201 students.—A value of 0.16 full-time equivalent student
202 membership shall be calculated for each student in each Advanced
203 Placement course who receives a score of 3 or higher on the
204 College Board Advanced Placement Examination for the prior year
205 and added to the total full-time equivalent student membership
206 in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in the subsequent
207 fiscal year. Each school district must allocate 100 percent of
208 the funds received for Advanced Placement instruction to the
209 school that generates such funds. Funds allocated in accordance
210 with this paragraph shall be expended solely for the payment of
211 administrative costs associated with the Advanced Placement
212 Program and teacher bonuses. Administrative costs include costs
213 associated with Advanced Placement Examination fees and
214 professional development for Advanced Placement teachers. The
215 teacher bonus shall equal the proportionate value of the 0.16
216 additional funding minus administrative costs for each eligible
217 student score, or \$50 per eligible student score, whichever is
218 greater. The teacher bonus in a school designated with a grade
219 of "D" or "F" shall equal 10 times the proportionate value of
220 the 0.16 additional funding minus administrative costs for each
221 eligible student score and minus the fees charged for each
222 examination, or \$500 per eligible student score, whichever is

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223 greater. ~~Each district must allocate at least 80 percent of the~~
224 ~~funds provided to the district for advanced placement~~
225 ~~instruction, in accordance with this paragraph, to the high~~
226 ~~school that generates the funds. The school district shall~~
227 ~~distribute to each classroom teacher who provided advanced~~
228 ~~placement instruction:~~

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

233 2. ~~An additional bonus of \$500 to each Advanced Placement~~
234 ~~teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" who~~
235 ~~has at least one student scoring 3 or higher on the College~~
236 ~~Board Advanced Placement Examination, regardless of the number~~
237 ~~of classes taught or of the number of students scoring a 3 or~~
238 ~~higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination.~~

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240 Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph ~~shall~~
241 ~~not exceed \$2,000 in any given school year and shall be in~~
242 ~~addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received~~
243 ~~or is scheduled to receive.~~

244 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.