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2 An act relating to prekindergarten through grade 12 3 education funding; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; deleting the 4 requirement that a district school board imposing the 5 school capital outlay surtax implement a freeze on 6 noncapital local school property taxes; amending s. 7 216.292, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to the 8 transfer of certain funds for class size reduction; 9 amending s. 1001.451, F.S.; revising provisions relating 10 to the appropriation of funds for regional consortium 11 service organizations; amending s. 1002.32, F.S.; revising and correcting a calculation relating to funding for lab 12 school operating purposes; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; 13 14 revising provisions relating to the withholding of an 15 administrative fee for provision of services by the 16 sponsor of a charter school; amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; revising and correcting a calculation relating to funding 17 for Florida Virtual School operating purposes; amending s. 18 19 1002.39, F.S.; revising provisions relating to private school documentation for quarterly scholarship payments 20 21 under the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program; amending ss. 1002.55 and 1002.63, 22 23 F.S.; increasing the maximum number of students and revising the qualifications of prekindergarten instructors 24 25 in a school-year prekindergarten program class; requiring 26 district school boards to develop plans for meeting class 27 size requirements; requiring public hearings; amending s. 1003.03, F.S., contingent on voter approval of a joint 28

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29 resolution that provides that the current limits on the 30 maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in 31 public school classrooms would become limits on the 32 average number of students assigned per class to each teacher by specified grade grouping in each public school 33 34 beginning with the 2010-2011 school year; conforming 35 requirements for maximum class size to the joint 36 resolution; providing for Department of Education 37 calculations for implementation; providing an additional 38 implementation option; providing for a reduction in a 39 school district's class-size-reduction operating categorical allocation if a school district's class size 40 41 exceeds the class size maximums; providing for contingent 42 and retroactive effect; amending s. 1003.03, F.S., 43 contingent on the voters not approving a joint resolution 44 that provides that the current limits on the maximum 45 number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms would become limits on the average 46 47 number of students assigned per class to each teacher by 48 specified grade grouping in each public school beginning 49 with the 2010-2011 school year; providing for Department 50 of Education calculations for implementation; providing an 51 additional implementation option; providing for a reduction in a school district's class-size-reduction 52 53 operating categorical allocation if a school district's 54 class size exceeds the class size maximums; providing for 55 contingent and retroactive effect; creating s. 1003.572, 56 F.S.; requiring each district school board to annually Page 2 of 54

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57 report information relating to gifted students and the 58 education services provided to such students; requiring 59 the State Board of Education to adopt rules; creating s. 60 1006.281, F.S.; encouraging school districts to have access to electronic learning management systems with 61 62 certain functionality; amending s. 1006.29, F.S.; revising 63 items considered instructional materials for purposes of 64 state adoption; providing that certain instructional 65 materials shall be available as separate and unbundled 66 items; amending s. 1006.33, F.S.; requiring that certain 67 instructional materials shall primarily be adopted and delivered in electronic format; providing for electronic 68 69 samples of instructional materials; amending s. 1006.40, 70 F.S.; revising provisions relating to the use of 71 allocations for instructional materials; amending s. 72 1007.27, F.S.; providing that certain students shall be 73 deemed authorized users of specified state-funded 74 electronic library resources; requiring the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors to adopt rules; 75 76 amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising the calculation of and 77 appropriation for additional full-time equivalent 78 membership for students who complete an industry-certified 79 career and professional academy program; revising 80 calculations for school district required local effort; 81 revising provisions relating to the transfer of 82 categorical funds for certain purposes; providing 83 requirements for the use of categorical funds for the 84 purchase of technological equipment; revising the Page 3 of 54

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85 calculation for determination of the sparsity supplement; 86 providing a restriction on certain calculations for 87 allocation of state funds to a school district for current 88 operation; amending s. 1011.67, F.S.; deleting certain 89 requirements for distribution of funds for instructional 90 materials to school districts; amending s. 1011.68, F.S.; 91 revising a calculation for allocation of funds for student 92 transportation to school districts; amending s. 1011.71, 93 F.S.; requiring that the levy of certain school district 94 millage must be approved by voters at specified elections; 95 providing restrictions; amending s. 1011.73, F.S.; correcting a cross-reference; amending s. 1013.64, F.S.; 96 revising criteria that must be met for a school district 97 98 request for funding from the Special Facility Construction 99 Account; revising the composition of the Special Facility 100 Construction Committee; providing effective dates. 101 102 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 103 104 Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (6) of Section 1. 105 section 212.055, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 106 212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent; 107 authorization and use of proceeds.-It is the legislative intent that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales 108 surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a 109 subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the 110 levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties 111 authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the 112 Page 4 of 54

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113 maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the 114 procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if 115 required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended; 116 and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide. 117 Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as 118 provided in s. 212.054.

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(6) SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY SURTAX.-

120 (d) Any school board imposing the surtax shall implement a 121 freeze on noncapital local school property taxes, at the millage 122 rate imposed in the year prior to the implementation of the 123 surtax, for a period of at least 3 years from the date of 124 imposition of the surtax. This provision shall not apply to 125 existing debt service or taxes authorized in the General 126 Appropriations Act.

127 (d) (e) Surtax revenues collected by the Department of
 128 Revenue pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed to the
 129 school board imposing the surtax in accordance with law.

130 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section131 216.292, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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216.292 Appropriations nontransferable; exceptions.-

133 (2) The following transfers are authorized to be made by 134 the head of each department or the Chief Justice of the Supreme 135 Court whenever it is deemed necessary by reason of changed 136 conditions:

137 (d) The transfer of funds by the Executive Office of the
 138 Governor from appropriations for public school operations to a
 139 fixed capital outlay appropriation for class size reduction
 140 based on recommendations of the Florida Education Finance
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141 Program Appropriation Allocation Conference or the Legislative Budget Commission pursuant to s. 1003.03(4)(a). Actions by the 142 143 Governor under this subsection are subject to the notice and 144 review provisions of s. 216.177. 145 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 146 1001.451, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 147 1001.451 Regional consortium service organizations.-In 148 order to provide a full range of programs to larger numbers of 149 students, minimize duplication of services, and encourage the development of new programs and services: 150 (2) 151 152 Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the appropriation for (C) 153 the 2009-2010 fiscal year may be less than \$50,000 per school district and eligible member. if the amount appropriated is 154 insufficient to provide \$50,000, the funds available must be 155 156 prorated among all eligible districts and members. This 157 paragraph expires July 1, 2010. 158 Section 4. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (9) of 159 section 1002.32, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 160 1002.32 Developmental research (laboratory) schools.-161 FUNDING.-Funding for a lab school, including a charter (9) 162 lab school, shall be provided as follows: 163 Each lab school shall receive funds for operating (d) 164 purposes in an amount determined as follows: multiply the maximum allowable nonvoted discretionary millage for operations 165 pursuant to s. 1011.71(1) and (3) by the value of 96 $\frac{95}{95}$ percent 166 of the current year's taxable value for school purposes for the 167 district in which each lab school is located; divide the result 168 Page 6 of 54

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by the total full-time equivalent membership of the district; and multiply the result by the full-time equivalent membership of the lab school. The amount thus obtained shall be discretionary operating funds and shall be appropriated from state funds in the General Appropriations Act to the Lab School Trust Fund.

175 (e) Each lab school shall receive funds for capital 176 improvement purposes in an amount determined as follows: 177 multiply the maximum allowable nonvoted discretionary millage 178 for capital improvements pursuant to s. 1011.71(2) by the value 179 of 96 95 percent of the current year's taxable value for school 180 purposes for the district in which each lab school is located; divide the result by the total full-time equivalent membership 181 182 of the district; and multiply the result by the full-time 183 equivalent membership of the lab school. The amount thus 184 obtained shall be discretionary capital improvement funds and 185 shall be appropriated from state funds in the General 186 Appropriations Act to the Lab School Educational Facility Trust 187 Fund.

Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (20) of section 189 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1002.33 Charter schools.-

191 (20) SERVICES.-

(a) A sponsor shall provide certain administrative and
educational services to charter schools. These services shall
include contract management services; full-time equivalent and
data reporting services; exceptional student education
administration services; services related to eligibility and

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reporting duties required to ensure that school lunch services 197 198 under the federal lunch program, consistent with the needs of 199 the charter school, are provided by the school district at the 200 request of the charter school, that any funds due to the charter 201 school under the federal lunch program be paid to the charter 202 school as soon as the charter school begins serving food under 203 the federal lunch program, and that the charter school is paid 204 at the same time and in the same manner under the federal lunch 205 program as other public schools serviced by the sponsor or the 206 school district; test administration services, including payment 207 of the costs of state-required or district-required student 208 assessments; processing of teacher certificate data services; and information services, including equal access to student 209 210 information systems that are used by public schools in the district in which the charter school is located. Student 211 212 performance data for each student in a charter school, 213 including, but not limited to, FCAT scores, standardized test 214 scores, previous public school student report cards, and student 215 performance measures, shall be provided by the sponsor to a 216 charter school in the same manner provided to other public 217 schools in the district. A total administrative fee for the 218 provision of such services shall be calculated based upon up to 219 5 percent of the available funds defined in paragraph (17)(b) 220 for all students. However, a sponsor may only withhold up to a 5-percent administrative fee for enrollment for up to and 221 including 250 500 students. For charter schools with a 222 223 population of 251 501 or more students, the difference between the total administrative fee calculation and the amount of the 224 Page 8 of 54

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administrative fee withheld may only be used for capital outlay purposes specified in s. 1013.62(2). Each charter school shall receive 100 percent of the funds awarded to that school pursuant to s. 1012.225. Sponsors shall not charge charter schools any additional fees or surcharges for administrative and educational services in addition to the maximum 5-percent administrative fee withheld pursuant to this paragraph.

232 Section 6. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section 233 1002.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.-

(3) Funding for the Florida Virtual School shall beprovided as follows:

The Florida Virtual School shall receive funds for 237 (f) 238 operating purposes in an amount determined as follows: multiply 239 the maximum allowable nonvoted discretionary millage for 240 operations pursuant to s. 1011.71(1) and (3) by the value of 96 241 95 percent of the current year's taxable value for school 242 purposes for the state; divide the result by the total full-time 243 equivalent membership of the state; and multiply the result by 244 the full-time equivalent membership of the school. The amount 245 thus obtained shall be discretionary operating funds and shall 246 be appropriated from state funds in the General Appropriations 247 Act.

248 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section 249 1002.39, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.39 The John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with
 Disabilities Program.—There is established a program that is
 separate and distinct from the Opportunity Scholarship Program

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253 and is named the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with 254 Disabilities Program.

(8) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.-To be
eligible to participate in the John M. McKay Scholarships for
Students with Disabilities Program, a private school may be
sectarian or nonsectarian and must:

(b) Provide to the department all documentation required for a student's participation, including the private school's and student's fee schedules, at least 30 days before <u>any</u> the first quarterly scholarship payment is made for the student <u>pursuant to paragraph (10)(e). A student is not eligible to</u> receive a quarterly scholarship payment if the private school fails to meet this deadline.

The inability of a private school to meet the requirements of this subsection shall constitute a basis for the ineligibility of the private school to participate in the scholarship program as determined by the department.

271 Section 8. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section 272 1002.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

273 1002.55 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by
274 private prekindergarten providers.-

(3) To be eligible to deliver the prekindergarten program,
a private prekindergarten provider must meet each of the
following requirements:

(f) Each of the private prekindergarten provider's
prekindergarten classes must be composed of at least 4 students
but may not exceed <u>24</u> 18 students. In order to protect the

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281 health and safety of students, each private prekindergarten 282 provider must also provide appropriate adult supervision for 283 students at all times and, for each prekindergarten class 284 composed of 13 11 or more students, must have, in addition to a 285 prekindergarten instructor who meets the requirements of 286 paragraph (c), at least two one adult prekindergarten 287 instructors instructor who is not required to meet the those 288 requirements but who must meet each requirement of paragraph (c) 289 (d). This paragraph does not supersede any requirement imposed 290 on a provider under ss. 402.301-402.319.

291 Section 9. Subsection (7) of section 1002.63, Florida 292 Statutes, is amended to read:

293 1002.63 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by 294 public schools.-

295 Each prekindergarten class in a public school (7)296 delivering the school-year prekindergarten program must be 297 composed of at least 4 students but may not exceed 24 18 298 students. In order to protect the health and safety of students, 299 each school must also provide appropriate adult supervision for 300 students at all times and, for each prekindergarten class 301 composed of 13 11 or more students, must have at least two, in 302 addition to a prekindergarten instructors instructor who meet 303 meets the requirements of s. 1002.55(3)(c), at least one adult 304 prekindergarten instructor who is not required to meet those 305 requirements but who must meet each requirement of subsection 306 (5).

307 Section 10. <u>School district planning for meeting class</u>
 308 size requirements.-

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309	(1) For school year 2010-2011, each district school board
310	shall develop the following two plans:
311	(a) A plan based on the current requirements of s. 1, Art.
312	IX of the State Constitution to be implemented at the beginning
313	of the school year and continued if Senate Joint Resolution 2 or
314	House Joint Resolution 7039, amending s. 1, Art. IX of the State
315	Constitution, is not approved at the 2010 general election.
316	(b) A contingency plan based on the requirements of Senate
317	Joint Resolution 2 or House Joint Resolution 7039, amending s.
318	1, Art. IX of the State Constitution, to be implemented at the
319	discretion of the district school board if Senate Joint
320	Resolution 2 or House Joint Resolution 7039 is approved at the
321	2010 general election.
322	(2) Prior to the adoption of the district school budget
323	for 2010-2011, each district school board shall hold public
324	hearings and provide information to parents on the district's
325	website, and through any other means by which the district
326	provides information to parents and the public, on the
327	district's plans required in subsection (1), including, but not
328	limited to:
329	(a) A review of school attendance zones in order to ensure
330	maximum use of facilities while minimizing the additional use of
331	transportation in order to comply with the class size
332	requirements.
333	(b) The impact on the district's budget for the district
334	to comply with the class size requirements.
335	(c) The potential impact on the district's budget if the
336	district fails to comply with the class size requirements.
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337 (3) School districts that are in compliance with the class 338 size requirements in s. 1, Art. IX of the State Constitution as 339 of the 2009-2010 school year are exempt from the requirements of 340 this section. 341 Section 11. Upon approval by the electors of Senate Joint 342 Resolution 2 or House Joint Resolution 7039 in the 2010 general 343 election and retroactive to the beginning of the 2010-2011 344 school year, subsections (1) through (4) of section 1003.03, 345 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1003.03 Maximum class size.-346 347 (1)CONSTITUTIONAL CLASS SIZE MAXIMUMS.-Pursuant to s. 1, Art. IX of the State Constitution, beginning in the 2010-2011 348 349 school year: 350 The average number of students at the school level (a) 351 assigned to each teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses 352 in public school classrooms for prekindergarten through grade 3 353 may not exceed 18 students and the maximum number of students 354 assigned to a teacher in an individual classroom may not exceed 355 21 students. 356 The average number of students at the school level (b) 357 assigned to each teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses 358 in public school classrooms for grades 4 through 8 may not 359 exceed 22 students and the maximum number of students assigned 360 to a teacher in an individual classroom may not exceed 27 361 students. 362 (c) The average number of students at the school level 363 assigned to each teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses 364 in public school classrooms for grades 9 through 12 may not

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365	exceed 25 students and the maximum number of students assigned
366	to a teacher in an individual classroom may not exceed 30
367	students.
368	(a) The maximum number of students assigned to each
369	teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses in public school
370	classrooms for prekindergarten through grade 3 may not exceed 18
371	students.
372	(b) The maximum number of students assigned to each
373	teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses in public school
374	classrooms for grades 4 through 8 may not exceed 22 students.
375	(c) The maximum number of students assigned to each
376	teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses in public school
377	classrooms for grades 9 through 12 may not exceed 25 students.
378	(2) IMPLEMENTATION
379	(a) The Department of Education shall calculate the 2010-
380	2011 class size as described in subsection (1) based upon the
381	February 2011 student membership survey. The calculation for
382	compliance for each of the three grade groupings shall be the
383	number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual
384	classroom. Each teacher assigned to an individual classroom
385	shall be included in the calculation for compliance.
386	(b) Effective with the beginning of the 2011-2012 school
387	year, and annually thereafter, the Department of Education shall
388	calculate class size as described in subsection (1) based on the
389	October student membership survey. The calculation for
390	compliance for each of the three grade groupings shall be the
391	number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual
392	classroom. Each teacher assigned to an individual classroom

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393 shall be included in the calculation for compliance. 394 (a) Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, each school 395 district that is not in compliance with the maximums in 396 subsection (1) shall reduce the average number of students per 397 classroom in each of the following grade groupings: 398 prekindergarten through grade 3, grade 4 through grade 8, and 399 grade 9 through grade 12, by at least two students each year. 400 (b) Determination of the number of students per classroom 401 in paragraph (a) shall be calculated as follows: 402 1. For fiscal years 2003-2004 through 2005-2006, the calculation for compliance for each of the 3 grade groupings 403 404 shall be the average at the district level. 405 2. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, the 406 calculation for compliance for each of the 3 grade groupings 407 shall be the average at the school level. 3. For fiscal year 2010-2011 and thereafter, the 408 409 calculation for compliance shall be at the individual classroom 410 level. 411 4. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010 and 412 thereafter, each teacher assigned to any classroom shall be 413 included in the calculation for compliance. (c) The Department of Education shall annually calculate 414 415 each of the three average class size measures defined in 416 paragraphs (a) and (b) based upon the October student membership 417 survey. For purposes of determining the baseline from which each district's average class size must be reduced for the 2003-2004 418 school year, the department shall use data from the February 419 420 2003 student membership survey updated to include classroom Page 15 of 54

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421 identification numbers as required by the department.

422 (d) Prior to the adoption of the district school budget 423 for 2004-2005, each district school board shall hold public 424 hearings to review school attendance zones in order to ensure 425 maximum use of facilities while minimizing the additional use of 426 transportation in order to comply with the two-student-per-year 427 reduction required in paragraph (a). School districts that meet 428 the constitutional class size maximums described in subsection 429 (1) are exempt from this requirement.

(3) IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS.-District school boards must
consider, but are not limited to, implementing the following
items in order to meet the constitutional class size maximums
described in subsection (1) and the two-student-per-year
reduction required in subsection (2):

435 (a) Adopt policies to encourage qualified students to take436 dual enrollment courses.

(b) Adopt policies to encourage students to take courses
from the Florida Virtual School <u>or participate in the school</u>
district virtual instruction program.

(c)1. Repeal district school board policies that require students to have more than 24 credits to graduate from high school.

Adopt policies to allow students to graduate from high
school as soon as they pass the grade 10 FCAT and complete the
courses required for high school graduation.

(d) Use methods to maximize use of instructional staff,
such as changing required teaching loads and scheduling of
planning periods, deploying district employees that have

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449 professional certification to the classroom, using adjunct 450 educators, or any other method not prohibited by law.

(e) Use innovative methods to reduce the cost of school
construction by using prototype school designs, using SMART
Schools designs, participating in the School Infrastructure
Thrift Program, or any other method not prohibited by law.

455 Use joint-use facilities through partnerships with (f) 456 community colleges, state universities, and private colleges and 457 universities. Joint-use facilities available for use as K-12 458 classrooms that do not meet the K-12 State Regulations for 459 Educational Facilities in the Florida Building Code may be used 460 at the discretion of the district school board provided that 461 such facilities meet all other health, life, safety, and fire 462 codes.

463 (g) Adopt alternative methods of class scheduling, such as 464 block scheduling.

(h) Redraw school attendance zones to maximize use of facilities while minimizing the additional use of transportation.

468 (i) Operate schools beyond the normal operating hours to
469 provide classes in the evening or operate more than one session
470 of school during the day.

(j) Use year-round schools and other nontraditional calendars that do not adversely impact annual assessment of student achievement.

(k) Review and consider amending any collective bargaining
contracts that hinder the implementation of class size
reduction.

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(1) Use any other approach not prohibited by law.

(4) ACCOUNTABILITY.-

(a) For the 2010-2011 school year, if at the time of the February 2011 student membership survey the school district's class size exceeds the maximums as described in subsection (1),

482 the department shall:

483 <u>1. Identify, for each grade group, the number of full-time</u>
484 <u>equivalent students that exceeds the maximum number of students</u>
485 <u>assigned to any teacher in an individual class.</u>

486 <u>2. Multiply the total number of full-time equivalent</u>
487 <u>students that exceeds the maximum class size for each grade</u>
488 <u>group by the district's full-time equivalent student dollar</u>
489 <u>amount of the class-size-reduction operating categorical</u>
490 <u>allocation for that year and calculate the total for all three</u>
491 <u>grade groups.</u>
492 3. Reduce the district's class-size-reduction operating

493 <u>categorical allocation by an amount equal to the calculation in</u> 494 <u>subparagraph 2.</u>

(b) For the 2011-2012 school year and annually thereafter, if at the time of the third Florida Education Finance Program calculation a school district's class size exceeds the maximums as described in subsection (1), the department shall reduce the district's class-size-reduction operating categorical allocation as calculated according to subparagraphs (a)1.-3. (a)1. Beginning in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, if the

502 department determines for any year that a school district has

503 not reduced average class size as required in subsection (2) at

504 the time of the third FEFP calculation, the department shall

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505 calculate an amount from the class size reduction operating 506 categorical which is proportionate to the amount of class size 507 reduction not accomplished. Upon verification of the 508 department's calculation by the Florida Education Finance 509 Program Appropriation Allocation Conference and not later than 510 March 1 of each year, the Executive Office of the Governor shall 511 transfer undistributed funds equivalent to the calculated amount from the district's class size reduction operating categorical 512 513 to an approved fixed capital outlay appropriation for class size 514 reduction in the affected district pursuant to s. 216.292(2)(d). The amount of funds transferred shall be the lesser of the 515 516 amount verified by the Florida Education Finance Program 517 Appropriation Allocation Conference or the undistributed balance 518 of the district's class size reduction operating categorical. 519 2. In lieu of the transfer required by subparagraph 1., 520 the Commissioner of Education may recommend a budget amendment, 521 subject to approval by the Legislative Budget Commission, to 522 transfer an alternative amount of funds from the district's 523 class size reduction operating categorical to its approved fixed 524 capital outlay account for class size reduction if the 525 commissioner finds that the State Board of Education has 526 reviewed evidence indicating that a district has been unable to 527 meet class size reduction requirements despite appropriate 528 effort to do so. The commissioner's budget amendment must be 529 submitted to the Legislative Budget Commission by February 15 of 530 each year. (c) 3. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year and thereafter, If in 531 532 any fiscal year funds from a district's class size operating Page 19 of 54

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533 categorical are required to be reduced in accordance with 534 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) transferred to its fixed capital 535 outlay fund and the district's class size operating categorical 536 allocation in the General Appropriations Act for that fiscal 537 year has been reduced by a subsequent appropriation, the 538 Commissioner of Education may recommend a 50-percent reduction in the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (a) or 539 540 paragraph (b) of the transfer.

541 (b) Beginning in the 2010-2011 fiscal year and each year 542 thereafter, if the department determines that the number of 543 students assigned to any individual class exceeds the class size 544 maximum, as required in subsection (2), at the time of the third 545 FEFP calculation, the department shall:

546 1. Identify, for each grade group, the number of classes 547 in which the enrollment exceeds the maximum, the number of 548 students which exceeds the maximum for each class, and the total 549 number of students which exceeds the maximum for all classes.

550 2. Determine the number of full-time equivalent students
551 which exceeds the maximum class size for each grade group.

552 3. Multiply the total number of FTE students which exceeds 553 the maximum class size for each grade group by the district's 554 FTE dollar amount of the class-size-reduction allocation for 555 that year and calculate the total for all three grade groups. 556 4. Reduce the district's class-size-reduction operating 557 categorical allocation by an amount equal to the sum of the 558 calculation in subparagraph 3.

559(d) (c)Upon verification of the department's calculation560by the Florida Education Finance Program Appropriation

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561 Allocation Conference and no later than March 1 of each year, 562 the Executive Office of the Governor shall place these funds in 563 reserve, and the undistributed funds shall revert to the General 564 Revenue Fund unallocated at the end of the fiscal year. The 565 amount of funds reduced shall be the lesser of the amount 566 verified by the Florida Education Finance Program Appropriation 567 Allocation Conference or the undistributed balance of the district's class-size-reduction operating categorical 568 569 allocation.

570 (e) (d) In lieu of the reduction calculation in paragraph 571 (a) or paragraph (b), if the Commissioner of Education has 572 evidence that a district has been unable to meet the class size 573 requirements, despite the appropriate efforts of the district, 574 due to an extreme emergency or other causes beyond the control 575 of the district, he or she may recommend a budget amendment, 576 subject to approval of the Legislative Budget Commission, to reduce an alternative amount of funds from the district's class-577 578 size-reduction operating categorical allocation. The 579 commissioner's budget amendment must be submitted to the 580 Legislative Budget Commission by February 15 of each year.

581 (e) In addition to the calculation required in paragraph 582 (a), at the time of the third FEFP calculation for the 2009-2010 583 fiscal year, the department shall also prepare a simulated 584 calculation based on the requirements in paragraphs (b) and (c). 585 This simulated calculation shall be provided to the school 586 districts and the Legislature.

587 Section 12. If the electors do not approve Senate Joint 588 Resolution 2 or House Joint Resolution 7039 in the 2010 general Page 21 of 54

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election, subsections (2) through (4) of section 1003.03,

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591 read: 1003.03 Maximum class size.-592 593 CONSTITUTIONAL CLASS SIZE MAXIMUMS.-Pursuant to s. 1, (1)594 Art. IX of the State Constitution, beginning in the 2010-2011 595 school vear: 596 The maximum number of students assigned to each (a) 597 teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses in public school 598 classrooms for prekindergarten through grade 3 may not exceed 18 599 students. 600 The maximum number of students assigned to each (b) teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses in public school 601 602 classrooms for grades 4 through 8 may not exceed 22 students. The maximum number of students assigned to each 603 (C) 604 teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses in public school 605 classrooms for grades 9 through 12 may not exceed 25 students. 606 (2) IMPLEMENTATION.-607 The Department of Education shall calculate the 2010-(a) 608 2011 class size as described in subsection (1) based upon the 609 February 2011 student membership survey. The calculation for 610 compliance for each of the three grade groupings shall be the 611 number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual 612 classroom. Each teacher assigned to an individual classroom 613 shall be included in the calculation for compliance.

(b) Effective with the beginning of the 2011-2012 school
 year, and annually thereafter, the Department of Education shall
 calculate class size as described in subsection (1) based on the

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617	October student membership survey. The calculation for
618	compliance for each of the three grade groupings shall be the
619	number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual
620	classroom. Each teacher assigned to an individual classroom
621	shall be included in the calculation for compliance.
622	(a) Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, each school
623	district that is not in compliance with the maximums in
624	subsection (1) shall reduce the average number of students per
625	classroom in each of the following grade groupings:
626	prekindergarten through grade 3, grade 4 through grade 8, and
627	grade 9 through grade 12, by at least two students each year.
628	(b) Determination of the number of students per classroom
629	in paragraph (a) shall be calculated as follows:
630	1. For fiscal years 2003-2004 through 2005-2006, the
631	calculation for compliance for each of the 3 grade groupings
632	shall be the average at the district level.
633	2. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, the
634	calculation for compliance for each of the 3 grade groupings
635	shall be the average at the school level.
636	3. For fiscal year 2010-2011 and thereafter, the
637	calculation for compliance shall be at the individual classroom
638	level.
639	4. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010 and
640	thereafter, each teacher assigned to any classroom shall be
641	included in the calculation for compliance.
642	(c) The Department of Education shall annually calculate
643	each of the three average class size measures defined in
644	paragraphs (a) and (b) based upon the October student membership
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645 survey. For purposes of determining the baseline from which each 646 district's average class size must be reduced for the 2003-2004 647 school year, the department shall use data from the February 648 2003 student membership survey updated to include classroom 649 identification numbers as required by the department.

650 (d) Prior to the adoption of the district school budget 651 for 2004-2005, each district school board shall hold public 652 hearings to review school attendance zones in order to ensure 653 maximum use of facilities while minimizing the additional use of 654 transportation in order to comply with the two-student-per-year 655 reduction required in paragraph (a). School districts that meet 656 the constitutional class size maximums described in subsection 657 (1) are exempt from this requirement.

(3) IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS.-District school boards must
consider, but are not limited to, implementing the following
items in order to meet the constitutional class size maximums
described in subsection (1) and the two-student-per-year
reduction required in subsection (2):

(a) Adopt policies to encourage qualified students to takedual enrollment courses.

(b) Adopt policies to encourage students to take courses
from the Florida Virtual School <u>or participate in the school</u>
district virtual instruction program.

668 (c)1. Repeal district school board policies that require 669 students to have more than 24 credits to graduate from high 670 school.

671 2. Adopt policies to allow students to graduate from high672 school as soon as they pass the grade 10 FCAT and complete the

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673 courses required for high school graduation.

(d) Use methods to maximize use of instructional staff,
such as changing required teaching loads and scheduling of
planning periods, deploying district employees that have
professional certification to the classroom, using adjunct
educators, or any other method not prohibited by law.

(e) Use innovative methods to reduce the cost of school
construction by using prototype school designs, using SMART
Schools designs, participating in the School Infrastructure
Thrift Program, or any other method not prohibited by law.

Use joint-use facilities through partnerships with 683 (f) 684 community colleges, state universities, and private colleges and 685 universities. Joint-use facilities available for use as K-12 686 classrooms that do not meet the K-12 State Regulations for 687 Educational Facilities in the Florida Building Code may be used 688 at the discretion of the district school board provided that 689 such facilities meet all other health, life, safety, and fire 690 codes.

691 (g) Adopt alternative methods of class scheduling, such as692 block scheduling.

(h) Redraw school attendance zones to maximize use of
facilities while minimizing the additional use of
transportation.

696 (i) Operate schools beyond the normal operating hours to
697 provide classes in the evening or operate more than one session
698 of school during the day.

(j) Use year-round schools and other nontraditionalcalendars that do not adversely impact annual assessment of

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702 Review and consider amending any collective bargaining (k) 703 contracts that hinder the implementation of class size 704 reduction.

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(1) Use any other approach not prohibited by law.

(4) ACCOUNTABILITY.-

707 (a) For the 2010-2011 school year, if at the time of the February 2011 student membership survey the school district's 708 709 class size exceeds the maximums as described in subsection (1), 710 the department shall:

711 1. Identify, for each grade group, the number of full-time 712 equivalent students that exceeds the maximum number of students 713 assigned to any teacher in an individual class.

714 2. Multiply the total number of full-time equivalent 715 students that exceeds the maximum class size for each grade 716 group by the district's full-time equivalent student dollar 717 amount of the class-size-reduction operating categorical 718 allocation for that year and calculate the total for all three 719 grade groups. 720 3. Reduce the district's class-size-reduction operating

721 categorical allocation by an amount equal to the calculation in 722 subparagraph 2.

723 (b) For the 2011-2012 school year and annually thereafter, 724 if at the time of the third Florida Education Finance Program 725 calculation a school district's class size exceeds the maximums 726 as described in subsection (1), the department shall reduce the district's class-size-reduction operating categorical allocation 727

728 as calculated according to subparagraphs (a)1.-3.

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729 (a)1. Beginning in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, if the 730 department determines for any year that a school district has 731 not reduced average class size as required in subsection (2) at 732 the time of the third FEFP calculation, the department shall 733 calculate an amount from the class size reduction operating 734 categorical which is proportionate to the amount of class size 735 reduction not accomplished. Upon verification of the 736 department's calculation by the Florida Education Finance 737 Program Appropriation Allocation Conference and not later than 738 March 1 of each year, the Executive Office of the Governor shall 739 transfer undistributed funds equivalent to the calculated amount 740 from the district's class size reduction operating categorical 741 to an approved fixed capital outlay appropriation for class size 742 reduction in the affected district pursuant to s. 216.292(2)(d). 743 The amount of funds transferred shall be the lesser of the 744 amount verified by the Florida Education Finance Program 745 Appropriation Allocation Conference or the undistributed balance 746 of the district's class size reduction operating categorical. 747 2. In lieu of the transfer required by subparagraph 1., 748 the Commissioner of Education may recommend a budget amendment, 749 subject to approval by the Legislative Budget Commission, to 750 transfer an alternative amount of funds from the district's 751 class size reduction operating categorical to its approved fixed 752 capital outlay account for class size reduction if the 753 commissioner finds that the State Board of Education has

754 reviewed evidence indicating that a district has been unable to

755 meet class size reduction requirements despite appropriate

756 effort to do so. The commissioner's budget amendment must be

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757 submitted to the Legislative Budget Commission by February 15 of
758 each year.

759 (c) 3. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year and thereafter, If in 760 any fiscal year funds from a district's class size operating 761 categorical are required to be reduced in accordance with 762 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) transferred to its fixed capital 763 outlay fund and the district's class size operating categorical 764 allocation in the General Appropriations Act for that fiscal 765 year has been reduced by a subsequent appropriation, the 766 Commissioner of Education may recommend a 50-percent reduction in the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (a) or 767 768 paragraph (b) of the transfer.

(b) Beginning in the 2010-2011 fiscal year and each year thereafter, if the department determines that the number of students assigned to any individual class exceeds the class size maximum, as required in subsection (2), at the time of the third FEFP calculation, the department shall:

1. Identify, for each grade group, the number of classes
in which the enrollment exceeds the maximum, the number of
students which exceeds the maximum for each class, and the total
number of students which exceeds the maximum for all classes.

778 2. Determine the number of full-time equivalent students
779 which exceeds the maximum class size for each grade group.

3. Multiply the total number of FTE students which exceeds
 the maximum class size for each grade group by the district's
 FTE dollar amount of the class-size-reduction allocation for
 that year and calculate the total for all three grade groups.
 Reduce the district's class-size-reduction operating

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785 categorical allocation by an amount equal to the sum of the 786 calculation in subparagraph 3.

787 (d) (c) Upon verification of the department's calculation 788 by the Florida Education Finance Program Appropriation 789 Allocation Conference and no later than March 1 of each year, 790 the Executive Office of the Governor shall place these funds in 791 reserve, and the undistributed funds shall revert to the General 792 Revenue Fund unallocated at the end of the fiscal year. The 793 amount of funds reduced shall be the lesser of the amount 794 verified by the Florida Education Finance Program Appropriation 795 Allocation Conference or the undistributed balance of the 796 district's class-size-reduction operating categorical 797 allocation.

798 (e) (d) In lieu of the reduction calculation in paragraph 799 (a) or paragraph (b), if the Commissioner of Education has 800 evidence that a district has been unable to meet the class size requirements, despite the appropriate efforts of the district, 801 802 due to an extreme emergency or other causes beyond the control 803 of the district, he or she may recommend a budget amendment, 804 subject to approval of the Legislative Budget Commission, to 805 reduce an alternative amount of funds from the district's class-806 size-reduction operating categorical allocation. The 807 commissioner's budget amendment must be submitted to the 808 Legislative Budget Commission by February 15 of each year. 809 (e) In addition to the calculation required in paragraph (a), at the time of the third FEFP calculation for the 2009-2010 810 811 fiscal year, the department shall also prepare a simulated 812 calculation based on the requirements in paragraphs (b) and Page 29 of 54

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813	This simulated calculation shall be provided to the school
814	districts and the Legislature.
815	Section 13. Section 1003.572, Florida Statutes, is created
816	to read:
817	1003.572 Gifted student education
818	(1) For students in kindergarten through grade 12, each
819	district school board shall annually report to the department by
820	school and grade level:
821	(a) The number of students classified as gifted. Such
822	reporting shall separately identify the number of students
823	classified as gifted under generally applicable criteria set
824	forth in State Board of Education rule and under a department-
825	approved school district plan for increasing the participation
826	of underrepresented groups.
827	(b) The types of gifted student education services that it
828	provides and the number of students receiving each service. Such
829	reporting shall:
830	1. Separately identify gifted student education services
831	that provide: direct instruction to a class consisting only of
832	gifted students; differentiated instruction for gifted students
833	within a class that also includes students who are not gifted;
834	and noninstructional consultation services.
835	2. Indicate the number of hours per week that each service
836	identified under subparagraph 1. is provided to each gifted
837	student and if the service is provided by a teacher who has
838	received the gifted endorsement under State Board of Education
839	rule.

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840	(c) Performance data for students receiving gifted student
841	education services.
842	(2) When reporting the number of students under subsection
843	(1), district school boards shall classify students according to
844	race, ethnicity, limited English proficient status, and free or
845	reduced-price lunch eligibility status under the National School
846	Lunch Act.
847	(3) The department shall develop data elements to
848	facilitate district school board reporting under subsection (1).
849	(4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
850	pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this section.
851	Section 14. Section 1006.281, Florida Statutes, is created
852	to read:
853	1006.281 Electronic learning management systems
854	(1) To ensure that all school districts have equitable
855	access to digitally rich instructional materials, districts are
856	encouraged to have access to an electronic learning management
857	system that allows teachers, staff, students, and parents to
858	access, organize, and utilize electronically available
859	instructional materials and teaching and learning tools and
860	resources and enables teachers to manage, assess, and track
861	student learning.
862	(2) To the extent fiscally and technologically feasible, a
863	school district's electronic learning management system should
864	allow for a single, authenticated sign-on that includes the
865	following functionality:
866	(a) Vertically searches for, gathers, and organizes
867	specific standards-based instructional materials.
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868	(b) Enables teachers to prepare lessons, individualize
869	student instruction, and utilize best practices for providing
870	instruction.
871	(c) Provides communication, including access to up-to-date
872	student performance data, to help teachers and parents better
873	serve the needs of students.
874	(d) Provides access for administrators to ensure quality
875	of instruction in every classroom.
876	(3) The Department of Education shall provide assistance
877	as requested by school districts in the deployment of a district
878	electronic learning management system.
879	Section 15. Subsection (4) of section 1006.29, Florida
880	Statutes, is amended to read:
881	1006.29 State instructional materials committees
882	(4) For purposes of state adoption, "instructional
883	materials" means items having intellectual content that by
884	design serve as a major tool for assisting in the instruction of
885	a subject or course. These items may be available in bound,
886	unbound, kit, or package form and may consist of hardbacked <u>,</u> or
887	softbacked, or electronic textbooks, consumables, learning
888	laboratories, manipulatives, electronic media, and computer
889	courseware or software. <u>A publisher or manufacturer providing</u>
890	instructional materials as a single bundle shall also make the
891	instructional materials available as separate and unbundled
892	items, each priced individually. The term does not include
893	electronic or computer hardware even if such hardware is bundled
894	with software or other electronic media, nor does it include
895	equipment or supplies.
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896 Section 16. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of 897 section 1006.33, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

898 1006.33 Bids or proposals; advertisement and its 899 contents.-

900 Beginning on or before May 15 of any year in which (1)(a) 901 an instructional materials adoption is to be initiated, the 902 department shall advertise in the Florida Administrative Weekly 903 4 weeks preceding the date on which the bids shall be received, 904 that at a certain designated time, not later than June 15, 905 sealed bids or proposals to be deposited with the department 906 will be received from publishers or manufacturers for the 907 furnishing of instructional materials proposed to be adopted as 908 listed in the advertisement beginning April 1 following the 909 adoption. Instructional materials adopted after 2012-2013 for 910 students in grades 9 through 12 shall primarily be adopted and 911 delivered in electronic format.

912 Beginning in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the (b) 913 advertisement shall state that each bidder shall furnish 914 electronic specimen copies of all instructional materials 915 submitted, at a time designated by the department, which 916 specimen copies shall be identical with the copies approved and 917 accepted by the members of the state instructional materials 918 committee, as prescribed in this section, and with the copies 919 furnished to the department and district school superintendents, as provided in this part. Any district school superintendent who 920 921 requires samples in addition to samples in electronic format 922 must request those samples through the department. 923 Section 17. Subsection (4) of section 1006.40, Florida

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924 Statutes, is amended to read:

925 1006.40 Use of instructional materials allocation; 926 instructional materials, library books, and reference books; 927 repair of books.-

928 (4) The funds described in subsection (3) which district 929 school boards may use to purchase materials not on the state-930 adopted list shall be used for the purchase of instructional 931 materials or other items having intellectual content which 932 assist in the instruction of a subject or course. These items 933 may be available in bound, unbound, kit, or package form and may 934 consist of hardbacked, or softbacked, or electronic textbooks, 935 replacements for items which were part of previously purchased 936 instructional materials, consumables, learning laboratories, 937 manipulatives, electronic media, computer courseware or 938 software, and other commonly accepted instructional tools as 939 prescribed by district school board rule. Beginning with the 940 2012-2013 fiscal year, the funds available to district school 941 boards for the purchase of materials not on the state-adopted 942 list may not be used to purchase electronic or computer hardware 943 even if such hardware is provided for the sole purpose of 944 delivering instructional materials content in an electronic 945 format. The funds provided for instructional materials bundled 946 with software or other electronic media, nor may not such funds 947 be used to purchase equipment or supplies. However, when authorized to do so in the General Appropriations Act, a school 948 or district school board may use a portion of the funds 949 950 available to it for the purchase of materials not on the state-951 adopted list to purchase science laboratory materials and

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953 Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 1007.27, Florida 954 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.-

956 It is the intent of the Legislature that a variety of (1)957 articulated acceleration mechanisms be available for secondary 958 and postsecondary students attending public educational 959 institutions. It is intended that articulated acceleration serve 960 to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete the 961 requirements associated with the conference of a high school 962 diploma and a postsecondary degree, broaden the scope of 963 curricular options available to students, or increase the depth 964 of study available for a particular subject. Articulated 965 acceleration mechanisms shall include, but not be limited to, 966 dual enrollment as provided for in s. 1007.271, early admission, 967 advanced placement, credit by examination, the International 968 Baccalaureate Program, and the Advanced International 969 Certificate of Education Program. Credit earned through the 970 Florida Virtual School shall provide additional opportunities 971 for early graduation and acceleration. Students in public 972 secondary schools enrolled in courses pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed authorized users of the state-funded 973 974 electronic library resources provided by Florida colleges and state universities pursuant to s. 1006.72. Verification of 975 976 eligibility shall be in accordance with rules established by the 977 State Board of Education and the Board of Governors and 978 processes implemented by Florida colleges and state 979 universities.

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980 Section 19. Paragraph (p) of subsection (1), paragraphs 981 (a) and (b) of subsection (4), subsection (6), paragraph (d) of 982 subsection (7), and paragraph (a) of subsection (12) of section 983 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

984 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual 985 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each 986 district for operation of schools is not determined in the 987 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing 988 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as 989 follows:

990 (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR 991 OPERATION.—The following procedure shall be followed in 992 determining the annual allocation to each district for 993 operation:

994 Calculation of additional full-time equivalent (p) 995 membership based on certification of successful completion of 996 industry-certified career and professional academy programs 997 pursuant to ss. 1003.491, 1003.492, and 1003.493 and identified in the Industry Certification Certified Funding List pursuant to 998 999 rules adopted by the State Board of Education.-A value of 0.16 1000 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated 1001 for each student who completes an industry-certified career and 1002 professional academy program under ss. 1003.491, 1003.492, and 1003.493 and who is issued the highest level of industry 1003 certification identified annually in the Industry Certification 1004 Funding List approved under rules adopted by the State Board of 1005 Education and a high school diploma. Such value shall be added 1006 1007 to the total full-time equivalent student membership in

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1008 secondary career education programs for grades 9 through 12 in 1009 the subsequent year for courses that were not funded through 1010 dual enrollment. The additional full-time equivalent membership 1011 authorized under this paragraph may not exceed 0.16 0.3 per 1012 student. Unless a different amount is specified in the General 1013 Appropriations Act, the appropriation for this calculation is 1014 limited to \$8 \$15 million annually. If the appropriation is insufficient to fully fund the total calculation, the 1015 1016 appropriation shall be prorated.

(4) COMPUTATION OF DISTRICT REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT.—The
Legislature shall prescribe the aggregate required local effort
for all school districts collectively as an item in the General
Appropriations Act for each fiscal year. The amount that each
district shall provide annually toward the cost of the Florida
Education Finance Program for kindergarten through grade 12
programs shall be calculated as follows:

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(a) Estimated taxable value calculations.-

1025 1.a. Not later than 2 working days prior to July 19, the 1026 Department of Revenue shall certify to the Commissioner of 1027 Education its most recent estimate of the taxable value for 1028 school purposes in each school district and the total for all 1029 school districts in the state for the current calendar year 1030 based on the latest available data obtained from the local 1031 property appraisers. The value certified shall be the taxable 1032 value for school purposes for that year, and no further 1033 adjustments shall be made, except those made pursuant to 1034 paragraphs (c) and (d), or an assessment roll change required by 1035 final judicial decisions as specified in paragraph (12) (b). Not

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1036 later than July 19, the Commissioner of Education shall compute 1037 a millage rate, rounded to the next highest one one-thousandth 1038 of a mill, which, when applied to 96 95 percent of the estimated 1039 state total taxable value for school purposes, would generate 1040 the prescribed aggregate required local effort for that year for 1041 all districts. The Commissioner of Education shall certify to 1042 each district school board the millage rate, computed as 1043 prescribed in this subparagraph, as the minimum millage rate 1044 necessary to provide the district required local effort for that 1045 year.

1046 The General Appropriations Act shall direct the b. 1047 computation of the statewide adjusted aggregate amount for 1048 required local effort for all school districts collectively from 1049 ad valorem taxes to ensure that no school district's revenue 1050 from required local effort millage will produce more than 90 1051 percent of the district's total Florida Education Finance 1052 Program calculation as calculated and adopted by the 1053 Legislature, and the adjustment of the required local effort 1054 millage rate of each district that produces more than 90 percent 1055 of its total Florida Education Finance Program entitlement to a 1056 level that will produce only 90 percent of its total Florida 1057 Education Finance Program entitlement in the July calculation.

1058 2. On the same date as the certification in subsubparagraph 1.a., the Department of Revenue shall certify to the Commissioner of Education for each district:

a. Each year for which the property appraiser has
certified the taxable value pursuant to s. 193.122(2) or (3), if
applicable, since the prior certification under sub-subparagraph

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b. For each year identified in sub-subparagraph a., the
taxable value certified by the appraiser pursuant to s.
193.122(2) or (3), if applicable, since the prior certification
under sub-subparagraph 1.a. This is the certification that
reflects all final administrative actions of the value
adjustment board.

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(b) Equalization of required local effort.-

The Department of Revenue shall include with its
 certifications provided pursuant to paragraph (a) its most
 recent determination of the assessment level of the prior year's
 assessment roll for each county and for the state as a whole.

1076 2. The Commissioner of Education shall adjust the required 1077 local effort millage of each district for the current year, 1078 computed pursuant to paragraph (a), as follows:

1079 a. The equalization factor for the prior year's assessment 1080 roll of each district shall be multiplied by <u>96</u> 95 percent of 1081 the taxable value for school purposes shown on that roll and by 1082 the prior year's required local-effort millage, exclusive of any 1083 equalization adjustment made pursuant to this paragraph. The 1084 dollar amount so computed shall be the additional required local 1085 effort for equalization for the current year.

b. Such equalization factor shall be computed as the quotient of the prior year's assessment level of the state as a whole divided by the prior year's assessment level of the county, from which quotient shall be subtracted 1.

1090 c. The dollar amount of additional required local effort 1091 for equalization for each district shall be converted to a

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1092 millage rate, based on <u>96</u> 95 percent of the current year's 1093 taxable value for that district, and added to the required local 1094 effort millage determined pursuant to paragraph (a).

1095 Notwithstanding the limitations imposed pursuant to s. 3. 1096 1011.71(1), the total required local-effort millage, including 1097 additional required local effort for equalization, shall be an 1098 amount not to exceed 10 minus the maximum millage allowed as 1099 nonvoted discretionary millage, exclusive of millage authorized 1100 pursuant to s. 1011.71(2). Nothing herein shall be construed to 1101 allow a millage in excess of that authorized in s. 9, Art. VII of the State Constitution. 1102

For the purposes of this chapter, the term "assessment 1103 4. 1104 level" means the value-weighted mean assessment ratio for the county or state as a whole, as determined pursuant to s. 1105 1106 195.096, or as subsequently adjusted. However, for those parcels 1107 studied pursuant to s. 195.096(3)(a)1. which are receiving the 1108 assessment limitation set forth in s. 193.155, and for which the 1109 assessed value is less than the just value, the department shall 1110 use the assessed value in the numerator and the denominator of 1111 such assessment ratio. In the event a court has adjudicated that 1112 the department failed to establish an accurate estimate of an 1113 assessment level of a county and recomputation resulting in an accurate estimate based upon the evidence before the court was 1114 1115 not possible, that county shall be presumed to have an 1116 assessment level equal to that of the state as a whole.

1117 5. If, in the prior year, taxes were levied against an 1118 interim assessment roll pursuant to s. 193.1145, the assessment 1119 level and prior year's nonexempt assessed valuation used for the

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1120 purposes of this paragraph shall be those of the interim 1121 assessment roll.

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(6) CATEGORICAL FUNDS.-

1123 In addition to the basic amount for current operations (a) 1124 for the FEFP as determined in subsection (1), the Legislature 1125 may appropriate categorical funding for specified programs, 1126 activities, or purposes.

1127 If a district school board finds and declares in a (b) resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the school board that 1128 1129 the funds received for any of the following categorical 1130 appropriations are urgently needed to maintain school board 1131 specified academic classroom instruction or to provide 1132 technological equipment that supports student learning, the school board may consider and approve an amendment to the school 1133 1134 district operating budget transferring the identified amount of the categorical funds to the appropriate account for 1135 1136 expenditure: 1137

Funds for student transportation. 1.

1138 2. Funds for safe schools.

1139 3. Funds for supplemental academic instruction.

1140 4. Funds for research-based reading instruction.

1141 5. Funds for instructional materials if all instructional 1142 material purchases necessary to provide updated materials 1143 aligned to the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and benchmarks pursuant to ss. 1006.28(1) and 1006.40(2)(a) have 1144 1145 been completed for that fiscal year, but no sooner than March 1, 2011 2010. 1146 (c) As used in this subsection, the term "technological 1147

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1148	equipment" is limited to hardware, devices, or equipment
1149	necessary for:
1150	1. Gaining access to or enhancing the use of an electronic
1151	textbook and other types of digitally rich instructional
1152	materials; or
1153	2. Facilitating access to and the use of a school
1154	district's electronic learning and data management systems that
1155	allow teachers, staff, students, and parents to have access to
1156	electronically available instructional materials and teaching
1157	and learning tools and resources.
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1159	Technological equipment purchased from categorical funds
1160	pursuant to this subsection must meet performance standards
1161	related to interactive functionality, capacity, and reliability
1162	as determined by the department. The department is encouraged to
1163	negotiate enterprise agreements with interested technological
1164	equipment vendors and service providers. By February 1, 2011,
1165	the department shall publish a list of recommended vendors and
1166	service providers. Districts choosing devices or services from
1167	vendors or providers not on the department's list may seek a
1168	waiver from the Commissioner of Education if their proposed
1169	purchases represent better value for the district.
1170	<u>(d)</u> Each district school board shall include in its
1171	annual financial report to the Department of Education the
1172	amount of funds the school board transferred from each of the

1173 categorical funds identified in this subsection and the specific 1174 academic classroom instruction for which the transferred funds 1175 were expended. The Department of Education shall provide

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1176 instructions and specify the format to be used in submitting 1177 this required information as a part of the district annual 1178 financial report. The Department of Education shall submit a 1179 report to the Legislature that identifies by district and by 1180 categorical fund the amount transferred and the specific 1181 academic classroom activity for which the funds were expended.

1182 <u>(e) (d)</u> If a district school board transfers funds from its 1183 research-based reading instruction allocation, the board must 1184 also submit to the Department of Education an amendment 1185 describing the changes that the district is making to its 1186 reading plan approved pursuant to paragraph (9)(d).

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(7) DETERMINATION OF SPARSITY SUPPLEMENT.-

(d) Each district's allocation of sparsity supplement funds shall be adjusted in the following manner:

A maximum discretionary levy per FTE value for each
 district shall be calculated by dividing the value of each
 district's maximum discretionary levy by its FTE student count.

1193 2. A state average discretionary levy value per FTE shall 1194 be calculated by dividing the total maximum discretionary levy 1195 value for all districts by the state total FTE student count.

1196 3. A total potential funds per FTE for each district shall 1197 be calculated by dividing the total potential funds, not 1198 including Florida School Recognition Program funds, Merit Award 1199 <u>Program funds</u>, and the minimum guarantee <u>funds</u>, for each 1200 district by its FTE student count.

4. A state average total potential funds per FTE shall be
calculated by dividing the total potential funds, not including
Florida School Recognition Program funds, Merit Award Program

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1204 <u>funds</u>, and the minimum guarantee <u>funds</u>, for all districts by the 1205 state total FTE student count.

1206 5. For districts that have a levy value per FTE as 1207 calculated in subparagraph 1. higher than the state average 1208 calculated in subparagraph 2., a sparsity wealth adjustment 1209 shall be calculated as the product of the difference between the 1210 state average levy value per FTE calculated in subparagraph 2. and the district's levy value per FTE calculated in subparagraph 1211 1212 1. and the district's FTE student count and -1. However, no 1213 district shall have a sparsity wealth adjustment that, when 1214 applied to the total potential funds calculated in subparagraph 1215 3., would cause the district's total potential funds per FTE to be less than the state average calculated in subparagraph 4. 1216

1217 6. Each district's sparsity supplement allocation shall be
1218 calculated by adding the amount calculated as specified in
1219 paragraphs (a) and (b) and the wealth adjustment amount
1220 calculated in this paragraph.

(12) TOTAL ALLOCATION OF STATE FUNDS TO EACH DISTRICT FOR CURRENT OPERATION.—The total annual state allocation to each district for current operation for the FEFP shall be distributed periodically in the manner prescribed in the General Appropriations Act.

(a) If the funds appropriated for current operation of the
FEFP are not sufficient to pay the state requirement in full,
the department shall prorate the available state funds to each
district in the following manner:

1230 1. Determine the percentage of proration by dividing the 1231 sum of the total amount for current operation, as provided in

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1232 this paragraph for all districts collectively, and the total 1233 district required local effort into the sum of the state funds 1234 available for current operation and the total district required 1235 local effort.

1236 2. Multiply the percentage so determined by the sum of the 1237 total amount for current operation as provided in this paragraph 1238 and the required local effort for each individual district.

1239 3. From the product of such multiplication, subtract the 1240 required local effort of each district; and the remainder shall 1241 be the amount of state funds allocated to the district for 1242 current operation <u>provided that no calculation subsequent to the</u> 1243 <u>appropriation shall result in negative state funds for any</u> 1244 <u>district</u>.

1245 Section 20. Subsection (1) of section 1011.67, Florida 1246 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1011.67 Funds for instructional materials.-

1248 The department is authorized to allocate and (1)1249 distribute to each district an amount as prescribed annually by the Legislature for instructional materials for student 1250 1251 membership in basic and special programs in grades K-12, which 1252 will provide for growth and maintenance needs. For purposes of 1253 this subsection, unweighted full-time equivalent students 1254 enrolled in the lab schools in state universities are to be 1255 included as school district students and reported as such to the 1256 department. These funds shall be distributed to school districts 1257 as follows: 50 percent on or about July 10; 35 percent on or 1258 about October 10; 10 percent on or about January 10; and 5 1259 or about June 10. The annual allocation shall be on Page 45 of 54

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1260 determined as follows:

1261 (a) The growth allocation for each school district shall1262 be calculated as follows:

1263 1. Subtract from that district's projected full-time 1264 equivalent membership of students in basic and special programs 1265 in grades K-12 used in determining the initial allocation of the 1266 Florida Education Finance Program, the prior year's full-time 1267 equivalent membership of students in basic and special programs 1268 in grades K-12 for that district.

1269 2. Multiply any such increase in full-time equivalent 1270 student membership by the allocation for a set of instructional 1271 materials, as determined by the department, or as provided for 1272 in the General Appropriations Act.

1273 3. The amount thus determined shall be that district's 1274 initial allocation for growth for the school year. However, the 1275 department shall recompute and adjust the initial allocation 1276 based on actual full-time equivalent student membership data for 1277 that year.

1278 The maintenance of the instructional materials (b) 1279 allocation for each school district shall be calculated by 1280 multiplying each district's prior year full-time equivalent 1281 membership of students in basic and special programs in grades 1282 K-12 by the allocation for maintenance of a set of instructional 1283 materials as provided for in the General Appropriations Act. The amount thus determined shall be that district's initial 1284 1285 allocation for maintenance for the school year; however, the 1286 department shall recompute and adjust the initial allocation 1287 based on such actual full-time equivalent student membership

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1288 data for that year.

(c) In the event the funds appropriated are not sufficient for the purpose of implementing this subsection in full, the department shall prorate the funds available for instructional materials after first funding in full each district's growth allocation.

1294 Section 21. Subsection (2) of section 1011.68, Florida 1295 Statutes, is amended to read:

1296 1011.68 Funds for student transportation.—The annual 1297 allocation to each district for transportation to public school 1298 programs, including charter schools as provided in s. 1299 1002.33(17)(b), of students in membership in kindergarten 1300 through grade 12 and in migrant and exceptional student programs 1301 below kindergarten shall be determined as follows:

The allocation for each district shall be calculated 1302 (2)1303 annually in accordance with the following formula: 1304 T = B + EX. The elements of this formula are defined as follows: 1305 T is the total dollar allocation for transportation. B is the 1306 base transportation dollar allocation prorated by an adjusted 1307 student membership count. The adjusted membership count shall be 1308 derived from a multiplicative index function in which the base 1309 student membership is adjusted by multiplying it by index 1310 numbers that individually account for the impact of the price 1311 level index, average bus occupancy, and the extent of rural 1312 population in the district. EX is the base transportation dollar 1313 allocation for disabled students prorated by an adjusted 1314 disabled student membership count. The base transportation dollar allocation for disabled students is the total state base 1315

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1316 disabled student membership count weighted for increased costs 1317 associated with transporting disabled students and multiplying 1318 it by a the prior year's average per student cost for 1319 transportation as determined by the Legislature. The adjusted 1320 disabled student membership count shall be derived from a 1321 multiplicative index function in which the weighted base 1322 disabled student membership is adjusted by multiplying it by index numbers that individually account for the impact of the 1323 1324 price level index, average bus occupancy, and the extent of 1325 rural population in the district. Each adjustment factor shall 1326 be designed to affect the base allocation by no more or less 1327 than 10 percent. 1328 Section 22. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 1329 1011.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1011.71 District school tax.-1330 1331 (3) 1332 In addition to the millage authorized in this section, (b) 1333 each district school board may, by a super majority vote, levy 1334 an additional 0.25 mills for critical capital outlay needs or for critical operating needs. If levied for capital outlay, 1335 1336 expenditures shall be subject to the requirements of this 1337 section. If levied for operations, expenditures shall be 1338 consistent with the requirements for operating funds received 1339 pursuant to s. 1011.62. If the district levies this additional 1340 0.25 mills for operations, the compression adjustment pursuant to s. 1011.62(5) shall be calculated and added to the district's 1341 1342 FEFP allocation. Millage levied pursuant to this paragraph is 1343 subject to the provisions of s. 200.065. In order to be

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1344 continued after the 2010-2011 fiscal year, millage levied 1345 pursuant to this paragraph must be approved by the voters of the 1346 district at the 2010 next general election or at a subsequent 1347 election held at any time, except that not more than one such 1348 election shall be held during any 12-month period. Any millage 1349 so authorized shall be levied for a period not in excess of 2 1350 years or until changed by another millage election, whichever is 1351 earlier. If any such election is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidated election shall be 1352 considered not to have been held. 1353 1354 Section 23. Subsection (2) of section 1011.73, Florida 1355 Statutes, is amended to read: 1356 1011.73 District millage elections.-1357 (2)MILLAGE AUTHORIZED NOT TO EXCEED 4 YEARS.-The district 1358 school board, pursuant to resolution adopted at a regular 1359 meeting, shall direct the county commissioners to call an 1360 election at which the electors within the school district may 1361 approve an ad valorem tax millage as authorized under s. 1362 1011.71(9)(8). Such election may be held at any time, except 1363 that not more than one such election shall be held during any 1364 12-month period. Any millage so authorized shall be levied for a 1365 period not in excess of 4 years or until changed by another 1366 millage election, whichever is earlier. If any such election is 1367 invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidated election shall be considered not to have been held. 1368 Section 24. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of 1369 1370 section 1013.64, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1371 1013.64 Funds for comprehensive educational plant needs;

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1372 construction cost maximums for school district capital 1373 projects.—Allocations from the Public Education Capital Outlay 1374 and Debt Service Trust Fund to the various boards for capital 1375 outlay projects shall be determined as follows:

1376 The department shall establish, as a part of the (2) (a) 1377 Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund, a 1378 separate account, in an amount determined by the Legislature, to 1379 be known as the "Special Facility Construction Account." The 1380 Special Facility Construction Account shall be used to provide 1381 necessary construction funds to school districts which have 1382 urgent construction needs but which lack sufficient resources at 1383 present, and cannot reasonably anticipate sufficient resources 1384 within the period of the next 3 years, for these purposes from 1385 currently authorized sources of capital outlay revenue. A school 1386 district requesting funding from the Special Facility 1387 Construction Account shall submit one specific construction project, not to exceed one complete educational plant, to the 1388 1389 Special Facility Construction Committee. No district shall 1390 receive funding for more than one approved project in any 3-year period. The first year of the 3-year period shall be the first 1391 1392 year a district receives an appropriation. The department shall 1393 encourage a construction program that reduces the average size 1394 of schools in the district. The request must meet the following 1395 criteria to be considered by the committee:

1396 1. The project must be deemed a critical need and must be 1397 recommended for funding by the Special Facility Construction 1398 Committee. Prior to developing plans for the proposed facility, 1399 the district school board must request a preapplication review

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1400 by the Special Facility Construction Committee or a project 1401 review subcommittee convened by the committee to include two 1402 representatives of the department and two staff from school 1403 districts not eligible to participate in the program. Within 60 1404 days after receiving the preapplication review request, the 1405 committee or subcommittee must meet in the school district to 1406 review the project proposal and existing facilities. To 1407 determine whether the proposed project is a critical need, the 1408 committee or subcommittee shall consider, at a minimum, the 1409 capacity of all existing facilities within the district as 1410 determined by the Florida Inventory of School Houses; the 1411 district's pattern of student growth; the district's existing and projected capital outlay full-time equivalent student 1412 1413 enrollment as determined by the department; the district's 1414 existing satisfactory student stations; the use of all existing 1415 district property and facilities; grade level configurations; 1416 and any other information that may affect the need for the 1417 proposed project.

1418 2. The construction project must be recommended in the 1419 most recent survey or surveys <u>conducted and approved by the</u> 1420 <u>Office of Educational Facilities with the assistance of by</u> the 1421 district under the rules of the State Board of Education.

1422 3. The construction project must appear on the district's
1423 approved project priority list under the rules of the State
1424 Board of Education.

1425 4. The district must have selected and had approved a site
1426 for the construction project in compliance with s. 1013.36 and
1427 the rules of the State Board of Education.

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1428 5. With the assistance of the Office of Educational 1429 Facilities, the district shall have developed a district school 1430 board adopted list of facilities that do not exceed the norm for 1431 net square feet occupancy requirements under the State 1432 Requirements for Educational Facilities, using all possible 1433 programmatic combinations for multiple use of space to obtain 1434 maximum daily use of all spaces within the facility under 1435 consideration.

1436 6. Upon construction, the total cost per student station,
1437 including change orders, must not exceed the cost per student
1438 station as provided in subsection (6). The total project may not
1439 exceed the cost estimate approved by the Special Facility
1440 Construction Committee, and additional funding may not be added
1441 except for providential causes.

1442 7. There shall be an agreement signed by the district 1443 school board stating that it will advertise for bids within 30 1444 days of receipt of its encumbrance authorization from the 1445 department.

1446 8. The district shall, at the time of the request and for 1447 a continuing period of 3 years, levy the maximum millage against 1448 their nonexempt assessed property value as allowed in s. 1449 1011.71(2) or shall raise an equivalent amount of revenue from 1450 the school capital outlay surtax authorized under s. 212.055(6). 1451 Any district with a new or active project, funded under the provisions of this subsection, shall be required to budget no 1452 more than the value of 1.5 mills per year to the project to 1453 1454 satisfy the annual participation requirement in the Special 1455 Facility Construction Account.

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9. If a contract has not been signed 90 days after the advertising of bids, the funding for the specific project shall revert to the Special Facility New Construction Account to be reallocated to other projects on the list. However, an additional 90 days may be granted by the commissioner.

1461 10. The department shall certify the inability of the 1462 district to fund the survey-recommended project over a 1463 continuous 3-year period using projected capital outlay revenue 1464 derived from s. 9(d), Art. XII of the State Constitution, as 1465 amended, paragraph (3)(a) of this section, and s. 1011.71(2).

1466 11. The district shall have on file with the department an 1467 adopted resolution acknowledging its 3-year commitment of all 1468 unencumbered and future revenue acquired from s. 9(d), Art. XII 1469 of the State Constitution, as amended, paragraph (3)(a) of this 1470 section, and s. 1011.71(2).

1471 12. Final phase III plans must be certified by the board 1472 as complete and in compliance with the building and life safety 1473 codes, and reviewed and approved by the Office of Educational 1474 Facilities, prior to August 1.

1475 The Special Facility Construction Committee shall be (b) 1476 composed of the following: two representatives of the Department 1477 of Education, a representative from the Governor's office, and 1478 two representatives of school districts. The school district 1479 representatives must be from districts that do not currently 1480 qualify for appropriations from the Special Facility 1481 Construction Account and shall be a representative selected 1482 annually, one by the district school boards, and one $\frac{1}{2}$ 1483 representative selected annually by the superintendents. Page 53 of 54

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1484Section 25. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this1485act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

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