

By Senator Montford

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Teachers Classroom
3 Supply Assistance Program; amending s. 1012.71, F.S.;;
4 revising procedures for distributing program funds to
5 classroom teachers; providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 1012.71, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 1012.71 The Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance
12 Program.—

13 (3) From the funds allocated to each school district and
14 any funds received from local contributions for the Florida
15 Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program, the district
16 school board shall calculate an identical amount for each
17 classroom teacher who is expected to be employed by the school
18 district or a charter school in the district on September 1 of
19 each year, which is that teacher's proportionate share of the
20 total amount allocated to the district from state funds and
21 funds received from local contributions. A job-share classroom
22 teacher may receive a prorated share of the amount provided to a
23 full-time classroom teacher. For a classroom teacher determined
24 eligible on July 1, the district school board and each charter
25 school board may provide the teacher with his or her total
26 proportionate share by August 1 based on the estimate of the
27 number of teachers who will be employed on September 1. For a
28 classroom teacher determined eligible after July 1, the district
29 school board and each charter school board shall provide the

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30 ~~each classroom~~ teacher with his or her total proportionate share
31 by September 30. The proportionate share may be provided ~~of each~~
32 ~~year~~ by any means determined appropriate by the district school
33 board or charter school board, including, but not limited to,
34 direct deposit, check, debit card, or purchasing card. If a
35 debit card is used, an identifier must be placed on the front of
36 the debit card which clearly indicates that the card has been
37 issued for the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance
38 Program. Expenditures under the program are not subject to state
39 or local competitive bidding requirements. Funds received by a
40 classroom teacher do not affect wages, hours, or terms and
41 conditions of employment and, therefore, are not subject to
42 collective bargaining. Any classroom teacher may decline receipt
43 of or return the funds without explanation or cause.

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.