

By Senator Bradley

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school funding transparency;
3 creating s. 1002.25, F.S.; providing legislative
4 findings; requiring the Department of Financial
5 Services to create a website detailing the amount of
6 state, local, and federal funding that school
7 districts spend per child; requiring the Department of
8 Education to provide specified information to the
9 Department of Financial Services; providing an
10 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 1002.25, Florida Statutes, is created to
15 read:

16 1002.25 School funding transparency and parent rights.—

17 (1) The Legislature finds that every parent in this state
18 has the right to know how much money a school district spends to
19 educate his or her child and that providing school funding
20 information in a clear and transparent manner helps a parent
21 advocate for the most effective use of these resources.

22 (2) The Department of Financial Services shall create a
23 website that provides parents with the estimated amount of
24 state, local, and federal funding that a school district spends
25 to educate their child. This estimate must be based on at least
26 the following information, which shall be provided by a parent:

27 (a) The school district in which his or her child attends
28 school.

29 (b) His or her child's grade level.

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30 (c) Whether his or her child qualifies for free or reduced-
31 price meals under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch
32 Act.

33 (d) Whether his or her child is:

34 1. Identified as an exceptional student as defined in s.
35 1003.01(3)(a), including whether his or her child is a gifted
36 student or a student with a disability, and his or her matrix
37 funding level, consistent with the requirements of s.
38 1011.62(1)(c), if applicable and if known; or

39 2. Identified as limited English proficient, as defined in
40 s. 1003.56(2).

41 (3) The Department of Education shall provide the
42 Department of Financial Services with the necessary data to
43 populate the website, including data definitions and data
44 exchange technical requirements, the average amount spent per
45 student for capital outlay, the distinctions between the funding
46 sources, and the tables and formulas for calculating student
47 funding based upon the parameters identified in subsection (2).

48 Section 2. For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the sum of
49 \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is
50 appropriated to the Department of Financial Services for the
51 development of the school funding transparency website.

52 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.