

The Florida Senate
GOVERNOR'S VETO
OF PORTIONS OF THE 2017 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT
SB 2500

SPECIFIC APPROPRIATION VETOED

Specific Appropriation 8

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"The calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year are incorporated by reference in Senate Bill 2502. The calculations are the basis for the appropriations made in the General Appropriations Act in Specific Appropriations 7, 8, 9, 91, and 92."

"8 AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
GRANTS AND AIDS - CLASS SIZE REDUCTION
FROM EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT TRUST
FUND 103,776,356

Funds in Specific Appropriations 8 and 92 are provided to implement the requirements of sections 1003.03 and 1011.685, Florida Statutes. The class size reduction allocation factor for grades prekindergarten to grade 3 shall be \$1,317.03, for grades 4 to 8 shall be \$898.36, and for grades 9 to 12 shall be \$900.53. The class size reduction allocation shall be recalculated based on enrollment through the October 2017 FTE survey except as provided in section 1003.03(4), Florida Statutes. If the total class size reduction allocation is greater than the appropriation in Specific Appropriations 8 and 92, funds shall be prorated to the level of the appropriation based on each district's calculated amount. The Commissioner of Education may withhold disbursement of these funds until a district is in compliance with reporting information required for class size reduction implementation."

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

"The [indicated project following Specific Appropriation 8] is vetoed because the amount of funding included in the Florida Education Finance Program should be higher in order to educate

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and prepare Florida's 2.8 million public kindergarten through grade 12 students for college and career.”

ANALYST COMMENT

This appropriation provided \$103,776,356 in recurring funds from the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund (EETF) for class size reduction. As a result of the voter-approved amendment to Article IX, section 1, of the Florida Constitution, regarding class size reduction, additional operating and capital outlay funds are appropriated to assist districts in their efforts to not exceed the class size maximums. Florida classrooms may have no more than 18 students in grades PreK through 3, 22 students in grades 4 through 8, and 25 students in grades 9 through 12.

In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, \$103,776,356 in recurring EETF funds were provided for this initiative.

This initiative was funded in the amount of \$103,776,356 from the EETF in both the House General Appropriations Bill and the Senate General Appropriations Bill.