

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

SPECIFIC APPROPRIATION VETOED

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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."

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"9 AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
GRANTS AND AIDS - DISTRICT LOTTERY AND
SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROGRAM
FROM EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT TRUST
FUND 134,582,877

Funds in Specific Appropriation 9 are provided for the Florida School Recognition Program to be allocated as awards of up to \$100 per student to qualified schools pursuant to section 1008.36, Florida Statutes.

If there are funds remaining after payment to qualified schools, the balance shall be allocated as discretionary lottery funds to all school districts based on each district's K-12 base funding. From these funds, school districts shall allocate up to \$5 per unweighted student to be used at the discretion of the school advisory council pursuant to

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

"The [indicated project following Specific Appropriation 9] 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 \$134,582,877 in recurring funds from the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund (EETF) for District Discretionary Lottery and School Recognition. The Florida School Recognition Program provides financial awards to schools that earn an “A” grade, or demonstrate exemplary improvement by improving at least one letter grade from the previous year or improving by more than one letter grade and sustaining the improvement the following school year. The funds may be used for nonrecurring bonuses to the faculty and staff, nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment or materials, or for temporary personnel to assist the school in maintaining or improving student performance.

In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, \$134,582,877 in recurring EETF funds were provided for this initiative.

This initiative was funded in the amount of \$134,582,877 from the EETF in both the House General Appropriations Bill and the Senate General Appropriations Bill.