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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Equity in School-Level Funding
3 Act; repealing s. 1011.69, F.S., relating to the
4 Equity in School-Level Funding Act; amending ss.
5 1011.6202 and 1012.28, F.S.; conforming provisions to
6 changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Section 1011.69, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

11 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
12 1011.6202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 1011.6202 Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative.—The
14 Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative is created within
15 the Department of Education. The purpose of the pilot program is
16 to provide the highly effective principal of a participating
17 school with increased autonomy and authority to operate his or
18 her school in a way that produces significant improvements in
19 student achievement and school management while complying with
20 constitutional requirements. The State Board of Education may,
21 upon approval of a principal autonomy proposal, enter into a
22 performance contract with up to seven district school boards for
23 participation in the pilot program.

24 (3) EXEMPTION FROM LAWS.—

25 (b) A participating school shall comply with the provisions
26 of chapters 1000-1013, and rules of the state board that
27 implement those provisions, pertaining to the following:

28 1. Those laws relating to the election and compensation of
29 district school board members, the election or appointment and

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30 compensation of district school superintendents, public meetings
31 and public records requirements, financial disclosure, and
32 conflicts of interest.

33 2. Those laws relating to the student assessment program
34 and school grading system, including chapter 1008.

35 3. Those laws relating to the provision of services to
36 students with disabilities.

37 4. Those laws relating to civil rights, including s.
38 1000.05, relating to discrimination.

39 5. Those laws relating to student health, safety, and
40 welfare.

41 6. Section 1001.42(4)(f), relating to the uniform opening
42 date for public schools.

43 7. Section 1003.03, governing maximum class size, except
44 that the calculation for compliance pursuant to s. 1003.03 is
45 the average at the school level for a participating school.

46 8. Sections 1012.22(1)(c) and 1012.27(2), relating to
47 compensation and salary schedules.

48 9. Section 1012.33(5), relating to workforce reductions for
49 annual contracts for instructional personnel. This subparagraph
50 does not apply to at-will employees.

51 10. Section 1012.335, relating to annual contracts for
52 instructional personnel hired on or after July 1, 2011. This
53 subparagraph does not apply to at-will employees.

54 11. Section 1012.34, relating to personnel evaluation
55 procedures and criteria.

56 12. Those laws pertaining to educational facilities,
57 including chapter 1013, except that s. 1013.20, relating to
58 covered walkways for relocatables, and s. 1013.21, relating to

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59 the use of relocatable facilities exceeding 20 years of age, are
60 eligible for exemption.

61 13. Those laws pertaining to participating school
62 districts, including this section and s. 1012.28(8) ~~ss.~~
63 ~~1011.69(2) and 1012.28(8)~~.

64 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (8) of section
65 1012.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

66 1012.28 Public school personnel; duties of school
67 principals.-

68 (8) The principal of a school participating in the
69 Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative under s. 1011.6202
70 has the following additional authority and responsibilities:

71 ~~(c) To annually provide to the district school~~
72 ~~superintendent and the district school board a budget for the~~
73 ~~operation of the participating school that identifies how funds~~
74 ~~provided pursuant to s. 1011.69(2) are allocated. The school~~
75 ~~district shall include the budget in the annual report provided~~
76 ~~to the State Board of Education pursuant to s. 1011.6202(6).~~

77 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.