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The Committee on Appropriations (Diaz) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 212.099, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:

212.099 Credit for contributions to eligible nonprofit  
scholarship-funding organizations ~~Florida Sales Tax Credit  
Scholarship Program.~~—

(1) As used in this section, the term:



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11 (a) "Eligible business" means a tenant or person actually  
12 occupying, using, or entitled to the use of any property from  
13 which the rental or license fee is subject to taxation under s.  
14 212.031.

15 (b) "Eligible contribution" or "contribution" means a  
16 monetary contribution from an eligible business to an eligible  
17 nonprofit scholarship-funding organization to be used pursuant  
18 to ~~s. 1002.385~~ or s. 1002.395. The eligible business making the  
19 contribution may not designate a specific student as the  
20 beneficiary of the contribution.

21 (c) "Eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization"  
22 or "organization" has the same meaning as provided in s.  
23 1002.395(2)(f).

24 (2) An eligible business shall be granted a credit against  
25 the tax imposed under s. 212.031 and collected from the eligible  
26 business by a dealer. The credit shall be in an amount equal to  
27 100 percent of an eligible contribution made to an organization.

28 (3) A dealer shall take a credit against the tax imposed  
29 under s. 212.031 in an amount equal to the credit taken by the  
30 eligible business under subsection (2).

31 (4)(a) An eligible business must apply to the department  
32 for an allocation of tax credits under this section. The  
33 eligible business must specify in the application the state  
34 fiscal year during which the contribution will be made, the  
35 organization that will receive the contribution, the planned  
36 amount of the contribution, the address of the property from  
37 which the rental or license fee is subject to taxation under s.  
38 212.031, and the federal employer identification number of the  
39 dealer who collects the tax imposed under s. 212.031 from the



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40 eligible business and who will reduce collection of taxes from  
41 the eligible business pursuant to this section. The department  
42 shall approve allocations of tax credits on a first-come, first-  
43 served basis and shall provide to the eligible business a  
44 separate approval or denial letter for each dealer for which the  
45 eligible business applied for an allocation of tax credits.  
46 Within 10 days after approving or denying an application, the  
47 department shall provide a copy of its approval or denial letter  
48 to the organization specified by the eligible business in the  
49 application. An approval letter must include the name and  
50 federal employer identification number of the dealer from whom a  
51 credit under this section can be taken and the amount of tax  
52 credits approved for use with that dealer.

53 (b) Upon receipt of an eligible contribution, the  
54 organization shall provide the eligible business that made the  
55 contribution with a separate certificate of contribution for  
56 each dealer from whom a credit can be taken as approved under  
57 paragraph (a). A certificate of contribution must include the  
58 contributor's name and, if available, federal employer  
59 identification number, the amount contributed, the date of  
60 contribution, the name of the organization, and the name and  
61 federal employer identification number of the dealer.

62 (5) Each dealer that receives from an eligible business a  
63 copy of the department's approval letter and a certificate of  
64 contribution, both of which identify the dealer as the dealer  
65 who collects the tax imposed under s. 212.031 from the eligible  
66 business and who will reduce collection of taxes from the  
67 eligible business pursuant to this section, shall reduce the tax  
68 collected from the eligible business under s. 212.031 by the



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69 total amount of contributions indicated in the certificate of  
70 contribution. The reduction may not exceed the amount of credit  
71 allocation approved by the department and may not exceed the  
72 amount of tax that would otherwise be collected from the  
73 eligible business by a dealer when a payment is made under the  
74 rental or license fee arrangement. However, payments by an  
75 eligible business to a dealer may not be reduced before October  
76 1, 2018.

77 (a) If the total amount of credits an eligible business may  
78 take cannot be fully used within any period that a payment is  
79 due under the rental or license fee arrangement because of an  
80 insufficient amount of tax that the dealer would collect from  
81 the eligible business during that period, the unused amount may  
82 be carried forward for a period not to exceed 10 years.

83 (b) A tax credit may not be claimed on an amended return or  
84 through a refund.

85 (c) A dealer that claims a tax credit must file returns and  
86 pay taxes by electronic means under s. 213.755.

87 (d) An eligible business may not convey, assign, or  
88 transfer an approved tax credit or a carryforward tax credit to  
89 another entity unless all of the assets of the eligible business  
90 are conveyed, assigned, or transferred in the same transaction  
91 and the successor business continues the same lease with the  
92 dealer.

93 (e) Within any state fiscal year, an eligible business may  
94 rescind all or part of a tax credit approved under this section.  
95 The amount rescinded shall become available for that state  
96 fiscal year to another eligible business as approved by the  
97 department if the business receives notice from the department



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98 that the rescindment has been accepted by the department. Any  
99 amount rescinded under this subsection shall become available to  
100 an eligible business on a first-come, first-served basis based  
101 on tax credit applications received after the date the  
102 rescindment is accepted by the department.

103 (f) Within 10 days after the rescindment of a tax credit  
104 under paragraph (e) is accepted by the department, the  
105 department shall notify the eligible nonprofit scholarship-  
106 funding organization specified by the eligible business. The  
107 department shall also include the eligible nonprofit  
108 scholarship-funding organization specified by the eligible  
109 business on all letters or correspondence of acknowledgment for  
110 tax credits under this section.

111 (6) An organization shall report to the department, on or  
112 before the 20th day of each month, the total amount of  
113 contributions received pursuant to subsection (4) in the  
114 preceding calendar month on a form provided by the department.  
115 Such report shall include the amount of contributions received  
116 during that reporting period and the federal employer  
117 identification number of each dealer associated with the  
118 contribution.

119 (7) (a) Eligible contributions may be used to fund the  
120 program established under s. 1002.395 ~~s. 1002.385~~ if funds  
121 ~~appropriated in a state fiscal year for the program are~~  
122 ~~insufficient to fund eligible students.~~

123 ~~(b) If the conditions in paragraph (a) are met, the~~  
124 ~~organization shall first use eligible contributions received~~  
125 ~~during a state fiscal year to fund scholarships for students in~~  
126 ~~the priority set forth in s. 1002.385(12) (d). Remaining~~



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127 ~~contributions may be used to fund scholarships for students~~  
128 ~~eligible pursuant to s. 1002.395(3)(b)1. or 2.~~

129 ~~(b)(e)~~ The organization shall separately account for each  
130 scholarship funded pursuant to this section.

131 ~~(d) Notwithstanding s. 1002.385(6)(b), any funds remaining~~  
132 ~~from a closed scholarship account funded pursuant to this~~  
133 ~~section shall be used to fund other scholarships pursuant to s.~~  
134 ~~1002.385.~~

135 ~~(c)(e)~~ The organization may, subject to the limitations of  
136 s. 1002.395(6)(j)1., use up to 3 percent of eligible  
137 contributions received during the state fiscal year in which  
138 such contributions are collected for administrative expenses.

139 (8) The sum of tax credits that may be approved by the  
140 department in any state fiscal year is \$57.5 million.

141 (9) For purposes of the distributions of tax revenue under  
142 s. 212.20, the department shall disregard any tax credits  
143 allowed under this section to ensure that any reduction in tax  
144 revenue received that is attributable to the tax credits results  
145 only in a reduction in distributions to the General Revenue  
146 Fund.

147 (10) The department may adopt rules to administer this  
148 section.

149 Section 2. Section 212.1832, Florida Statutes, is amended  
150 to read:

151 212.1832 Credit for contributions to eligible nonprofit  
152 scholarship-funding organizations ~~the Hope Scholarship Program.~~

153 (1) The purchaser of a motor vehicle shall be granted a  
154 credit of 100 percent of an eligible contribution made to an  
155 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization under s.



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156 1002.40 against any tax imposed by the state under this chapter  
157 and collected from the purchaser by a dealer, designated agent,  
158 or private tag agent as a result of the purchase or acquisition  
159 of a motor vehicle ~~on or after October 1, 2018~~, except that a  
160 credit may not exceed the tax that would otherwise be collected  
161 from the purchaser by a dealer, designated agent, or private tag  
162 agent. For purposes of this subsection, the term "purchase" does  
163 not include the lease or rental of a motor vehicle.

164 (2) A dealer shall take a credit against any tax imposed by  
165 the state under this chapter on the purchase of a motor vehicle  
166 in an amount equal to the credit granted to the purchaser under  
167 subsection (1).

168 (3) For purposes of the distributions of tax revenue under  
169 s. 212.20, the department shall disregard any tax credits  
170 allowed under this section to ensure that any reduction in tax  
171 revenue received that is attributable to the tax credits results  
172 only in a reduction in distributions to the General Revenue  
173 Fund. The provisions of s. 1002.40 apply to the credit  
174 authorized by this section.

175 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section  
176 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

177 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public  
178 school students must receive accurate and timely information  
179 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed  
180 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12  
181 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory  
182 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

183 (6) EDUCATIONAL CHOICE.—

184 (b) *Private educational choices.*—Parents of public school



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185 students may seek private educational choice options under  
186 certain programs established under chapter 1002.

187 ~~1. Under the McKay Scholarships for Students with~~  
188 ~~Disabilities Program, the parent of a public school student with~~  
189 ~~a disability may request and receive a McKay Scholarship for the~~  
190 ~~student to attend a private school in accordance with s.~~  
191 ~~1002.39.~~

192 ~~2. Under the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program, the~~  
193 ~~parent of a student who qualifies for free or reduced-price~~  
194 ~~school lunch or who is currently placed, or during the previous~~  
195 ~~state fiscal year was placed, in foster care as defined in s.~~  
196 ~~39.01 may seek a scholarship from an eligible nonprofit~~  
197 ~~scholarship funding organization in accordance with s. 1002.395.~~

198 ~~3. Under the Florida Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts~~  
199 ~~Program, the parent of a student with a qualifying disability~~  
200 ~~may apply for a personal learning scholarship to be used for~~  
201 ~~individual educational needs in accordance with s. 1002.385.~~

202 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection  
203 (10) of section 1002.333, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

204 1002.333 Persistently low-performing schools.—

205 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

206 (b) "Persistently low-performing school" means a school  
207 that has earned three ~~consecutive~~ grades lower than a "C,"  
208 pursuant to s. 1008.34, in at least 3 of the previous 5 years  
209 and has not earned a grade of "B" or higher in the most recent 2  
210 school years, and a school that was closed pursuant to s.  
211 1008.33(4) within 2 years after the submission of a notice of  
212 intent.

213 (10) SCHOOLS OF HOPE PROGRAM.—The Schools of Hope Program





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214 is created within the Department of Education.

215 (a) A school of hope is eligible to receive funds from the  
216 Schools of Hope Program for the following expenditures:

217 1. Preparing teachers, school leaders, and specialized  
218 instructional support personnel, including costs associated  
219 with:

220 a. Providing professional development.

221 b. Hiring and compensating teachers, school leaders, and  
222 specialized instructional support personnel for services ~~beyond~~  
223 the school day and year until the school reaches full enrollment  
224 in accordance with the performance-based agreement pursuant to  
225 subsection (5).

226 2. Acquiring supplies, training, equipment, and educational  
227 materials, including developing and acquiring instructional  
228 materials.

229 3. Providing one-time startup costs associated with  
230 providing transportation to students to and from the charter  
231 school.

232 4. Carrying out community engagement activities, which may  
233 include paying the cost of student and staff recruitment.

234 5. Providing funds to cover the nonvoted ad valorem millage  
235 that would otherwise be required for schools and the required  
236 local effort funds calculated pursuant to s. 1011.62 when the  
237 state board enters into an agreement with a hope operator  
238 pursuant to subsection (5).

239 6. Providing funds for the initial leasing costs of a  
240 school facility in the event the department determines that a  
241 suitable district-owned facility is unavailable or not leased in  
242 a timely manner pursuant to paragraph (7) (d).



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244 In the event a school of hope is dissolved or is otherwise  
245 terminated, all property, furnishings, and equipment purchased  
246 with public funds shall automatically revert to full ownership  
247 by the district school board, subject to complete satisfaction  
248 of any lawful liens or encumbrances. Any unencumbered public  
249 funds from the school of hope, district school board property  
250 and improvements, furnishings, and equipment purchased with  
251 public funds, or financial or other records pertaining to the  
252 school of hope, in the possession of any person, entity, or  
253 holding company, other than the charter school, shall be held in  
254 trust upon the district school board's request, until any appeal  
255 status is resolved.

256 ~~(b) A traditional public school that is required to submit~~  
257 ~~a plan for implementation pursuant to s. 1008.33(4) is eligible~~  
258 ~~to receive up to \$2,000 per full-time equivalent student from~~  
259 ~~the Schools of Hope Program based upon the strength of the~~  
260 ~~school's plan for implementation and its focus on evidence-based~~  
261 ~~interventions that lead to student success by providing wrap-~~  
262 ~~around services that leverage community assets, improve school~~  
263 ~~and community collaboration, and develop family and community~~  
264 ~~partnerships. Wrap-around services include, but are not limited~~  
265 ~~to, tutorial and after-school programs, student counseling,~~  
266 ~~nutrition education, parental counseling, and adult education.~~  
267 ~~Plans for implementation may also include models that develop a~~  
268 ~~culture of attending college, high academic expectations,~~  
269 ~~character development, dress codes, and an extended school day~~  
270 ~~and school year. At a minimum, a plan for implementation must:~~  
271 ~~1. Establish wrap-around services that develop family and~~



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272 ~~community partnerships.~~  
273       ~~2. Establish clearly defined and measurable high academic~~  
274 ~~and character standards.~~  
275       ~~3. Increase parental involvement and engagement in the~~  
276 ~~child's education.~~  
277       ~~4. Describe how the school district will identify, recruit,~~  
278 ~~retain, and reward instructional personnel. The state board may~~  
279 ~~waive the requirements of s. 1012.22(1)(c)5., and suspend the~~  
280 ~~requirements of s. 1012.34, to facilitate implementation of the~~  
281 ~~plan.~~  
282       ~~5. Identify a knowledge-rich curriculum that the school~~  
283 ~~will use that focuses on developing a student's background~~  
284 ~~knowledge.~~  
285       ~~6. Provide professional development that focuses on~~  
286 ~~academic rigor, direct instruction, and creating high academic~~  
287 ~~and character standards.~~  
288       ~~(c) The state board shall:~~  
289           ~~1. Provide awards for up to 25 schools and prioritize~~  
290 ~~awards for plans submitted pursuant to paragraph (b) that are~~  
291 ~~based on whole school transformation and that are developed in~~  
292 ~~consultation with the school's principal.~~  
293           ~~2. Annually report on the implementation of this subsection~~  
294 ~~in the report required by s. 1008.345(5), and provide summarized~~  
295 ~~academic performance reports of each traditional public school~~  
296 ~~receiving funds.~~  
297       ~~(d) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351,~~  
298 ~~funds allocated for the purpose of this subsection which are not~~  
299 ~~disbursed by June 30 of the fiscal year in which the funds are~~  
300 ~~allocated may be carried forward for up to 5 years after the~~



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301 effective date of the original appropriation.

302 Section 5. Section 1002.394, Florida Statutes, is created  
303 to read:

304 1002.394 The Family Empowerment Scholarship Program.-

305 (1) PURPOSE.-The Family Empowerment Scholarship Program is  
306 established to provide children of families in this state which  
307 have limited financial resources with educational options to  
308 achieve success in their education.

309 (2) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

310 (a) "Department" means the Department of Education.

311 (b) "Eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization"  
312 has the same meaning as provided in s. 1002.395(2)(f).

313 (c) "Eligible private school" has the same meaning as  
314 provided in s. 1002.395(2)(g).

315 (d) "Parent" means a resident of this state who is a  
316 parent, as defined in s. 1000.21.

317 (e) "Program" means the Family Empowerment Scholarship  
318 Program.

319 (3) SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY.-A student is eligible for a  
320 Family Empowerment Scholarship under this section if the student  
321 meets the following criteria:

322 (a)1. The student is on the direct certification list  
323 pursuant to s. 1002.395(2)(c) or the student's household income  
324 level does not exceed 300 percent of the federal poverty level;  
325 or

326 2. The student is currently placed, or during the previous  
327 state fiscal year was placed, in foster care or in out-of-home  
328 care as defined in s. 39.01.

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330 Priority shall be given to students whose household income  
331 levels do not exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty level or  
332 who are in foster care or out-of-home care. A student who  
333 initially receives a scholarship based on eligibility under  
334 subparagraph 2. remains eligible to participate until the  
335 student graduates from high school or attains the age of 21  
336 years, whichever occurs first, regardless of the student's  
337 household income level. A sibling of a student who is  
338 participating in the scholarship program under this subsection  
339 is eligible for a scholarship if the student resides in the same  
340 household as the sibling.

341 (b) The student is eligible to enroll in kindergarten or  
342 has spent the prior school year in attendance at a Florida  
343 public school. For purposes of this paragraph, prior school year  
344 in attendance means that the student was enrolled and reported  
345 by a school district for funding during the preceding October  
346 and February Florida Education Finance Program surveys in  
347 kindergarten through grade 12, which includes time spent in a  
348 Department of Juvenile Justice commitment program if funded  
349 under the Florida Education Finance Program.

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351 However, a dependent child of a member of the United States  
352 Armed Forces who transfers to a school in this state from out of  
353 state or from a foreign country due to a parent's permanent  
354 change of station orders or a foster child is exempt from the  
355 prior public school attendance requirement under this paragraph,  
356 but must meet the other eligibility requirements specified under  
357 this section to participate in the program.

358 (c) The parent has obtained acceptance for admission of the



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359 student to a private school that is eligible for the program  
360 under subsection (8) and the parent has requested a scholarship  
361 from the Department of Education at least 60 days before the  
362 date of the first scholarship payment. The request must be  
363 communicated directly to the department in a manner that creates  
364 a written or electronic record of the request and the date of  
365 receipt of the request. The department must notify the school  
366 district of the parent's intent upon receipt of the parent's  
367 request.

368 (4) TERM OF SCHOLARSHIP.—

369 (a) For purposes of continuity of educational choice, a  
370 Family Empowerment Scholarship shall remain in force until the  
371 student returns to a public school, graduates from high school,  
372 or reaches the age of 21, whichever occurs first. A scholarship  
373 student who enrolls in a public school or public school program  
374 is considered to have returned to a public school for the  
375 purpose of determining the end of the scholarship's term.

376 However, if a student enters a Department of Juvenile Justice  
377 detention center for a period of no more than 21 days, the  
378 student is not considered to have returned to a public school  
379 for that purpose.

380 (b) Upon reasonable notice to the department and the school  
381 district, the student's parent may remove the student from the  
382 private school and place the student in a public school in  
383 accordance with this section.

384 (c) Upon reasonable notice to the department, the student's  
385 parent may move the student from one participating private  
386 school to another participating private school.

387 (5) SCHOLARSHIP PROHIBITIONS.—A student is not eligible for



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388 a Family Empowerment Scholarship while he or she is:  
389 (a) Enrolled in a public school, including, but not limited  
390 to, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind; the College-  
391 Preparatory Boarding Academy; a developmental research school  
392 authorized under s. 1002.32; or a charter school authorized  
393 under chapter 1002;  
394 (b) Enrolled in a school operating for the purpose of  
395 providing educational services to youth in a Department of  
396 Juvenile Justice commitment program;  
397 (c) Receiving any other educational scholarship pursuant to  
398 this chapter;  
399 (d) Participating in a home education program as defined in  
400 s. 1002.01(1);  
401 (e) Participating in a private tutoring program pursuant to  
402 s. 1002.43; or  
403 (f) Participating in a virtual school, correspondence  
404 school, or distance learning program that receives state funding  
405 pursuant to the student's participation.  
406 (6) SCHOOL DISTRICT OBLIGATIONS.-  
407 (a) By July 15, 2019, and by April 1 of each year  
408 thereafter, a school district shall inform all households within  
409 the district receiving free or reduced-priced meals under the  
410 National School Lunch Act of their eligibility to apply to the  
411 department for a Family Empowerment Scholarship. The form of  
412 such notice shall be provided by the department, and the school  
413 district shall include the provided form in any normal  
414 correspondence with eligible households. Such notice is limited  
415 to once a year.  
416 (b) The school district in which a participating student



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417 resides must notify the student and his or her parent about the  
418 locations and times to take all statewide assessments under s.  
419 1008.22 if the student chooses to participate in such  
420 assessments. Upon the request of the department, a school  
421 district shall coordinate with the department to provide to a  
422 participating private school the statewide assessments  
423 administered under s. 1008.22 and any related materials for  
424 administering the assessments. For a student who participates in  
425 the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program whose parent requests  
426 that the student take the statewide assessments under s.  
427 1008.22, the district in which the student attends a private  
428 school shall provide locations and times to take all statewide  
429 assessments. A school district is responsible for implementing  
430 test administrations at a participating private school,  
431 including the:

- 432 1. Provision of training for private school staff on test  
433 security and assessment administration procedures;  
434 2. Distribution of testing materials to a private school;  
435 3. Retrieval of testing materials from a private school;  
436 4. Provision of the required format for a private school to  
437 submit information to the district for test administration and  
438 enrollment purposes; and  
439 5. Provision of any required assistance, monitoring, or  
440 investigation at a private school.

441 (c) Each school district must publish information about the  
442 Family Empowerment Scholarship Program on the district's website  
443 homepage. At a minimum, the published information must include a  
444 website link to the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program  
445 published on the Department of Education website as well as a





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446 telephone number and e-mail that students and parents may use to  
447 contact relevant personnel in the school district to obtain  
448 information about the scholarship.

449 (7) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OBLIGATIONS.—The department  
450 shall:

451 (a) Publish and update, as necessary, information on the  
452 department website about the Family Empowerment Scholarship  
453 Program, including, but not limited to, student eligibility  
454 criteria, parental responsibilities, and relevant data.

455 (b) Cross-check the list of participating scholarship  
456 students with the public school enrollment lists before each  
457 scholarship payment to avoid duplication.

458 (8) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—To be  
459 eligible to participate in the Family Empowerment Scholarship  
460 Program, a private school may be sectarian or nonsectarian and  
461 must:

462 (a) Comply with all requirements for private schools  
463 participating in state school choice scholarship programs  
464 pursuant to s. 1002.421.

465 (b) Provide to the department all documentation required  
466 for a student's participation, including the private school's  
467 and student's fee schedules, at least 30 days before any  
468 quarterly scholarship payment is made for the student pursuant  
469 to paragraph (11) (f). A student is not eligible to receive a  
470 quarterly scholarship payment if the private school fails to  
471 meet this deadline.

472 (c)1. Annually administer or make provision for students  
473 participating in the program in grades 3 through 10 to take one  
474 of the nationally norm-referenced tests identified by the



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475 department or to take the statewide assessments pursuant to s.  
476 1008.22. Students with disabilities for whom standardized  
477 testing is not appropriate are exempt from this requirement. A  
478 participating private school shall report a student's scores to  
479 his or her parent.

480 2. Administer the statewide assessments pursuant to s.  
481 1008.22 if the private school chooses to offer the statewide  
482 assessments. A participating private school may choose to offer  
483 and administer the statewide assessments to all students who  
484 attend the private school in grades 3 through 10 and must submit  
485 a request in writing to the department by March 1 of each year  
486 in order to administer the statewide assessments in the  
487 subsequent school year.

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489 If a private school fails to meet the requirements of this  
490 subsection or s. 1002.421, the commissioner may determine that  
491 the private school is ineligible to participate in the  
492 scholarship program.

493 (9) PARENT AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROGRAM  
494 PARTICIPATION.—A parent who applies for a Family Empowerment  
495 Scholarship is exercising his or her parental option to place  
496 his or her child in a private school.

497 (a) The parent must select the private school and apply for  
498 the admission of his or her student.

499 (b) The parent must request the scholarship at least 60  
500 days before the date of the first scholarship payment.

501 (c) The parent must inform the applicable school district  
502 when the parent withdraws his or her student from a public  
503 school to attend an eligible private school.



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504 (d) Any student participating in the program must remain in  
505 attendance throughout the school year unless excused by the  
506 school for illness or other good cause.

507 (e) Each parent and each student has an obligation to the  
508 private school to comply with the private school's published  
509 policies.

510 (f) The parent shall ensure that the student participating  
511 in the scholarship program takes the norm-referenced assessment  
512 offered by the private school. The parent may also choose to  
513 have the student participate in the statewide assessments  
514 pursuant to paragraph (6) (b).

515 (g) If the parent requests that the student participating  
516 in the program take all statewide assessments required pursuant  
517 to s. 1008.22, the parent is responsible for transporting the  
518 student to the assessment site designated by the school  
519 district.

520 (h) Upon receipt of a scholarship warrant, the parent to  
521 whom the warrant is issued must restrictively endorse the  
522 warrant to the private school for deposit into the private  
523 school's account. The parent may not designate any entity or  
524 individual associated with the participating private school as  
525 the parent's attorney in fact to endorse a scholarship warrant.  
526 A participant who fails to comply with this paragraph forfeits  
527 the scholarship.

528 (10) OBLIGATIONS OF ELIGIBLE SCHOLARSHIP-FUNDING  
529 ORGANIZATIONS.—An eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding  
530 organization:

531 (a) Shall verify the household income level of students  
532 pursuant to subparagraph (3) (a)1. and submit the verified list



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533 of students and related documentation to the department.

534 (b) May, from eligible contributions received pursuant to  
535 s. 1002.395(6)(j)1., use an amount not to exceed 1 percent of  
536 the total amount of all scholarships awarded under this section  
537 for administrative expenses associated with performing functions  
538 under this section. Such administrative expense amount is  
539 considered within the 3 percent limit on the total amount an  
540 organization may use to administer scholarships under this  
541 chapter.

542 (c) Must, in a timely manner, submit any information  
543 requested by the department relating to the scholarship under  
544 this section.

545 (d) Must notify the department about any violation of this  
546 section by a parent or a private school.

547 (11) SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING AND PAYMENT.—

548 (a) The scholarship is established for up to 18,000  
549 students annually on a first-come, first-served basis beginning  
550 with the 2019-2020 school year. Beginning in the 2020-2021  
551 school year, the number of students participating in the  
552 scholarship program under this section may increase in  
553 accordance with the percentage increase in the state's public  
554 school student enrollment.

555 (b) The scholarship amount provided to a student for any  
556 single school year shall be for tuition and fees for an eligible  
557 private school, not to exceed annual limits, which shall be  
558 determined in accordance with this paragraph. The calculated  
559 amount for a student to attend an eligible private school shall  
560 be 95 percent of the unweighted FTE funding amount at the  
561 district level for that state fiscal year and shall be adjusted



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562 with each FEFP calculation through the calculation based on the  
563 October survey.

564 (c) The amount of the Family Empowerment Scholarship shall  
565 be the calculated amount or the amount of the private school's  
566 tuition and fees, whichever is less. The amount of any  
567 assessment fee required by the participating private school may  
568 be paid from the total amount of the scholarship.

569 (d) The school district shall report all students who are  
570 attending a private school under this program. The students  
571 attending private schools on Family Empowerment Scholarships  
572 shall be reported separately from other students reported for  
573 purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program.

574 (e) Following notification on July 1, September 1, December  
575 1, or February 1 of the number of program participants, the  
576 department shall transfer, from general revenue funds only, the  
577 amount calculated pursuant to paragraph (b) to a separate  
578 account for the scholarship program for quarterly disbursement  
579 to parents of participating students. For a student exiting a  
580 Department of Juvenile Justice commitment program who chooses to  
581 participate in the scholarship program, the amount of the Family  
582 Empowerment Scholarship calculated pursuant to paragraph (b)  
583 must be transferred from the school district in which the  
584 student last attended a public school before commitment to the  
585 Department of Juvenile Justice. When a student enters the  
586 scholarship program, the department must receive all  
587 documentation required for the student's participation,  
588 including the private school's and the student's fee schedules,  
589 at least 30 days before the first quarterly scholarship payment  
590 is made for the student.



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591 (f) Upon notification by the department that it has  
592 received the documentation required under paragraph (e), the  
593 Chief Financial Officer shall make scholarship payments in four  
594 equal amounts no later than September 1, November 1, February 1,  
595 and April 1 of each school year in which the scholarship is in  
596 force. The initial payment shall be made after department  
597 verification of admission acceptance, and subsequent payments  
598 shall be made upon verification of continued enrollment and  
599 attendance at the private school. Payment must be by individual  
600 warrant made payable to the student's parent and mailed by the  
601 department to the private school of the parent's choice, and the  
602 parent shall restrictively endorse the warrant to the private  
603 school for deposit into the account of the private school.

604 (g) Subsequent to each scholarship payment, the department  
605 shall request from the Department of Financial Services a sample  
606 of endorsed warrants to review and confirm compliance with  
607 endorsement requirements.

608 (12) LIABILITY.—No liability shall arise on the part of the  
609 state based on the award or use of a Family Empowerment  
610 Scholarship.

611 (13) SCOPE OF AUTHORITY.—The inclusion of eligible private  
612 schools within the options available to Florida public school  
613 students does not expand the regulatory authority of the state,  
614 its officers, or any school district to impose any additional  
615 regulation of private schools beyond those reasonably necessary  
616 to enforce requirements expressly set forth in this section.

617 (14) RULES.—The State Board of Education shall adopt rules  
618 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this  
619 section.



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620 (15) IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL  
621 YEAR.—Notwithstanding the provisions of this section related to  
622 notification requirements and eligibility timelines, for the  
623 2019-2020 school year:

624 (a) A student is eligible for a Family Empowerment  
625 Scholarship under this section if the student's parent has  
626 obtained acceptance of the student's admission to a private  
627 school that is eligible for the program under subsection (8) and  
628 the parent has requested a scholarship from the Department of  
629 Education no later than August 15, 2019. The request must be  
630 communicated directly to the department in a manner that creates  
631 a written or electronic record of the request and the date of  
632 receipt of the request.

633 (b) The department shall expedite the publication of  
634 information relevant to the Family Empowerment Scholarship  
635 Program on the department's website, including, but not limited  
636 to, the eligibility criteria for students to qualify for the  
637 scholarship under this section and how parents may request the  
638 scholarship. The department must immediately notify the school  
639 district of the parent's intent upon receipt of the parent's  
640 request.

641 (c) Upon notification by the department that it has  
642 received the documentation required under paragraph (10) (a), the  
643 Chief Financial Officer shall make the first quarter payment of  
644 scholarships no later than October 1, 2019.

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646 This subsection shall expire June 30, 2020.

647 Section 6. Paragraph (g) of subsection (13) of section  
648 1002.385, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:



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649 1002.385 The Gardiner Scholarship.-

650 (13) FUNDING AND PAYMENT.-

651 ~~(g) In addition to funds appropriated for scholarship~~  
652 ~~awards and subject to a separate, specific legislative~~  
653 ~~appropriation, an organization may receive an amount equivalent~~  
654 ~~to not more than 3 percent of the amount of each scholarship~~  
655 ~~award from state funds for administrative expenses if the~~  
656 ~~organization has operated as a nonprofit entity for at least the~~  
657 ~~preceding 3 fiscal years and did not have any findings of~~  
658 ~~material weakness or material noncompliance in its most recent~~  
659 ~~audit under s. 1002.395(6) (m). Such administrative expenses must~~  
660 ~~be reasonable and necessary for the organization's management~~  
661 ~~and distribution of scholarships under this section. Funds~~  
662 ~~authorized under this paragraph may not be used for lobbying or~~  
663 ~~political activity or expenses related to lobbying or political~~  
664 ~~activity. An organization may not charge an application fee for~~  
665 ~~a scholarship. Administrative expenses may not be deducted from~~  
666 ~~funds appropriated for scholarship awards.~~

667 Section 7. Subsection (3), paragraphs (d) and (j) of  
668 subsection (6), and paragraph (a) of subsection (11) of section  
669 1002.395, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

670 1002.395 Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program.-

671 (3) PROGRAM; SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY.-

672 (a) The Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program is  
673 established.

674 (b) A student is eligible for a Florida tax credit  
675 scholarship under this section if the student meets one or more  
676 of the following criteria:

677 1. The student is on the direct certification list or the





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678 student's household income level does not exceed 185 percent of  
679 the federal poverty level; or

680 2. The student is currently placed, or during the previous  
681 state fiscal year was placed, in foster care or in out-of-home  
682 care as defined in s. 39.01.

683 3. The student's household income level is greater than 185  
684 percent of the federal poverty level but does not exceed 260  
685 percent of the federal poverty level.

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687 A student who initially receives a scholarship based on  
688 eligibility under subparagraph (b)2. remains eligible to  
689 participate until the student graduates from high school or  
690 attains the age of 21 years, whichever occurs first, regardless  
691 of the student's household income level. A student who initially  
692 received a scholarship based on income eligibility before the  
693 2019-2020 school year remains eligible to participate until he  
694 or she graduates from high school, attains the age of 21 years,  
695 or the student's household income level exceeds 260 percent of  
696 the federal poverty level, whichever occurs first. A sibling of  
697 a student who is participating in the scholarship program under  
698 this subsection is eligible for a scholarship if the student  
699 resides in the same household as the sibling.

700 (6) OBLIGATIONS OF ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT SCHOLARSHIP-FUNDING  
701 ORGANIZATIONS.—An eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding  
702 organization:

703 (d) Must provide scholarships, from eligible contributions,  
704 to eligible students for the cost of:

- 705 1. Tuition and fees for an eligible private school; or  
706 2. Transportation to a Florida public school in which a



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707 student is enrolled and that is different from the school to  
708 which the student was assigned ~~that is located outside the~~  
709 ~~district in which the student resides~~ or to a lab school as  
710 defined in s. 1002.32.

711 (j)1. May use ~~up to 3 percent of~~ eligible contributions  
712 received pursuant to this section and ss. 212.099, 212.1832, and  
713 1002.40 during the state fiscal year in which such contributions  
714 are collected for administrative expenses if the organization  
715 has operated as an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding  
716 organization for at least the preceding 3 fiscal years and did  
717 not have any findings of material weakness or material  
718 noncompliance in its most recent audit under paragraph (m).  
719 Administrative expenses from eligible contributions may not  
720 exceed 3 percent of the total amount of all scholarships awarded  
721 by an eligible scholarship-funding organization under this  
722 chapter. Such administrative expenses must be reasonable and  
723 necessary for the organization's management and distribution of  
724 scholarships awarded ~~eligible contributions~~ under this chapter  
725 ~~section~~. No funds authorized under this subparagraph shall be  
726 used for lobbying or political activity or expenses related to  
727 lobbying or political activity. Up to one-third of the funds  
728 authorized for administrative expenses under this subparagraph  
729 may be used for expenses related to the recruitment of  
730 contributions from taxpayers. An eligible nonprofit scholarship-  
731 funding organization may not charge an application fee.

732 2. Must expend for annual or partial-year scholarships an  
733 amount equal to or greater than 75 percent of the net eligible  
734 contributions remaining after administrative expenses during the  
735 state fiscal year in which such contributions are collected. No



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736 more than 25 percent of such net eligible contributions may be  
737 carried forward to the following state fiscal year. All amounts  
738 carried forward, for audit purposes, must be specifically  
739 identified for particular students, by student name and the name  
740 of the school to which the student is admitted, subject to the  
741 requirements of ss. 1002.22 and 1002.221 and 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g,  
742 and the applicable rules and regulations issued pursuant  
743 thereto. Any amounts carried forward shall be expended for  
744 annual or partial-year scholarships in the following state  
745 fiscal year. No later than September 30 of each year, net  
746 eligible contributions remaining on June 30 of each year that  
747 are in excess of the 25 percent that may be carried forward  
748 shall be used to provide scholarships to eligible students or  
749 transferred to other eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding  
750 organizations to provide scholarships for eligible students. All  
751 transferred funds must be deposited by each eligible nonprofit  
752 scholarship-funding organization receiving such funds into its  
753 scholarship account. All transferred amounts received by any  
754 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization must be  
755 separately disclosed in the annual financial audit required  
756 under paragraph (m).

757 3. Must, before granting a scholarship for an academic  
758 year, document each scholarship student's eligibility for that  
759 academic year. A scholarship-funding organization may not grant  
760 multiyear scholarships in one approval process.

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762 Information and documentation provided to the Department of  
763 Education and the Auditor General relating to the identity of a  
764 taxpayer that provides an eligible contribution under this



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765 section shall remain confidential at all times in accordance  
766 with s. 213.053.

767 (11) SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT AND PAYMENT.—

768 (a) ~~Except as provided in subparagraph 2.,~~ The scholarship  
769 amount provided to any student for any single school year by an  
770 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization from  
771 eligible contributions shall be for total costs authorized under  
772 paragraph (6) (d), not to exceed annual limits, which shall be  
773 determined as follows:

774 1.a. ~~For~~ The base amount awarded to a student who received  
775 a scholarship in the 2018-2019 school year, who remains  
776 eligible, and who is enrolled in an eligible private school, the  
777 amount shall be the greater amount calculated pursuant to  
778 subparagraph 2. or determined as a percentage of the unweighted  
779 FTE funding amount for the 2018-2019 that state fiscal year and  
780 thereafter as follows:

781 ~~a.(I)~~ Eighty-eight percent for a student enrolled in  
782 kindergarten through grade 5.

783 ~~b.(II)~~ Ninety-two percent for a student enrolled in grade 6  
784 through grade 8.

785 ~~c.(III)~~ Ninety-six percent for a student enrolled in grade  
786 9 through grade 12.

787 2. For students initially eligible in the 2019-2020 school  
788 year or thereafter, the calculated amount for a student to  
789 attend an eligible private school shall be 95 percent of the  
790 unweighted FTE funding amount at the district level for that  
791 state fiscal year and shall be adjusted with each FEFP  
792 calculation through the calculation based on the October survey.

793 ~~3.b.~~ The scholarship amount awarded to a student enrolled



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794 in a Florida public school in which a student is enrolled and  
795 that is different from the school to which the student was  
796 assigned that is located outside the district in which the  
797 student resides or in a lab school as defined in s. 1002.32, is  
798 limited to \$750.

799 ~~2. The annual limit for a scholarship under sub-~~  
800 ~~subparagraph 1.a. shall be reduced by:~~

801 ~~a. Twelve percent if the student's household income level~~  
802 ~~is greater than or equal to 200 percent, but less than 215~~  
803 ~~percent, of the federal poverty level.~~

804 ~~b. Twenty-six percent if the student's household income~~  
805 ~~level is greater than or equal to 215 percent, but less than 230~~  
806 ~~percent, of the federal poverty level.~~

807 ~~c. Forty percent if the student's household income level is~~  
808 ~~greater than or equal to 230 percent, but less than 245 percent,~~  
809 ~~of the federal poverty level.~~

810 ~~d. Fifty percent if the student's household income level is~~  
811 ~~greater than or equal to 245 percent, but less than or equal to~~  
812 ~~260 percent, of the federal poverty level.~~

813 Section 8. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (11) of  
814 section 1002.40, Florida Statutes, and paragraphs (a) and (g) of  
815 subsection (11) and paragraph (a) of subsection (13) of that  
816 section are amended, to read:

817 1002.40 The Hope Scholarship Program.—

818 (11) FUNDING AND PAYMENT.—

819 (a) The calculated amount for a student to attend an  
820 eligible private school shall be 95 percent of the unweighted  
821 FTE funding amount at the district level for that state fiscal  
822 year and shall be adjusted with each FEFP calculation through



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823 ~~the calculation based on the October survey. The maximum amount~~  
824 ~~awarded to a student enrolled in an eligible private school~~  
825 ~~shall be determined as a percentage of the unweighted FTE~~  
826 ~~funding amount for that state fiscal year and thereafter as~~  
827 ~~follows:~~

828 ~~1. Eighty-eight percent for a student enrolled in~~  
829 ~~kindergarten through grade 5.~~

830 ~~2. Ninety-two percent for a student enrolled in grade 6~~  
831 ~~through grade 8.~~

832 ~~3. Ninety-six percent for a student enrolled in grade 9~~  
833 ~~through grade 12.~~

834 ~~(g) An eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization,~~  
835 ~~subject to the limitations of s. 1002.395(6)(j)1., may use up to~~  
836 ~~3 percent of eligible contributions received during the state~~  
837 ~~fiscal year in which such contributions are collected for~~  
838 ~~administrative expenses if the organization has operated as an~~  
839 ~~eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization for at least~~  
840 ~~the preceding 3 fiscal years and did not have any findings of~~  
841 ~~material weakness or material noncompliance in its most recent~~  
842 ~~audit under s. 1002.395(6)(m). Such administrative expenses must~~  
843 ~~be reasonable and necessary for the organization's management~~  
844 ~~and distribution of eligible contributions under this section.~~  
845 ~~Funds authorized under this paragraph may not be used for~~  
846 ~~lobbying or political activity or expenses related to lobbying~~  
847 ~~or political activity. Up to one-third of the funds authorized~~  
848 ~~for administrative expenses under this paragraph may be used for~~  
849 ~~expenses related to the recruitment of contributions. An~~  
850 ~~eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization may not~~  
851 ~~charge an application fee.~~



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852 (i) Notwithstanding s. 1002.395(6)(j)2., no more than 5  
853 percent of net eligible contributions may be carried forward to  
854 the following state fiscal year by an eligible scholarship-  
855 funding organization. For audit purposes, all amounts carried  
856 forward must be specifically identified for individual students  
857 by student name and by the name of the school to which the  
858 student is admitted, subject to the requirements of ss. 1002.21  
859 and 1002.22 and 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g, and the applicable rules and  
860 regulations issued pursuant to such requirements. Any amounts  
861 carried forward shall be expended for annual scholarships or  
862 partial-year scholarships in the following state fiscal year.  
863 Net eligible contributions remaining on June 30 of each year  
864 which are in excess of the 5 percent that may be carried forward  
865 shall be transferred to other eligible nonprofit scholarship-  
866 funding organizations participating in the Hope Scholarship  
867 Program to provide scholarships for eligible students. All  
868 transferred funds must be deposited by each eligible nonprofit  
869 scholarship-funding organization receiving such funds into the  
870 scholarship account of eligible students. All transferred  
871 amounts received by an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding  
872 organization must be separately disclosed in the annual  
873 financial audit requirement under s. 1002.395(6)(m). If no other  
874 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization participates  
875 in the Hope Scholarship Program, net eligible contributions in  
876 excess of the 5 percent may be used to fund scholarships for  
877 students eligible under s. 1002.395(3).

878 (13) SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING TAX CREDITS.—

879 (a) A tax credit is available under s. 212.1832(1) for use  
880 by a person that makes an eligible contribution. Eligible



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881 contributions shall be used to fund scholarships under this  
882 section and may be used to fund scholarships under s. 1002.395.  
883 Each eligible contribution is limited to a single payment of  
884 \$105 per motor vehicle purchased at the time of purchase of a  
885 motor vehicle or a single payment of \$105 per motor vehicle  
886 purchased at the time of registration of a motor vehicle that  
887 was not purchased from a dealer, except that a contribution may  
888 not exceed the state tax imposed under chapter 212 that would  
889 otherwise be collected from the purchaser by a dealer,  
890 designated agent, or private tag agent. Payments of  
891 contributions shall be made to a dealer at the time of purchase  
892 of a motor vehicle or to a designated agent or private tag agent  
893 at the time of registration of a motor vehicle that was not  
894 purchased from a dealer. An eligible contribution shall be  
895 accompanied by a contribution election form provided by the  
896 Department of Revenue. The form shall include, at a minimum, the  
897 following brief description of the Hope Scholarship Program and  
898 the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program: "THE HOPE  
899 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PROVIDES A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT WHO WAS  
900 SUBJECTED TO AN INCIDENT OF VIOLENCE OR BULLYING AT SCHOOL THE  
901 OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND AN ELIGIBLE  
902 PRIVATE SCHOOL RATHER THAN REMAIN IN AN UNSAFE SCHOOL  
903 ENVIRONMENT. THE FLORIDA TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PROVIDES  
904 A LOW-INCOME STUDENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP  
905 TO ATTEND AN ELIGIBLE PRIVATE SCHOOL." The form shall also  
906 include, at a minimum, a section allowing the consumer to  
907 designate, from all participating scholarship funding  
908 organizations, which organization will receive his or her  
909 donation. For purposes of this subsection, the term "purchase"





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910 does not include the lease or rental of a motor vehicle.

911 Section 9. Paragraphs (a) and (g) of subsection (7) of  
912 section 1002.411, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

913 1002.411 Reading scholarship accounts.-

914 (7) ACCOUNT FUNDING AND PAYMENT.-

915 (a) ~~For the 2018-2019 school year,~~ The amount of the  
916 scholarship shall be \$500 per eligible student. Thereafter, the  
917 ~~maximum amount granted~~ for an eligible student shall be as  
918 provided in the General Appropriations Act.

919 ~~(g) In addition to funds appropriated for scholarships and~~  
920 ~~subject to a separate, specific legislative appropriation, an~~  
921 ~~organization may receive an amount equivalent to not more than 3~~  
922 ~~percent of the amount of each scholarship from state funds for~~  
923 ~~administrative expenses if the organization has operated as a~~  
924 ~~nonprofit entity for at least the preceding 3 fiscal years and~~  
925 ~~did not have any findings of material weakness or material~~  
926 ~~noncompliance in its most recent audit under s. 1002.395. Such~~  
927 ~~administrative expenses must be reasonable and necessary for the~~  
928 ~~organization's management and distribution of scholarships under~~  
929 ~~this section. Funds authorized under this paragraph may not be~~  
930 ~~used for lobbying or political activity or expenses related to~~  
931 ~~lobbying or political activity. An organization may not charge~~  
932 ~~an application fee for a scholarship. Administrative expenses~~  
933 ~~may not be deducted from funds appropriated for scholarships.~~

934 Section 10. Part VII of chapter 1003, Florida Statutes,  
935 consisting of s. 1003.64, Florida Statutes, is created and  
936 entitled "Public School Innovation."

937 1003.64 Community School Grant Program.-It is the intent of  
938 the Legislature to improve student success and well-being by



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939 engaging and supporting parents and community organizations in  
940 their efforts to positively impact student learning and  
941 development.

942 (1) PURPOSE.—The Community School Grant Program is  
943 established to fund and support the planning and implementation  
944 of community school programs, subject to legislative  
945 appropriation.

946 (2) DEFINITIONS.—

947 (a) "Center" means the Center for Community Schools at the  
948 University of Central Florida.

949 (b) "Community organization" means a nonprofit organization  
950 that has been in existence for at least 3 years and serves  
951 individuals within a county in which a public school  
952 implementing the community school model is located. The  
953 community organization serves as the lead partner in the  
954 community school model and facilitates the use of grant funds  
955 under this section.

956 (c) "Community school model" means a school service model  
957 developed by the center which utilizes a long-term partnership  
958 among a school district, a community organization, a college or  
959 university, and a health care provider to establish, develop,  
960 and sustain a system for addressing student, family, and  
961 community needs during and outside of the school day. The model  
962 must establish a collaborative governance structure among the  
963 community partners for providing services and include standards  
964 for effective implementation, reporting, and evaluation at each  
965 participating school. The governance structure may include other  
966 community leaders such as parent-teacher organizations,  
967 community businesses, and faith leaders. The model must also



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968 provide for family engagement and expanded learning  
969 opportunities and support for students. A community school may  
970 include, but is not limited to, a community partnership school.

971 (3) GRANT PROGRAM.—Contingent upon available funds, the  
972 center may facilitate the implementation of its community school  
973 model in the state through grants that enable community  
974 organizations to establish long-term partnerships and secure  
975 resources for planning, staffing, and providing services to  
976 students and families through the community school model. The  
977 center shall:

978 (a) Require a participating public school to establish  
979 long-term partnerships through a memorandum of understanding.  
980 After receiving a grant award under this section, the center  
981 shall condition the award of grant funds in the subsequent years  
982 upon the matching funds secured through the long-term  
983 partnerships.

984 (b) Prioritize awards based on demonstration of the  
985 technical and financial ability to sustain the community school  
986 model beyond an initial grant award. For planning grant awards,  
987 priority must be given to school districts in which the  
988 community school model has not been established and which  
989 demonstrate the technical and financial ability to sustain the  
990 community school model.

991 (4) REPORTING.—Beginning with September 1, 2020, and  
992 annually thereafter, the center shall publish on its website  
993 information on each community organization receiving a grant  
994 from the center to implement the community school model. The  
995 information must include:

996 (a) The amount of grant funds provided through the center



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997 for each participating school and the amount of matching funds  
998 provided by the community organization for each year the  
999 community organization has received a grant for that school.

1000 (b) The long-term partners who have entered into a  
1001 memorandum of understanding for implementing the community  
1002 school model pursuant to paragraph (2) (c).

1003 (c) A description of the services and community engagement  
1004 activities provided through the community school model.

1005 (d) The number of students, families, and community members  
1006 served through the community school model.

1007 (e) The academic progress of students enrolled at the  
1008 public school, including student progression data, attendance,  
1009 behavior, and student achievement and learning gains on  
1010 statewide, standardized assessments as determined pursuant to s.  
1011 1008.34.

1012 Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2), paragraphs  
1013 (a), (b), and (e) of subsection (4), and paragraphs (c) and (d)  
1014 of subsection (5) of section 1004.04, Florida Statutes, are  
1015 amended to read:

1016 1004.04 Public accountability and state approval for  
1017 teacher preparation programs.—

1018 (2) UNIFORM CORE CURRICULA AND CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT.—

1019 (b) The rules to establish uniform core curricula for each  
1020 state-approved teacher preparation program must include, but are  
1021 not limited to, the following:

1022 1. Candidate instruction and assessment in the Florida  
1023 Educator Accomplished Practices across content areas.

1024 2. The use of state-adopted content standards to guide  
1025 curricula and instruction.



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- 1026           3. Scientifically researched and evidence-based reading  
1027 instructional strategies that improve reading performance for  
1028 all students, including explicit, systematic, and sequential  
1029 approaches to teaching phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary,  
1030 fluency, and text comprehension and multisensory intervention  
1031 strategies.
- 1032           4. Content literacy and mathematics practices.
- 1033           5. Strategies appropriate for the instruction of English  
1034 language learners.
- 1035           6. Strategies appropriate for the instruction of students  
1036 with disabilities.
- 1037           7. Strategies to differentiate instruction based on student  
1038 needs ~~School safety~~.
- 1039           8. The use of character-based classroom management.
- 1040           (4) CONTINUED PROGRAM APPROVAL.—Continued approval of a  
1041 teacher preparation program shall be based upon evidence that  
1042 the program continues to implement the requirements for initial  
1043 approval and upon significant, objective, and quantifiable  
1044 measures of the program and the performance of the program  
1045 completers.
- 1046           (a) The criteria for continued approval must include each  
1047 of the following:
- 1048           1. Documentation from the program that each program  
1049 candidate met the admission requirements provided in subsection  
1050 (3).
- 1051           2. Documentation from the program that the program and each  
1052 program completer have met the requirements provided in  
1053 subsection (2).
- 1054           3. Evidence of performance in each of the following areas:



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1055 a. Placement rate of program completers into instructional  
1056 positions in Florida public schools and private schools, if  
1057 available.

1058 b. Rate of retention for employed program completers in  
1059 instructional positions in Florida public schools.

1060 c. Performance of students in prekindergarten through grade  
1061 12 who are assigned to in-field program completers on statewide  
1062 assessments using the results of the student learning growth  
1063 formula adopted under s. 1012.34.

1064 d. Performance of students in prekindergarten through grade  
1065 12 who are assigned to in-field program completers aggregated by  
1066 student subgroup, as defined in the federal Elementary and  
1067 Secondary Education Act (ESEA), 20 U.S.C. s.  
1068 6311(b)(2)(C)(v)(II), as a measure of how well the program  
1069 prepares teachers to work with a diverse population of students  
1070 in a variety of settings in Florida public schools.

1071 e. Results of program completers' annual evaluations in  
1072 accordance with the timeline as set forth in s. 1012.34.

1073 f. Production of program completers in statewide critical  
1074 teacher shortage areas as identified in s. 1012.07.

1075 4. Results of the program completers' survey measuring  
1076 their satisfaction with preparation for the realities of the  
1077 classroom.

1078 5. Results of the employers' survey measuring satisfaction  
1079 with the program and the program's responsiveness to local  
1080 school districts.

1081 (b) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for  
1082 continued approval of teacher preparation programs which include  
1083 the program review process, the continued approval timelines,



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1084 and the performance level targets for each of the continued  
1085 approval criteria in paragraph (a). Additional criteria may be  
1086 approved by the State Board of Education. ~~Such criteria may~~  
1087 ~~include a program completer's satisfaction with instruction and~~  
1088 ~~an employer's satisfaction with, and the program's~~  
1089 ~~responsiveness to, local school districts.~~ The Commissioner of  
1090 Education shall determine the continued approval of each program  
1091 based on the data collected pursuant to this section and the  
1092 rules of the State Board of Education.

1093 (e) Each Florida public and private institution that offers  
1094 a state-approved teacher preparation program must annually  
1095 report information regarding its approved programs to the state  
1096 and the general public. The report to the state must include a  
1097 list of candidates who are admitted to, who are enrolled in, or  
1098 who complete a teacher preparation program; additional evidence  
1099 necessary to document requirements for continued approval; and  
1100 data necessary to complete applicable federal reporting  
1101 requirements. The state reporting requirements must minimize a  
1102 program's reporting burden whenever possible without  
1103 compromising data quality. The report to the general public must  
1104 include, at a minimum, the annual progress data reported by the  
1105 state under this paragraph and results of the surveys required  
1106 under paragraph (a), and may include other information chosen by  
1107 the institution or program.

1108 (5) PRESERVICE FIELD EXPERIENCE.—All postsecondary  
1109 instructors, school district personnel and instructional  
1110 personnel, and school sites preparing instructional personnel  
1111 through preservice field experience courses and internships  
1112 shall meet special requirements. District school boards may pay



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1113 student teachers during their internships.

1114 (c) Preservice field experience must fully prepare a  
1115 candidate to manage a classroom by requiring the include  
1116 candidate to practice and demonstrate ~~demonstration~~ of the  
1117 uniform core curricula specific to the candidate's candidates'  
1118 area or areas of program concentration with a diverse population  
1119 of students in a variety of challenging environments, including,  
1120 but not limited to, high-poverty schools, urban schools, and  
1121 rural schools settings. The length of structured field  
1122 experiences may be extended to ensure that candidates achieve  
1123 the competencies needed to meet certification requirements.

1124 (d) Postsecondary teacher preparation programs in  
1125 cooperation with district school boards and approved private  
1126 school associations shall select the school sites for preservice  
1127 field experience activities based upon the qualifications of the  
1128 supervising personnel as described in this subsection and the  
1129 needs of the candidates. These sites must represent the full  
1130 spectrum of school communities, including, but not limited to,  
1131 schools serving low-achieving students located in urban  
1132 settings. In order to be selected, school sites must demonstrate  
1133 commitment to the education of public school students and to the  
1134 preparation of future teachers.

1135 Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and subsection  
1136 (5) of section 1004.85, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1137 1004.85 Postsecondary educator preparation institutes.—

1138 (3) Educator preparation institutes approved pursuant to  
1139 this section may offer competency-based certification programs  
1140 specifically designed for noneducation major baccalaureate  
1141 degree holders to enable program participants to meet the





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1142 educator certification requirements of s. 1012.56. An educator  
1143 preparation institute choosing to offer a competency-based  
1144 certification program pursuant to the provisions of this section  
1145 must implement a program previously approved by the Department  
1146 of Education for this purpose or a program developed by the  
1147 institute and approved by the department for this purpose.  
1148 Approved programs shall be available for use by other approved  
1149 educator preparation institutes.

1150 (a) Within 90 days after receipt of a request for approval,  
1151 the Department of Education shall approve a preparation program  
1152 pursuant to the requirements of this subsection or issue a  
1153 statement of the deficiencies in the request for approval. The  
1154 department shall approve a certification program if the  
1155 institute provides evidence of the institute's capacity to  
1156 implement a competency-based program that includes each of the  
1157 following:

1158 1.a. Participant instruction and assessment in the Florida  
1159 Educator Accomplished Practices across content areas.

1160 b. The use of state-adopted student content standards to  
1161 guide curriculum and instruction.

1162 c. Scientifically researched and evidence-based reading  
1163 instructional strategies that improve reading performance for  
1164 all students, including explicit, systematic, and sequential  
1165 approaches to teaching phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary,  
1166 fluency, and text comprehension and multisensory intervention  
1167 strategies.

1168 d. Content literacy and mathematical practices.

1169 e. Strategies appropriate for instruction of English  
1170 language learners.



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1171           f. Strategies appropriate for instruction of students with  
1172 disabilities.

1173           g. Strategies to differentiate instruction based on student  
1174 needs ~~School safety~~.

1175           h. The use of character-based classroom management.

1176           2. An educational plan for each participant to meet  
1177 certification requirements and demonstrate his or her ability to  
1178 teach the subject area for which the participant is seeking  
1179 certification, which is based on an assessment of his or her  
1180 competency in the areas listed in subparagraph 1.

1181           3. Field experiences appropriate to the certification  
1182 subject area specified in the educational plan with a diverse  
1183 population of students in a variety of challenging environments,  
1184 including, but not limited to, high-poverty schools, urban  
1185 schools, and rural schools, ~~settings~~ under the supervision of  
1186 qualified educators.

1187           4. A certification ombudsman to facilitate the process and  
1188 procedures required for participants who complete the program to  
1189 meet any requirements related to the background screening  
1190 pursuant to s. 1012.32 and educator professional or temporary  
1191 certification pursuant to s. 1012.56.

1192           (5) Each institute approved pursuant to this section shall  
1193 submit to the Department of Education annual performance  
1194 evaluations that measure the effectiveness of the programs,  
1195 including the pass rates of participants on all examinations  
1196 required for teacher certification, employment rates,  
1197 longitudinal retention rates, and ~~employer~~ satisfaction surveys  
1198 of employers and candidates. The ~~employer~~ satisfaction surveys  
1199 must be designed to measure the sufficient preparation of the



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1200 educator for the realities of ~~to enter~~ the classroom and the  
1201 institute's responsiveness to local school districts. These  
1202 evaluations shall be used by the Department of Education for  
1203 purposes of continued approval of an educator preparation  
1204 institute's certification program.

1205 Section 13. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (4) of  
1206 section 1008.33, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1207 1008.33 Authority to enforce public school improvement.—

1208 (4) (a) The state board shall apply intensive intervention  
1209 and support strategies tailored to the needs of schools earning  
1210 two consecutive grades of "D" or a grade of "F." In the first  
1211 full school year after a school initially earns two consecutive  
1212 grades of "D" or a grade of "F," the school district must  
1213 immediately implement intervention and support strategies  
1214 prescribed in rule under paragraph (3) (c) and, by September 1,  
1215 provide the department with the memorandum of understanding  
1216 negotiated pursuant to s. 1001.42(21) and, by October 1, a  
1217 district-managed turnaround plan for approval by the state  
1218 board. The district-managed turnaround plan may include a  
1219 proposal for the district to implement an extended school day, a  
1220 summer program, or a combination of an extended school day and a  
1221 summer program. Upon approval by the state board, the school  
1222 district must implement the plan for the remainder of the school  
1223 year and continue the plan for 1 full school year. The state  
1224 board may allow a school an additional year of implementation  
1225 before the school must implement a turnaround option required  
1226 under paragraph (b) if it determines that the school is likely  
1227 to improve to a grade of "C" or higher after the first full  
1228 school year of implementation.



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1229           (d) If a school earning two consecutive grades of "D" or a  
1230 grade of "F" does not improve to a grade of "C" or higher after  
1231 2 ~~full~~ school years of implementing the turnaround option  
1232 selected by the school district under paragraph (b), the school  
1233 district must implement another turnaround option.  
1234 Implementation of the turnaround option must begin the school  
1235 year following the implementation period of the existing  
1236 turnaround option, unless the state board determines that the  
1237 school is likely to improve to a grade of "C" or higher if  
1238 additional time is provided to implement the existing turnaround  
1239 option.

1240           Section 14. Present subsections (18) and (19) of section  
1241 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (19)  
1242 and (20), respectively, a new subsection (18) and subsection  
1243 (21) are added to that section, and paragraph (a) of subsection  
1244 (4), subsection (11), paragraph (d) of subsection (13), (14),  
1245 and (17) of that section are amended, to read:

1246           1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual  
1247 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
1248 district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
1249 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
1250 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
1251 follows:

1252           (4) COMPUTATION OF DISTRICT REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT.—The  
1253 Legislature shall prescribe the aggregate required local effort  
1254 for all school districts collectively as an item in the General  
1255 Appropriations Act for each fiscal year. The amount that each  
1256 district shall provide annually toward the cost of the Florida  
1257 Education Finance Program for kindergarten through grade 12



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1258 programs shall be calculated as follows:

1259 (a) *Estimated taxable value calculations.*—

1260 1.a. Not later than 2 working days before July 19, the  
1261 Department of Revenue shall certify to the Commissioner of  
1262 Education its most recent estimate of the taxable value for  
1263 school purposes in each school district and the total for all  
1264 school districts in the state for the current calendar year  
1265 based on the latest available data obtained from the local  
1266 property appraisers. The value certified shall be the taxable  
1267 value for school purposes for that year, and no further  
1268 adjustments shall be made, except those made pursuant to  
1269 paragraphs (c) and (d), or an assessment roll change required by  
1270 final judicial decisions as specified in paragraph (19) (b)  
1271 ~~(18) (b)~~. Not later than July 19, the Commissioner of Education  
1272 shall compute a millage rate, rounded to the next highest one  
1273 one-thousandth of a mill, which, when applied to 96 percent of  
1274 the estimated state total taxable value for school purposes,  
1275 would generate the prescribed aggregate required local effort  
1276 for that year for all districts. The Commissioner of Education  
1277 shall certify to each district school board the millage rate,  
1278 computed as prescribed in this subparagraph, as the minimum  
1279 millage rate necessary to provide the district required local  
1280 effort for that year.

1281 b. The General Appropriations Act shall direct the  
1282 computation of the statewide adjusted aggregate amount for  
1283 required local effort for all school districts collectively from  
1284 ad valorem taxes to ensure that no school district's revenue  
1285 from required local effort millage will produce more than 90  
1286 percent of the district's total Florida Education Finance



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1287 Program calculation as calculated and adopted by the  
1288 Legislature, and the adjustment of the required local effort  
1289 millage rate of each district that produces more than 90 percent  
1290 of its total Florida Education Finance Program entitlement to a  
1291 level that will produce only 90 percent of its total Florida  
1292 Education Finance Program entitlement in the July calculation.

1293 2. On the same date as the certification in sub-  
1294 subparagraph 1.a., the Department of Revenue shall certify to  
1295 the Commissioner of Education for each district:

1296 a. Each year for which the property appraiser has certified  
1297 the taxable value pursuant to s. 193.122(2) or (3), if  
1298 applicable, since the prior certification under sub-subparagraph  
1299 1.a.

1300 b. For each year identified in sub-subparagraph a., the  
1301 taxable value certified by the appraiser pursuant to s.  
1302 193.122(2) or (3), if applicable, since the prior certification  
1303 under sub-subparagraph 1.a. This is the certification that  
1304 reflects all final administrative actions of the value  
1305 adjustment board.

1306 (11) VIRTUAL EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION.—The Legislature may  
1307 annually provide in the Florida Education Finance Program a  
1308 virtual education contribution. The amount of the virtual  
1309 education contribution shall be the difference between the  
1310 amount per FTE established in the General Appropriations Act for  
1311 virtual education and the amount per FTE for each district and  
1312 the Florida Virtual School, which may be calculated by taking  
1313 the sum of the base FEFP allocation, the discretionary local  
1314 effort, the state-funded discretionary contribution, the  
1315 discretionary millage compression supplement, the research-based



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1316 reading instruction allocation, best and brightest teacher and  
1317 principal allocation, and the instructional materials  
1318 allocation, and then dividing by the total unweighted FTE. This  
1319 difference shall be multiplied by the virtual education  
1320 unweighted FTE for programs and options identified in s.  
1321 1002.455 and the Florida Virtual School and its franchises to  
1322 equal the virtual education contribution and shall be included  
1323 as a separate allocation in the funding formula.

1324 (13) FEDERALLY CONNECTED STUDENT SUPPLEMENT.—The federally  
1325 connected student supplement is created to provide supplemental  
1326 funding for school districts to support the education of  
1327 students connected with federally owned military installations,  
1328 National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) real  
1329 property, and Indian lands. To be eligible for this supplement,  
1330 the district must be eligible for federal Impact Aid Program  
1331 funds under s. 8003 of Title VIII of the Elementary and  
1332 Secondary Education Act of 1965. The supplement shall be  
1333 allocated annually to each eligible school district in the  
1334 General Appropriations Act. The supplement shall be the sum of  
1335 the student allocation and an exempt property allocation.

1336 (d) The amount allocated for each eligible school district  
1337 shall be recalculated during the year using actual student  
1338 membership, as amended, from the most recent February survey and  
1339 the tax-exempt valuation from the most recent assessment roll.  
1340 ~~Upon recalculation, if the total allocation is greater than the~~  
1341 ~~amount provided in the General Appropriations Act, it must be~~  
1342 ~~prorated to the level of the appropriation based on each~~  
1343 ~~district's share of the total recalculated amount.~~

1344 (14) QUALITY ASSURANCE GUARANTEE.—The Legislature may



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1345 annually in the General Appropriations Act determine a  
1346 percentage increase in funds per K-12 unweighted FTE as a  
1347 minimum guarantee to each school district. The guarantee shall  
1348 be calculated from prior year base funding per unweighted FTE  
1349 student which shall include the adjusted FTE dollars as provided  
1350 in subsection (19) ~~(18)~~, quality guarantee funds, and actual  
1351 nonvoted discretionary local effort from taxes. From the base  
1352 funding per unweighted FTE, the increase shall be calculated for  
1353 the current year. The current year funds from which the  
1354 guarantee shall be determined shall include the adjusted FTE  
1355 dollars as provided in subsection (19) ~~(18)~~ and potential  
1356 nonvoted discretionary local effort from taxes. A comparison of  
1357 current year funds per unweighted FTE to prior year funds per  
1358 unweighted FTE shall be computed. For those school districts  
1359 which have less than the legislatively assigned percentage  
1360 increase, funds shall be provided to guarantee the assigned  
1361 percentage increase in funds per unweighted FTE student. Should  
1362 appropriated funds be less than the sum of this calculated  
1363 amount for all districts, the commissioner shall prorate each  
1364 district's allocation. This provision shall be implemented to  
1365 the extent specifically funded.

1366 (17) FUNDING COMPRESSION ALLOCATION.—The Legislature may  
1367 provide an annual funding compression allocation in the General  
1368 Appropriations Act. The allocation is created to provide  
1369 additional funding to school districts and developmental  
1370 research schools whose total funds per FTE in the prior year  
1371 were less than the statewide average. Using the most recent  
1372 prior year FEFP calculation for each eligible school district,  
1373 the total funds per FTE shall be subtracted from the state





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1374 average funds per FTE, not including any adjustments made  
1375 pursuant to paragraph (19) (b) ~~(18) (b)~~. The resulting funds per  
1376 FTE difference, or a portion thereof, as designated in the  
1377 General Appropriations Act, shall then be multiplied by the  
1378 school district's total unweighted FTE to provide the  
1379 allocation. If the calculated funds are greater than the amount  
1380 included in the General Appropriations Act, they must be  
1381 prorated to the appropriation amount based on each participating  
1382 school district's share. ~~This subsection expires July 1, 2019.~~

1383 (18) THE FLORIDA BEST AND BRIGHTEST TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL  
1384 ALLOCATION.—

1385 (a) The Florida Best and Brightest Teacher and Principal  
1386 Allocation is created to recruit, retain, and recognize  
1387 classroom teachers and instructional personnel who meet the  
1388 criteria established in s. 1012.731 and reward principals who  
1389 meet the criteria established in s. 1012.732. Subject to annual  
1390 appropriation, each school district shall receive an allocation  
1391 based on the district's proportionate share of FEFP base  
1392 funding. The Legislature may specify a minimum allocation for  
1393 all districts in the General Appropriations Act.

1394 (b) From the allocation, each district shall provide the  
1395 following:

- 1396 1. A one-time recruitment award, as provided in s.  
1397 1012.731(3) (a);  
1398 2. A retention award, as provided in s. 1012.731(3) (b); and  
1399 3. A recognition award, as provided in s. 1012.731(3) (c)  
1400 from the remaining balance of the appropriation after the  
1401 payment of all other awards authorized under ss. 1012.731 and  
1402 1012.732.



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1403 (c) From the allocation, each district shall provide  
1404 eligible principals an award as provided in s. 1012.732(3).

1405  
1406 If a district's calculated awards exceed the allocation, the  
1407 district may prorate the awards.

1408 (21) TURNAROUND SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES ALLOCATION.-

1409 The turnaround school supplemental services allocation is  
1410 created to provide district-managed turnaround schools, as  
1411 identified in s. 1008.33(4)(a), schools that earn three  
1412 consecutive grades below a "C," as identified in s.  
1413 1008.33(4)(b)3., and schools that have improved to a "C" and are  
1414 no longer in turnaround status, as identified in s.  
1415 1008.33(4)(c), with funds to offer services designed to improve  
1416 the overall academic and community welfare of the schools'  
1417 students and their families.

1418 (a) Services funded by the allocation may include, but are  
1419 not limited to, tutorial and after-school programs, student  
1420 counseling, nutrition education, parental counseling, and an  
1421 extended school day and school year. In addition, services may  
1422 include models that develop a culture that encourages students  
1423 to complete high school and to attend college or career  
1424 training, set high academic expectations, and inspire character  
1425 development.

1426 (b) Before distribution of the allocation, the school  
1427 district shall develop and submit a plan for implementation to  
1428 its school board for approval no later than August 1 of each  
1429 fiscal year.

1430 (c) At a minimum, the plan required under paragraph (b)  
1431 must:



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- 1432        1. Establish comprehensive support services that develop  
1433 family and community partnerships;
- 1434        2. Establish clearly defined and measurable high academic  
1435 and character standards;
- 1436        3. Increase parental involvement and engagement in the  
1437 child's education;
- 1438        4. Describe how instructional personnel will be identified,  
1439 recruited, retained, and rewarded;
- 1440        5. Provide professional development that focuses on  
1441 academic rigor, direct instruction, and creating high academic  
1442 and character standards;
- 1443        6. Provide focused instruction to improve student academic  
1444 proficiency, which may include additional instruction time  
1445 beyond the normal school day or school year; and
- 1446        7. Include a strategy for continuing to provide services  
1447 after the school is no longer in turnaround status by virtue of  
1448 achieving a grade of "C" or higher.
- 1449        (d) Each school district shall submit its approved plans to  
1450 the commissioner by September 1 of each fiscal year.
- 1451        (e) Subject to legislative appropriation, each school  
1452 district's allocation must be based on the unweighted FTE  
1453 student enrollment at the eligible schools and a per-FTE funding  
1454 amount of \$500 or as provided in the General Appropriations Act.  
1455 The supplement provided in the General Appropriations Act shall  
1456 be based on the most recent school grades and shall serve as a  
1457 proxy for the official calculation. Once school grades are  
1458 available for the school year immediately preceding the fiscal  
1459 year coinciding with the appropriation, the supplement shall be  
1460 recalculated for the official participating schools as part of



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1461 the subsequent FEFP calculation. The commissioner may prepare a  
1462 preliminary calculation so that districts may proceed with  
1463 timely planning and use of the funds. If the calculated funds  
1464 for the statewide allocation exceed the funds appropriated, the  
1465 allocation of funds to each school district must be prorated  
1466 based on each school district's share of the total unweighted  
1467 FTE student enrollment for the eligible schools.

1468 (f) Subject to legislative appropriation, each school shall  
1469 remain eligible for the allocation for a maximum of 4 continuous  
1470 fiscal years while implementing a turnaround option pursuant to  
1471 s. 1008.33(4). In addition, a school that improves to a grade of  
1472 "C" or higher shall remain eligible to receive the allocation  
1473 for a maximum of 2 continuous fiscal years after exiting  
1474 turnaround status.

1475 Section 15. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection  
1476 (2) of section 1011.71, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1477 1011.71 District school tax.—

1478 (1) If the district school tax is not provided in the  
1479 General Appropriations Act or the substantive bill implementing  
1480 the General Appropriations Act, each district school board  
1481 desiring to participate in the state allocation of funds for  
1482 current operation as prescribed by s. 1011.62(19) ~~s. 1011.62(18)~~  
1483 shall levy on the taxable value for school purposes of the  
1484 district, exclusive of millage voted under s. 9(b) or s. 12,  
1485 Art. VII of the State Constitution, a millage rate not to exceed  
1486 the amount certified by the commissioner as the minimum millage  
1487 rate necessary to provide the district required local effort for  
1488 the current year, pursuant to s. 1011.62(4)(a)1. In addition to  
1489 the required local effort millage levy, each district school



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1490 board may levy a nonvoted current operating discretionary  
1491 millage. The Legislature shall prescribe annually in the  
1492 appropriations act the maximum amount of millage a district may  
1493 levy.

1494 (2) In addition to the maximum millage levy as provided in  
1495 subsection (1), each school board may levy not more than 1.5  
1496 mills against the taxable value for school purposes for charter  
1497 schools pursuant to s. 1013.62(1) and (3) and for district  
1498 schools to fund:

1499 (a) New construction, and remodeling projects, ~~as set forth~~  
1500 ~~in s. 1013.64(6)(b) and included in the district's educational~~  
1501 ~~plant survey pursuant to s. 1013.31, without regard to~~  
1502 ~~prioritization,~~ sites and site improvement or expansion to new  
1503 sites, existing sites, auxiliary facilities, athletic  
1504 facilities, or ancillary facilities.

1505 Section 16. Effective upon becoming a law, subsections (3)  
1506 and (7) of section 1012.56, Florida Statutes, are amended to  
1507 read:

1508 1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

1509 (3) MASTERY OF GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.—Acceptable means of  
1510 demonstrating mastery of general knowledge are:

1511 (a) Achievement of passing scores on the general knowledge  
1512 examination required by state board rule;

1513 (b) Documentation of a valid professional standard teaching  
1514 certificate issued by another state;

1515 (c) Documentation of a valid certificate issued by the  
1516 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or a national  
1517 educator credentialing board approved by the State Board of  
1518 Education;



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1519 (d) Documentation of two semesters of successful, full-time  
1520 or part-time teaching in a Florida College System institution,  
1521 state university, or private college or university that awards  
1522 an associate or higher degree and is an accredited institution  
1523 or an institution of higher education identified by the  
1524 Department of Education as having a quality program; or

1525 (e) ~~Effective July 1, 2015,~~ Achievement of passing scores,  
1526 identified in state board rule, on national or international  
1527 examinations that test comparable content and relevant standards  
1528 in verbal, analytical writing, and quantitative reasoning  
1529 skills, including, but not limited to, the verbal, analytical  
1530 writing, and quantitative reasoning portions of the Graduate  
1531 Record Examination. Passing scores identified in state board  
1532 rule must be at approximately the same level of rigor as is  
1533 required to pass the general knowledge examinations.

1534  
1535 A school district that employs an individual who does not  
1536 achieve passing scores on any subtest of the general knowledge  
1537 examination must provide information regarding the availability  
1538 of state-level and district-level supports and instruction to  
1539 assist him or her in achieving a passing score. Such information  
1540 must include, but need not be limited to, state-level test  
1541 information guides, school district test preparation resources,  
1542 and preparation courses offered by state universities and  
1543 Florida College System institutions.

1544 (7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

1545 (a) The Department of Education shall issue a professional  
1546 certificate for a period not to exceed 5 years to any applicant  
1547 who fulfills one of the following:



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- 1548 1. Meets all the requirements outlined in subsection (2).  
1549 2. For a professional certificate covering grades 6 through  
1550 12:  
1551 a. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) (a)-(h).  
1552 b. Holds a master's or higher degree in the area of  
1553 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.  
1554 c. Teaches a high school course in the subject of the  
1555 advanced degree.  
1556 d. Is rated highly effective as determined by the teacher's  
1557 performance evaluation under s. 1012.34, based in part on  
1558 student performance as measured by a statewide, standardized  
1559 assessment or an Advanced Placement, Advanced International  
1560 Certificate of Education, or International Baccalaureate  
1561 examination.  
1562 e. Achieves a passing score on the Florida professional  
1563 education competency examination required by state board rule.  
1564 3. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) (a)-(h) and  
1565 completes a professional preparation and education competence  
1566 program approved by the department pursuant to paragraph (8) (c).  
1567 An applicant who completes the program and is rated highly  
1568 effective as determined by his or her performance evaluation  
1569 under s. 1012.34 is not required to take or achieve a passing  
1570 score on the professional education competency examination in  
1571 order to be awarded a professional certificate.  
1572 (b) The department shall issue a temporary certificate to  
1573 any applicant who completes the requirements outlined in  
1574 paragraphs (2) (a)-(f) and completes the subject area content  
1575 requirements specified in state board rule or demonstrates  
1576 mastery of subject area knowledge pursuant to subsection (5) and



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1577 holds an accredited degree or a degree approved by the  
1578 Department of Education at the level required for the subject  
1579 area specialization in state board rule.

1580 (c) The department shall issue one nonrenewable 2-year  
1581 temporary certificate and one nonrenewable 5-year professional  
1582 certificate to a qualified applicant who holds a bachelor's  
1583 degree in the area of speech-language impairment to allow for  
1584 completion of a master's degree program in speech-language  
1585 impairment.

1586  
1587 Each temporary certificate is valid for 3 school fiscal years  
1588 and is nonrenewable. ~~However, the requirement in paragraph~~  
1589 ~~(2) (g) must be met within 1 calendar year of the date of~~  
1590 ~~employment under the temporary certificate. Individuals who are~~  
1591 ~~employed under contract at the end of the 1 calendar year time~~  
1592 ~~period may continue to be employed through the end of the school~~  
1593 ~~year in which they have been contracted. A school district shall~~  
1594 ~~not employ, or continue the employment of, an individual in a~~  
1595 ~~position for which a temporary certificate is required beyond~~  
1596 ~~this time period if the individual has not met the requirement~~  
1597 ~~of paragraph (2) (g).~~ At least 1 year before an individual's  
1598 temporary certificate is set to expire, the department shall  
1599 electronically notify the individual of the date on which his or  
1600 her certificate will expire and provide a list of each method by  
1601 which the qualifications for a professional certificate can be  
1602 completed. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
1603 allow the department to extend the validity period of a  
1604 temporary certificate for 2 years when the requirements for the  
1605 professional certificate, ~~not including the requirement in~~





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1606 ~~paragraph (2)(g),~~ were not completed due to the serious illness  
1607 or injury of the applicant, the military service of an  
1608 applicant's spouse, ~~or~~ other extraordinary extenuating  
1609 circumstances, or if the certificateholder is rated highly  
1610 effective in the immediate prior year's performance evaluation  
1611 pursuant to s. 1012.34 or has completed a 2-year mentorship  
1612 program pursuant to s. 1012.56(8). ~~The rules must authorize the~~  
1613 ~~department to extend the validity period of a temporary~~  
1614 ~~certificate for 1 year if the certificateholder is rated~~  
1615 ~~effective or highly effective based solely on a student learning~~  
1616 ~~growth formula approved by the Commissioner of Education~~  
1617 ~~pursuant to s. 1012.34(8).~~ The department shall extend ~~reissue~~  
1618 the temporary certificate ~~for 2 additional years~~ upon approval  
1619 by the Commissioner of Education. A written request for  
1620 extension ~~reissuance~~ of the certificate shall be submitted by  
1621 the district school superintendent, the governing authority of a  
1622 university lab school, the governing authority of a state-  
1623 supported school, or the governing authority of a private  
1624 school.

1625 Section 17. Effective upon becoming a law, subsection (1)  
1626 of section 1012.59, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1627 1012.59 Certification fees.—

1628 (1) The State Board of Education, ~~by rule,~~ shall establish  
1629 by rule separate fees for applications, examinations,  
1630 certification, certification renewal, late renewal,  
1631 recordmaking, and recordkeeping, and may establish procedures  
1632 for scheduling and administering an examination upon an  
1633 applicant's request. Unless otherwise specified in this  
1634 subsection, each fee shall be based on department estimates of



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1635 the revenue required to implement the ~~provisions of~~ law with  
1636 respect to certification of school personnel. The application  
1637 fee ~~is shall be~~ nonrefundable. The rule must specify an Each  
1638 examination fee for the following:

1639 (a) Initial registration for first-time test takers.

1640 (b) Retake of the full battery of subtests of an  
1641 examination, if applicable. The retake fee for the full battery  
1642 of subtests may not exceed the fee for the initial registration.

1643 (c) Retake for each subtest of an examination. The retake  
1644 fee for each subtest must be prorated based on the number of  
1645 subtests within the examination shall be sufficient to cover the  
1646 actual cost of developing and administering the examination.

1647 Section 18. Section 1012.731, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1648 to read:

1649 1012.731 The Florida Best and Brightest Teacher ~~Scholarship~~  
1650 Program.—

1651 (1) The Legislature recognizes that, second only to  
1652 parents, teachers play the most critical role within schools in  
1653 preparing students to achieve a high level of academic  
1654 performance. ~~The Legislature further recognizes that research~~  
1655 ~~has linked student outcomes to a teacher's own academic~~  
1656 ~~achievement.~~ Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to  
1657 recruit, retain, and recognize designate teachers who meet the  
1658 needs of this state and have achieved success in the classroom  
1659 ~~high academic standards during their own education as Florida's~~  
1660 ~~best and brightest teacher scholars.~~

1661 (2) ~~There is created~~ The Florida Best and Brightest Teacher  
1662 ~~Scholarship Program~~ is created to ~~be administered by the~~  
1663 ~~Department of Education. The scholarship program shall provide~~



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1664 ~~categories~~ recruitment and  
1665 retention awards to classroom teachers, as defined in  
1666 1012.01(2)(a), and recognition awards to instructional  
1667 personnel, as defined in 1012.01(2), to be funded as provided in  
1668 s. 1011.62(18) be awarded to classroom teachers, as defined in  
1669 s. 1012.01(2)(a), who have demonstrated a high level of academic  
1670 achievement.

1671 (3)(a) To be eligible for a one-time recruitment award as  
1672 specified in the General Appropriations Act, a newly hired  
1673 classroom teacher must be a content expert, based on criteria  
1674 established by the department, in mathematics, science, computer  
1675 science, reading, or civics scholarship in the amount of \$6,000,  
1676 a classroom teacher must:

1677 1. ~~Have achieved a composite score at or above the 80th~~  
1678 ~~percentile on either the SAT or the ACT based on the National~~  
1679 ~~Percentile Ranks in effect when the classroom teacher took the~~  
1680 ~~assessment and have been evaluated as highly effective pursuant~~  
1681 ~~to s. 1012.34 in the school year immediately preceding the year~~  
1682 ~~in which the scholarship will be awarded, unless the classroom~~  
1683 ~~teacher is newly hired by the district school board and has not~~  
1684 ~~been evaluated pursuant to s. 1012.34.~~

1685 2. ~~Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, have achieved~~  
1686 ~~a composite score at or above the 77th percentile or, if the~~  
1687 ~~classroom teacher graduated cum laude or higher with a~~  
1688 ~~baccalaureate degree, the 71st percentile on either the SAT,~~  
1689 ~~ACT, GRE, LSAT, GMAT, or MCAT based on the National Percentile~~  
1690 ~~Ranks in effect when the classroom teacher took the assessment,~~  
1691 ~~and have been evaluated as highly effective pursuant to s.~~  
1692 ~~1012.34, or have been evaluated as highly effective based on a~~



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1693 ~~commissioner-approved student learning growth formula pursuant~~  
1694 ~~to s. 1012.34(8), in the school year immediately preceding the~~  
1695 ~~year in which the scholarship will be awarded, unless the~~  
1696 ~~classroom teacher is newly hired by the district school board~~  
1697 ~~and has not been evaluated pursuant to s. 1012.34.~~

1698 (b) To be eligible for a retention award as specified in  
1699 the General Appropriations Act, a classroom teacher must have  
1700 been rated as highly effective or effective the preceding year  
1701 pursuant to s. 1012.34, and teach in a school for 2 consecutive  
1702 school years, including the current year, which has improved an  
1703 average of 3 percentage points or more in the percentage of  
1704 total possible points achieved for determining school grades  
1705 over the prior 3 years

1706 ~~1. In order to demonstrate eligibility for an award, an~~  
1707 ~~eligible classroom teacher must submit to the school district,~~  
1708 ~~no later than November 1, an official record of his or her~~  
1709 ~~qualifying assessment score and, beginning with the 2020-2021~~  
1710 ~~school year, an official transcript demonstrating that he or she~~  
1711 ~~graduated cum laude or higher with a baccalaureate degree, if~~  
1712 ~~applicable. Once a classroom teacher is deemed eligible by the~~  
1713 ~~school district, the teacher shall remain eligible as long as he~~  
1714 ~~or she remains employed by the school district as a classroom~~  
1715 ~~teacher at the time of the award and receives an annual~~  
1716 ~~performance evaluation rating of highly effective pursuant to s.~~  
1717 ~~1012.34 or is evaluated as highly effective based on a~~  
1718 ~~commissioner-approved student learning growth formula pursuant~~  
1719 ~~to s. 1012.34(8) for the 2019-2020 school year or thereafter.~~

1720 ~~2. A school district employee who is no longer a classroom~~  
1721 ~~teacher may receive an award if the employee was a classroom~~



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1722 ~~teacher in the prior school year, was rated highly effective,~~  
1723 ~~and met the requirements of this section as a classroom teacher.~~

1724 (c) To be eligible for a recognition award, instructional  
1725 personnel must be rated as highly effective or effective and be  
1726 selected by his or her school principal, based on performance  
1727 criteria and policies adopted by the district school board or  
1728 charter school governing board. Recognition awards must be  
1729 provided from funds remaining under the allocation provided in  
1730 s. 1011.62(18) after the payment of all teacher recruitment and  
1731 retention awards and principal awards authorized under this  
1732 section and the General Appropriations Act Notwithstanding the  
1733 requirements of this subsection, for the 2017-2018, 2018-2019,  
1734 and 2019-2020 school years, any classroom teacher who:

1735 1. Was evaluated as highly effective pursuant to s. 1012.34  
1736 in the school year immediately preceding the year in which the  
1737 scholarship will be awarded shall receive a scholarship of  
1738 \$1200, including a classroom teacher who received an award  
1739 pursuant to paragraph (a).

1740 2. Was evaluated as effective pursuant to s. 1012.34 in the  
1741 school year immediately preceding the year in which the  
1742 scholarship will be awarded a scholarship of up to \$800. If the  
1743 number of eligible classroom teachers under this subparagraph  
1744 exceeds the total allocation, the department shall prorate the  
1745 per-teacher scholarship amount.

1746  
1747 ~~This paragraph expires July 1, 2020.~~

1748 ~~(4) Annually, by December 1, each school district shall~~  
1749 ~~submit to the department:~~

1750 ~~(a) The number of eligible classroom teachers who qualify~~



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1751 ~~for the scholarship.~~

1752 ~~(b) The name and master school identification number (MSID)~~  
1753 ~~of each school in the district to which an eligible classroom~~  
1754 ~~teacher is assigned.~~

1755 ~~(c) The name of the school principal of each eligible~~  
1756 ~~classroom teacher's school if he or she has served as the~~  
1757 ~~school's principal for at least 2 consecutive school years~~  
1758 ~~including the current school year.~~

1759 ~~(5) Annually, by February 1, the department shall disburse~~  
1760 ~~scholarship funds to each school district for each eligible~~  
1761 ~~classroom teacher to receive a scholarship in accordance with~~  
1762 ~~this section.~~

1763 ~~(6) Annually, by April 1, each school district shall award~~  
1764 ~~the scholarship to each eligible classroom teacher.~~

1765 ~~(7) For purposes of this section, the term "school~~  
1766 ~~district" includes the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind~~  
1767 ~~and charter school governing boards.~~

1768 Section 19. Section 1012.732, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1769 to read:

1770 1012.732 The Florida Best and Brightest Principal  
1771 ~~Scholarship~~ Program.—

1772 (1) The Legislature recognizes that the most effective  
1773 school principals establish a safe and supportive school  
1774 environment for students and faculty. Research shows that these  
1775 principals increase student learning by providing opportunities  
1776 for the professional growth, collaboration, and autonomy that  
1777 classroom teachers need to become and remain highly effective  
1778 educational professionals. ~~As a result, these principals are~~  
1779 ~~able to recruit and retain more of the best classroom teachers~~



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1780 ~~and improve student outcomes at their schools, including schools~~  
1781 ~~servicing low-income and high-need student populations.~~ Therefore,  
1782 it is the intent of the Legislature to designate school  
1783 principals whose schools make noticeable academic improvement  
1784 ~~school faculty has a high percentage of classroom teachers who~~  
1785 ~~are designated as Florida's best and brightest teacher scholars~~  
1786 ~~pursuant to s. 1012.731~~ as Florida's best and brightest  
1787 principals.

1788 (2) ~~There is created~~ The Florida Best and Brightest  
1789 Principal Scholarship Program is created to be administered by  
1790 ~~the Department of Education. The program shall provide awards to~~  
1791 ~~ategorical funding for scholarships to be awarded to school~~  
1792 principals, as defined in s. 1012.01(3)(c)1., to be funded as  
1793 provided in s. 1011.62(18) ~~who have recruited and retained a~~  
1794 ~~high percentage of best and brightest teachers.~~

1795 (3) A school principal ~~identified pursuant to s.~~  
1796 ~~1012.731(4)(c)~~ is eligible to receive an award, as specified in  
1797 the General Appropriations Act, a ~~scholarship~~ under this section  
1798 if he or she has served as school principal at his or her school  
1799 for at least 4 ~~2~~ consecutive school years, including the current  
1800 school year, and the school has improved an average of 3  
1801 percentage points or more in the percentage of total possible  
1802 points achieved for determining school grades over the prior 3  
1803 years ~~his or her school has a ratio of best and brightest~~  
1804 ~~teachers to other classroom teachers that is at the 80th~~  
1805 ~~percentile or higher for schools within the same grade group,~~  
1806 ~~statewide, including elementary schools, middle schools, high~~  
1807 ~~schools, and schools with a combination of grade levels.~~

1808 (4) ~~Annually, by February 1, the department shall identify~~



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1809 ~~eligible school principals and disburse funds to each school~~  
1810 ~~district for each eligible school principal to receive a~~  
1811 ~~scholarship. A scholarship of \$5,000 must be awarded to every~~  
1812 ~~eligible school principal assigned to a Title I school and a~~  
1813 ~~scholarship of \$4,000 to every eligible school principal who is~~  
1814 ~~not assigned to a Title I school.~~

1815 ~~(5) Annually, by April 1, each school district must award a~~  
1816 ~~scholarship to each eligible school principal.~~

1817 ~~(6) A school district must provide a best and brightest~~  
1818 ~~principal with the additional authority and responsibilities~~  
1819 ~~provided in s. 1012.28(8) for a minimum of 2 years.~~

1820 ~~(7) For purposes of this section, the term "school~~  
1821 ~~district" includes the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind~~  
1822 ~~and charter school governing boards.~~

1823 Section 20. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (1) of  
1824 section 1013.31, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1825 1013.31 Educational plant survey; localized need  
1826 assessment; PECO project funding.—

1827 (1) At least every 5 years, each board shall arrange for an  
1828 educational plant survey, to aid in formulating plans for  
1829 housing the educational program and student population, faculty,  
1830 administrators, staff, and auxiliary and ancillary services of  
1831 the district or campus, including consideration of the local  
1832 comprehensive plan. The Department of Education shall document  
1833 the need for additional career and adult education programs and  
1834 the continuation of existing programs before facility  
1835 construction or renovation related to career or adult education  
1836 may be included in the educational plant survey of a school  
1837 district or Florida College System institution that delivers





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1838 career or adult education programs. Information used by the  
1839 Department of Education to establish facility needs must  
1840 include, but need not be limited to, labor market data, needs  
1841 analysis, and information submitted by the school district or  
1842 Florida College System institution.

1843 (a) *Educational plant survey and localized need assessment*  
1844 *for capital outlay purposes.*—A survey recommendation is not  
1845 required when a district uses ~~may only use~~ funds from the  
1846 following sources for educational, auxiliary, and ancillary  
1847 plant capital outlay purposes ~~without needing a survey~~  
1848 ~~recommendation:~~

1849 1. The local capital outlay improvement fund, consisting of  
1850 funds that come from and are a part of the district's basic  
1851 operating budget;

1852 2. A taxpayer-approved bond referendum, to fund  
1853 construction of ~~If a board decides to build~~ an educational,  
1854 auxiliary, or ancillary plant facility ~~without a survey~~  
1855 ~~recommendation and the taxpayers approve a bond referendum, the~~  
1856 ~~voted bond referendum;~~

1857 3. One-half cent sales surtax revenue;

1858 4. One cent local governmental surtax revenue;

1859 5. Impact fees; ~~and~~

1860 6. Private gifts or donations; and

1861 7. The district school tax levied pursuant to s.

1862 1011.71(2).

1863 (d) *Review and validation.*—The Department of Education  
1864 shall review and validate the surveys of school districts and  
1865 Florida College System institutions, and the Chancellor of the  
1866 State University System shall review and validate the surveys of



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1867 universities, and any amendments thereto for compliance with the  
1868 requirements of this chapter and shall recommend those in  
1869 compliance for approval by the State Board of Education or the  
1870 Board of Governors, as appropriate. Annually, the department  
1871 shall perform an in-depth analysis of a representative sample of  
1872 each survey of recommended needs for five districts selected by  
1873 the commissioner from among districts with the largest need-to-  
1874 revenue ratio. For the purpose of this subsection, the need-to-  
1875 revenue ratio is determined by dividing the total 5-year cost of  
1876 projects listed on the district survey by the total 5-year fixed  
1877 capital outlay revenue projections from state and local sources  
1878 as determined by the department. The commissioner may direct  
1879 fixed capital outlay funds provided from general revenue or from  
1880 state trust funds to be withheld from districts until such time  
1881 as the survey accurately projects facilities needs.

1882 Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraphs  
1883 (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (6) of section 1013.64, Florida  
1884 Statutes, are amended to read:

1885 1013.64 Funds for comprehensive educational plant needs;  
1886 construction cost maximums for school district capital  
1887 projects.—Allocations from the Public Education Capital Outlay  
1888 and Debt Service Trust Fund to the various boards for capital  
1889 outlay projects shall be determined as follows:

1890 (2) (a) The department shall establish, as a part of the  
1891 Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund, a  
1892 separate account, in an amount determined by the Legislature, to  
1893 be known as the "Special Facility Construction Account." The  
1894 Special Facility Construction Account shall be used to provide  
1895 necessary construction funds to school districts which have



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1896 urgent construction needs but which lack sufficient resources at  
1897 present, and cannot reasonably anticipate sufficient resources  
1898 within the period of the next 3 years, for these purposes from  
1899 currently authorized sources of capital outlay revenue. A school  
1900 district requesting funding from the Special Facility  
1901 Construction Account shall submit one specific construction  
1902 project, not to exceed one complete educational plant, to the  
1903 Special Facility Construction Committee. A district may not  
1904 receive funding for more than one approved project in any 3-year  
1905 period or while any portion of the district's participation  
1906 requirement is outstanding. The first year of the 3-year period  
1907 shall be the first year a district receives an appropriation.  
1908 The department shall encourage a construction program that  
1909 reduces the average size of schools in the district. The request  
1910 must meet the following criteria to be considered by the  
1911 committee:

1912       1. The project must be deemed a critical need and must be  
1913 recommended for funding by the Special Facility Construction  
1914 Committee. Before developing construction plans for the proposed  
1915 facility, the district school board must request a  
1916 preapplication review by the Special Facility Construction  
1917 Committee or a project review subcommittee convened by the chair  
1918 of the committee to include two representatives of the  
1919 department and two staff members from school districts not  
1920 eligible to participate in the program. A school district may  
1921 request a preapplication review at any time; however, if the  
1922 district school board seeks inclusion in the department's next  
1923 annual capital outlay legislative budget request, the  
1924 preapplication review request must be made before February 1.



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1925 Within 90 days after receiving the preapplication review  
1926 request, the committee or subcommittee must meet in the school  
1927 district to review the project proposal and existing facilities.  
1928 To determine whether the proposed project is a critical need,  
1929 the committee or subcommittee shall consider, at a minimum, the  
1930 capacity of all existing facilities within the district as  
1931 determined by the Florida Inventory of School Houses; the  
1932 district's pattern of student growth; the district's existing  
1933 and projected capital outlay full-time equivalent student  
1934 enrollment as determined by the demographic, revenue, and  
1935 education estimating conferences established in s. 216.136; the  
1936 district's existing satisfactory student stations; the use of  
1937 all existing district property and facilities; grade level  
1938 configurations; and any other information that may affect the  
1939 need for the proposed project.

1940         2. The construction project must be recommended in the most  
1941 recent survey or survey amendment cooperatively prepared by the  
1942 district and the department, and approved by the department  
1943 under the rules of the State Board of Education. If a district  
1944 employs a consultant in the preparation of a survey or survey  
1945 amendment, the consultant may not be employed by or receive  
1946 compensation from a third party that designs or constructs a  
1947 project recommended by the survey.

1948         3. The construction project must appear on the district's  
1949 approved project priority list under the rules of the State  
1950 Board of Education.

1951         4. The district must have selected and had approved a site  
1952 for the construction project in compliance with s. 1013.36 and  
1953 the rules of the State Board of Education.



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1954           5. The district shall have developed a district school  
1955 board adopted list of facilities that do not exceed the norm for  
1956 net square feet occupancy requirements under the State  
1957 Requirements for Educational Facilities, using all possible  
1958 programmatic combinations for multiple use of space to obtain  
1959 maximum daily use of all spaces within the facility under  
1960 consideration.

1961           6. Upon construction, the total cost per student station,  
1962 including change orders, must not exceed the cost per student  
1963 station as provided in subsection (6) except for cost overruns  
1964 created by a disaster as defined in s. 252.34 or an  
1965 unforeseeable circumstance beyond the district's control as  
1966 determined by the Special Facility Construction Committee.

1967           7. There shall be an agreement signed by the district  
1968 school board stating that it will advertise for bids within 30  
1969 days of receipt of its encumbrance authorization from the  
1970 department.

1971           8. For construction projects for which Special Facilities  
1972 Construction Account funding is sought before the 2019-2020  
1973 fiscal year, the district shall, at the time of the request and  
1974 for a continuing period necessary to meet the district's  
1975 participation requirement, levy the maximum millage against its  
1976 nonexempt assessed property value as allowed in s. 1011.71(2) or  
1977 shall raise an equivalent amount of revenue from the school  
1978 capital outlay surtax authorized under s. 212.055(6). Beginning  
1979 with construction projects for which Special Facilities  
1980 Construction Account funding is sought in the 2019-2020 fiscal  
1981 year, the district shall, for a minimum of 3 years before  
1982 submitting the request and for a continuing period necessary to



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1983 meet its participation requirement, levy the maximum millage  
1984 against the district's nonexempt assessed property value as  
1985 authorized under s. 1011.71(2) or shall raise an equivalent  
1986 amount of revenue from the school capital outlay surtax  
1987 authorized under s. 212.055(6). Any district with a new or  
1988 active project, funded under the provisions of this subsection,  
1989 shall be required to budget no more than the value of 1 mill per  
1990 year to the project until the district's participation  
1991 requirement relating to the local discretionary capital  
1992 improvement millage or the equivalent amount of revenue from the  
1993 school capital outlay surtax is satisfied.

1994 9. If a contract has not been signed 90 days after the  
1995 advertising of bids, the funding for the specific project shall  
1996 revert to the Special Facility New Construction Account to be  
1997 reallocated to other projects on the list. However, an  
1998 additional 90 days may be granted by the commissioner.

1999 10. The department shall certify the inability of the  
2000 district to fund the survey-recommended project over a  
2001 continuous 3-year period using projected capital outlay revenue  
2002 derived from s. 9(d), Art. XII of the State Constitution, as  
2003 amended, paragraph (3)(a) of this section, and s. 1011.71(2).

2004 11. The district shall have on file with the department an  
2005 adopted resolution acknowledging its commitment to satisfy its  
2006 participation requirement, which is equivalent to all  
2007 unencumbered and future revenue acquired from s. 9(d), Art. XII  
2008 of the State Constitution, as amended, paragraph (3)(a) of this  
2009 section, and s. 1011.71(2), in the year of the initial  
2010 appropriation and for the 2 years immediately following the  
2011 initial appropriation.



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2012           12. Phase I ~~Final phase III~~ plans must be approved  
2013 ~~certified~~ by the district school board as being complete and in  
2014 compliance with the building and life safety codes before June 1  
2015 of the year the application is made.

2016           (6)

2017           (b)1. A district school board may not use funds from state  
2018 sources ~~the following sources: Public Education Capital Outlay~~  
2019 ~~and Debt Service Trust Fund; School District and Community~~  
2020 ~~College District Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund;~~  
2021 ~~Classrooms First Program funds provided in s. 1013.68; nonvoted~~  
2022 ~~1.5-mill levy of ad valorem property taxes provided in s.~~  
2023 ~~1011.71(2); Classrooms for Kids Program funds provided in s.~~  
2024 ~~1013.735; District Effort Recognition Program funds provided in~~  
2025 ~~s. 1013.736; or High Growth District Capital Outlay Assistance~~  
2026 ~~Grant Program funds provided in s. 1013.738 for any new~~  
2027 construction of educational plant space with a total cost per  
2028 student station, including change orders, which exceeds that  
2029 ~~equals more than:~~

2030           a. \$17,952 for an elementary school,

2031           b. \$19,386 for a middle school, or

2032           c. \$25,181 for a high school,

2033

2034 (January 2006) as adjusted annually to reflect increases or  
2035 decreases in the Consumer Price Index. These restrictions do not  
2036 apply to local funds as specified in s. 1013.31(1)(a). The  
2037 department, in conjunction with the Office of Economic and  
2038 Demographic Research, shall review and revise the cost per  
2039 student station limits to reflect actual construction costs by  
2040 December 1, 2019, and every 3 years thereafter. The adjusted



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2041 cost per student station shall be used by the department for  
2042 computation of the statewide average costs per student station  
2043 for each instructional level pursuant to paragraph (d). The  
2044 department shall also collaborate with the Office of Economic  
2045 and Demographic Research to select an industry-recognized  
2046 construction index to replace the Consumer Price Index by  
2047 December 1, 2019, adjusted annually to reflect changes in the  
2048 construction index.

2049       2. School districts shall maintain accurate documentation  
2050 related to the costs of all new construction of educational  
2051 plant space reported to the Department of Education pursuant to  
2052 paragraph (d). The Auditor General shall review the  
2053 documentation maintained by the school districts and verify  
2054 compliance with the limits under this paragraph during its  
2055 scheduled operational audits of the school district. ~~The~~  
2056 ~~department shall make the final determination on district~~  
2057 ~~compliance based on the recommendation of the Auditor General.~~

2058       ~~3. Effective July 1, 2017, in addition to the funding~~  
2059 ~~sources listed in subparagraph 1., a district school board may~~  
2060 ~~not use funds from any sources for new construction of~~  
2061 ~~educational plant space with a total cost per student station,~~  
2062 ~~including change orders, which equals more than the current~~  
2063 ~~adjusted amounts provided in sub-subparagraphs 1.a.-c. which~~  
2064 ~~shall subsequently be adjusted annually to reflect increases or~~  
2065 ~~decreases in the Consumer Price Index. However, if a contract~~  
2066 ~~has been executed for architectural and design services or for~~  
2067 ~~construction management services before July 1, 2017, a district~~  
2068 ~~school board may use funds from any source for the new~~  
2069 ~~construction of educational plant space and such funds are~~





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2070 ~~exempt from the total cost per student station requirements.~~

2071       4. A district school board must not use funds from the  
2072 Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund or  
2073 the School District and Community College District Capital  
2074 Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund for any new construction of  
2075 an ancillary plant that exceeds 70 percent of the average cost  
2076 per square foot of new construction for all schools.

2077       (c) Except as otherwise provided, new construction for  
2078 which a contract has been executed for architectural and design  
2079 services or for construction management services by a district  
2080 school board on or after July 1, 2017, may not exceed the cost  
2081 per student station as provided in paragraph (b). ~~A school~~  
2082 ~~district that exceeds the cost per student station provided in~~  
2083 ~~paragraph (b), as determined by the Auditor General, shall be~~  
2084 ~~subject to sanctions. If the Auditor General determines that the~~  
2085 ~~cost per student station overage is de minimus or due to~~  
2086 ~~extraordinary circumstances outside the control of the district,~~  
2087 ~~the sanctions shall not apply. The sanctions are as follows:~~

2088       1. ~~The school district shall be ineligible for allocations~~  
2089 ~~from the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust~~  
2090 ~~Fund for the next 3 years in which the school district would~~  
2091 ~~have received allocations had the violation not occurred.~~

2092       2. ~~The school district shall be subject to the supervision~~  
2093 ~~of a district capital outlay oversight committee. The oversight~~  
2094 ~~committee is authorized to approve all capital outlay~~  
2095 ~~expenditures of the school district, including new construction,~~  
2096 ~~renovations, and remodeling, for 3 fiscal years following the~~  
2097 ~~violation.~~

2098       a. ~~Each oversight committee shall be composed of the~~



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2099 following:

2100 ~~(I) One appointee of the Commissioner of Education who has~~  
2101 ~~significant financial management, school facilities~~  
2102 ~~construction, or related experience.~~

2103 ~~(II) One appointee of the office of the state attorney with~~  
2104 ~~jurisdiction over the district.~~

2105 ~~(III) One appointee of the Chief Financial Officer who is a~~  
2106 ~~licensed certified public accountant.~~

2107 ~~b. An appointee to the oversight committee may not be~~  
2108 ~~employed by the school district; be a relative, as defined in s.~~  
2109 ~~1002.33(24)(a)2., of any school district employee; or be an~~  
2110 ~~elected official. Each appointee must sign an affidavit~~  
2111 ~~attesting to these conditions and affirming that no conflict of~~  
2112 ~~interest exists in his or her oversight role.~~

2113 (d) The department shall:

2114 1. Compute for each calendar year the statewide average  
2115 construction costs for facilities serving each instructional  
2116 level, for relocatable educational facilities, for  
2117 administrative facilities, and for other ancillary and auxiliary  
2118 facilities. The department shall compute the statewide average  
2119 costs per student station for each instructional level.

2120 2. Annually review the actual completed construction costs  
2121 of educational facilities in each school district. For any  
2122 school district in which the total actual cost per student  
2123 station, including change orders, exceeds the statewide limits  
2124 established in paragraph (b), the school district shall report  
2125 to the department the actual cost per student station and the  
2126 reason for the school district's inability to adhere to the  
2127 limits established in paragraph (b). The department shall



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2128 collect all such reports and shall provide these reports to the  
2129 Auditor General for verification purposes.

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2131 Cost per student station includes contract costs, legal and  
2132 administrative costs, fees of architects and engineers,  
2133 furniture and equipment, ~~and~~ site improvement costs, related  
2134 offsite improvement costs, the cost of complying with public  
2135 shelter and hurricane hardening requirements, and the cost of  
2136 any security enhancements, including, but not limited to, the  
2137 cost for securing entries, checkpoint construction, lighting  
2138 specifically designed for entry point security, security  
2139 cameras, automatic locks and locking devices, electronic  
2140 security systems, fencing designed to prevent intruder entry  
2141 into a building, bulletproof glass, or other capital  
2142 construction items approved by the school safety specialist to  
2143 ensure building security for new educational, auxiliary, or  
2144 ancillary facilities. Cost per student station does not include  
2145 the cost of purchasing or leasing the site for the construction  
2146 ~~or the cost of related offsite improvements. Cost per student~~  
2147 ~~station also does not include the cost for securing entries,~~  
2148 ~~checkpoint construction, lighting specifically designed for~~  
2149 ~~entry point security, security cameras, automatic locks and~~  
2150 ~~locking devices, electronic security systems, fencing designed~~  
2151 ~~to prevent intruder entry into a building, bullet-proof glass,~~  
2152 ~~or other capital construction items approved by the school~~  
2153 ~~safety specialist to ensure building security for new~~  
2154 ~~educational, auxiliary, or ancillary facilities; costs for these~~  
2155 ~~items must be below 2 percent per student station.~~

2156 Section 22. Subsection (1) of section 49 of chapter 2018-6,



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2157 Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

2158       Section 49. (1) The Department of Revenue is authorized,  
2159 and all conditions are deemed to be met, to adopt emergency  
2160 rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the  
2161 purpose of administering the provisions of this act and s.  
2162 1002.40, Florida Statutes.

2163       Section 23. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
2164 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
2165 becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

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2167 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

2168 And the title is amended as follows:

2169       Delete everything before the enacting clause  
2170 and insert:

2171                               A bill to be entitled  
2172       An act relating to K-12 education; amending s.  
2173       212.099, F.S.; deleting a specified reference to a  
2174       certain program; revising the definition of the terms  
2175       "eligible contribution" or "contribution"; revising  
2176       the authorized uses of eligible contributions;  
2177       amending s. 212.1832, F.S.; deleting a specified  
2178       reference to a certain program; deleting obsolete  
2179       language; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; revising the  
2180       programs through which certain parents may seek  
2181       private educational choice options; amending s.  
2182       1002.333, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
2183       "persistently low-performing school"; revising  
2184       requirements for the expenditure of funds under the  
2185       Schools of Hope Scholarship Program; requiring that



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2186 ownership of certain property, furnishings, and  
2187 equipment revert to the district school board upon the  
2188 dissolution or termination of a school of hope;  
2189 providing that certain funds and specified  
2190 improvements, furnishings, equipment, and records be  
2191 held in trust upon a request by a district school  
2192 board; deleting the authorization for a traditional  
2193 public school to receive funds from the program;  
2194 deleting a requirement for the State Board of  
2195 Education to provide awards and annually report  
2196 certain information; creating s. 1002.394, F.S.;  
2197 establishing the Family Empowerment Scholarship  
2198 Program; providing the purpose of the program;  
2199 defining terms; providing scholarship eligibility  
2200 requirements; providing for the term of such  
2201 scholarships; prohibiting certain students from  
2202 scholarship eligibility; requiring school districts to  
2203 inform specified households within their respective  
2204 districts of their eligibility to receive a Family  
2205 Empowerment Scholarship; requiring the Department of  
2206 Education to provide the form to be used by school  
2207 districts for that purpose; requiring school districts  
2208 to notify certain students of specified information  
2209 relating to statewide assessments; requiring school  
2210 districts, upon the request of the department, to  
2211 provide statewide assessments and related materials to  
2212 certain private schools; providing requirements for  
2213 the administration of statewide assessments at certain  
2214 private schools; requiring school districts to publish



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2215 information relating to the scholarship program on  
2216 their respective websites; providing requirements for  
2217 the published information; requiring the department to  
2218 publish and update information relating to the program  
2219 on the department website; requiring the department to  
2220 cross-check specified information; providing  
2221 requirements for private school participation in the  
2222 program; providing requirements for participating  
2223 students and their parents; providing obligations for  
2224 participation of eligible scholarship-funding  
2225 organizations in the program; providing the maximum  
2226 number of students who may participate in the  
2227 scholarship program, beginning with a specified school  
2228 year; providing for subsequent increases in the  
2229 authorized number of participating students; providing  
2230 for the calculation of school district funding  
2231 entitlement under the program; requiring school  
2232 districts to report all students who attend a private  
2233 school under the program; providing that such students  
2234 must be reported separately for certain purposes;  
2235 requiring the department to transfer funds from the  
2236 General Revenue Fund to an account for the program;  
2237 requiring that program funds for students entering a  
2238 Department of Juvenile Justice commitment program be  
2239 transferred from the school district in which the  
2240 student last attended school before commitment;  
2241 providing that the department must receive specified  
2242 information relating to such students within a  
2243 specified timeframe; requiring the Chief Financial



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2244 Officer to make scholarship payments to the  
2245 department; providing requirements for such payments;  
2246 requiring the department to request from the  
2247 Department of Financial Services a sample of certain  
2248 endorsed warrants for a specified purpose; providing  
2249 immunity from liability for the state; providing a  
2250 scope of authority with regard to the regulation of  
2251 private schools; requiring the state board to adopt  
2252 rules; providing an implementation schedule for a  
2253 specified school year; providing additional  
2254 eligibility requirements; requiring the Department of  
2255 Education to expedite the publication of specified  
2256 information on the department's website; providing a  
2257 deadline for a specified payment by the Chief  
2258 Financial Officer; providing for the expiration of  
2259 provisions related to a specified school year;  
2260 amending s. 1002.385, F.S.; deleting the authorization  
2261 for certain nonprofit scholarship-funding  
2262 organizations to receive specified funds; amending s.  
2263 1002.395, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements  
2264 under the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program for  
2265 certain students; revising obligations of certain  
2266 nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations relating  
2267 to the program; revising a requirement for certain  
2268 contributions to annually be used by a specified date  
2269 to provide scholarships to eligible students; revising  
2270 the calculation methodology to be used for the  
2271 scholarship amount provided to certain students under  
2272 the program; amending s. 1002.40, F.S.; revising the



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2273 calculation methodology to be used for awards under  
2274 the Hope Scholarship Program; conforming provisions to  
2275 changes made by the act; specifying limitations on the  
2276 amount of certain contributions of which eligible  
2277 scholarship-funding organizations may carry forward to  
2278 the following fiscal year; authorizing certain funds  
2279 relating to the Hope Scholarship Program to be used to  
2280 fund the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program, under  
2281 specified conditions; expanding the language required  
2282 to be included on the contribution election form  
2283 relating to the Hope Scholarship Program and the  
2284 Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program; amending s.  
2285 1002.411, F.S.; deleting obsolete language; revising  
2286 the award of reading scholarship accounts to be  
2287 provided in the General Appropriations Act; deleting  
2288 the authorization for certain nonprofit scholarship-  
2289 funding organizations to receive specified funds;  
2290 creating part VII of ch. 1003, F.S., entitled "Public  
2291 School Innovation"; creating s. 1003.64, F.S.;

2292 providing legislative intent; creating the Community  
2293 School Grant Program within the department; providing  
2294 the purpose of the program; defining terms;  
2295 establishing the Center for Community Schools within  
2296 the University of Central Florida; authorizing the  
2297 center to facilitate the implementation of its  
2298 community school model through grants; providing  
2299 duties for the center; providing that, in prioritizing  
2300 planning grant awards, priority must be given to  
2301 certain school districts; requiring the center to





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2302 annually publish, by a specified date, specified  
2303 information on its website; amending s. 1004.04, F.S.;  
2304 revising requirements for the rules to establish  
2305 uniform core curricula for state-approved teacher  
2306 preparation programs; revising the evidence to be used  
2307 in the determination of continued approval of teacher  
2308 preparation programs; revising reporting requirements  
2309 for public and private institutions that offer state-  
2310 approved teacher preparation programs; revising  
2311 requirements for preservice field experience courses  
2312 and internships; amending s. 1004.85, F.S.; revising  
2313 requirements for educator preparation programs;  
2314 revising requirements relating to annual performance  
2315 evaluations that educator preparation institutes are  
2316 required to submit to the department; amending s.  
2317 1008.33, F.S.; authorizing a district-managed  
2318 turnaround plan to include a proposal regarding the  
2319 length and number of planned school days; making a  
2320 technical change; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; deleting  
2321 a requirement for the total allocation of the  
2322 federally connected student supplement to be prorated  
2323 under specified circumstances; creating the Florida  
2324 Best and Brightest Teacher and Principal Allocation;  
2325 providing the purpose of the allocation; requiring  
2326 that, subject to the appropriation of funds, each  
2327 school district receive an allocation based on its  
2328 proportional share of Florida Education Finance  
2329 Program base funding; authorizing the Legislature to  
2330 specify a minimum allocation; requiring school



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2331 districts to provide specified awards to eligible  
2332 teachers and principals from allocated funds;  
2333 requiring school districts to prorate awards under  
2334 certain circumstances; creating the turnaround school  
2335 supplemental services allocation; providing a purpose;  
2336 providing for services that may be funded by the  
2337 allocation; requiring a school district to submit a  
2338 plan to its school board before distribution of the  
2339 allocation; specifying requirements for such plans;  
2340 requiring each school district to annually submit  
2341 approved plans to the commissioner by a specified  
2342 date; specifying the basis for each school district's  
2343 funding allocation; providing for a school's continued  
2344 eligibility for funding; amending s. 1011.71, F.S.;  
2345 conforming a cross-reference and provisions to changes  
2346 made by the act; amending s. 1012.56, F.S.; deleting  
2347 obsolete language; requiring school districts to  
2348 provide test support information to individuals who do  
2349 not meet passing scores on any subtest of the general  
2350 knowledge examination; deleting the requirement that  
2351 an individual who holds a temporary certificate  
2352 demonstrate mastery of general knowledge within a  
2353 specified timeframe; removing the prohibition on  
2354 employment for an individual who has not met specified  
2355 requirements; expanding circumstances under which the  
2356 State Board of Education is required to adopt rules to  
2357 allow the department to extend the validity period of  
2358 a temporary certificate; requiring the department to  
2359 extend, rather than reissue, a temporary certificate



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2360 in certain circumstances; amending s. 1012.59, F.S.;

2361 revising requirements for rulemaking by the state

2362 board relating to certification fees; deleting a

2363 requirement that an examination fee be sufficient to

2364 cover the actual cost of developing and administering

2365 the examination; amending s. 1012.731, F.S.; renaming

2366 the Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship

2367 Program as the Florida Best and Brightest Teacher

2368 Program; revising legislative intent relating to the

2369 program; deleting authority for the Department of

2370 Education to administer the program; specifying the

2371 funding source for the program; providing for

2372 recruitment, retention, and recognition awards;

2373 providing eligibility requirements; deleting a

2374 requirement for school districts to submit certain

2375 information to the department; deleting a requirement

2376 for the department to disburse scholarship funds to

2377 certain school districts; deleting a requirement for

2378 school districts to award specified scholarships;

2379 deleting a definition; amending s. 1012.732, F.S.;

2380 renaming the Florida Best and Brightest Principal

2381 Scholarship Program as the Florida Best and Brightest

2382 Principal Program; revising legislative intent

2383 relating to program; deleting authority for the

2384 department to administer the program; specifying the

2385 funding source for the program; providing eligibility

2386 requirements; deleting a requirement for the

2387 department to identify eligible school principals and

2388 disburse funds; deleting a requirement for school



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2389 districts to award scholarships to specified school  
2390 principals; deleting a requirement for school  
2391 districts to provide certain principals with  
2392 additional authority and responsibilities; deleting a  
2393 definition; amending s. 1013.31, F.S.; authorizing a  
2394 school district, in the absence of a survey  
2395 recommendation, to use funds from a taxpayer-approved  
2396 bond referendum to fund construction of educational,  
2397 auxiliary, or ancillary facilities and to use funds  
2398 from a specified district school tax for certain  
2399 capital outlay purposes; authorizing the commissioner  
2400 to direct specified capital outlay funds to be  
2401 withheld from school districts until a specified time;  
2402 amending s. 1013.64, F.S.; revising the information  
2403 required to be included in a school district's request  
2404 to receive certain funding; prohibiting a district  
2405 school board from using funds from state sources for  
2406 certain new construction of educational plant space;  
2407 providing exceptions; requiring the department, in  
2408 conjunction with the Office of Economic and  
2409 Demographic Research, to review and revise the limits  
2410 on the cost per student station, based on certain  
2411 factors; requiring the department to use the adjusted  
2412 cost per student station for each instructional level;  
2413 requiring the department to collaborate with the  
2414 office to select a certain index by a specified date;  
2415 deleting a requirement for the department to make  
2416 final determinations on district compliance; removing  
2417 a prohibition on the use of funds for certain new



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2418 construction; revising the costs that may be included  
2419 and that may not be included in calculating the cost  
2420 per student station; amending chapter 2018-6, L.O.F.;  
2421 expanding the authority of the Department of Revenue  
2422 to adopt emergency rules; providing an effective date.