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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Florida Best and Brightest  
3           programs; repealing s. 1012.731, F.S., relating to The  
4           Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Program; repealing  
5           s. 1012.732, F.S., relating to The Florida Best and  
6           Brightest Principal Program; amending s. 1011.62,  
7           F.S.; deleting an obsolete provision; conforming  
8           provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
9           1011.71, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing  
10          an effective date.

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

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14           Section 1. Section 1012.731, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

15           Section 2. Section 1012.732, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

16           Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and subsections  
17           (11), (14), (17), and (18) of section 1011.62, Florida Statutes,  
18           are amended, to read:

19           1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual  
20           allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
21           district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
22           annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
23           the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
24           follows:

25           (4) COMPUTATION OF DISTRICT REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT.—The  
26           Legislature shall prescribe the aggregate required local effort  
27           for all school districts collectively as an item in the General  
28           Appropriations Act for each fiscal year. The amount that each  
29           district shall provide annually toward the cost of the Florida

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30 Education Finance Program for kindergarten through grade 12  
31 programs shall be calculated as follows:

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

33 1.a. Not later than 2 working days before July 19, the  
34 Department of Revenue shall certify to the Commissioner of  
35 Education its most recent estimate of the taxable value for  
36 school purposes in each school district and the total for all  
37 school districts in the state for the current calendar year  
38 based on the latest available data obtained from the local  
39 property appraisers. The value certified shall be the taxable  
40 value for school purposes for that year, and no further  
41 adjustments shall be made, except those made pursuant to  
42 paragraphs (c) and (d), or an assessment roll change required by  
43 final judicial decisions as specified in paragraph (17) (b)  
44 ~~(19) (b)~~. Not later than July 19, the Commissioner of Education  
45 shall compute a millage rate, rounded to the next highest one  
46 one-thousandth of a mill, which, when applied to 96 percent of  
47 the estimated state total taxable value for school purposes,  
48 would generate the prescribed aggregate required local effort  
49 for that year for all districts. The Commissioner of Education  
50 shall certify to each district school board the millage rate,  
51 computed as prescribed in this subparagraph, as the minimum  
52 millage rate necessary to provide the district required local  
53 effort for that year.

54 b. The General Appropriations Act shall direct the  
55 computation of the statewide adjusted aggregate amount for  
56 required local effort for all school districts collectively from  
57 ad valorem taxes to ensure that no school district's revenue  
58 from required local effort millage will produce more than 90

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59 percent of the district's total Florida Education Finance  
60 Program calculation as calculated and adopted by the  
61 Legislature, and the adjustment of the required local effort  
62 millage rate of each district that produces more than 90 percent  
63 of its total Florida Education Finance Program entitlement to a  
64 level that will produce only 90 percent of its total Florida  
65 Education Finance Program entitlement in the July calculation.

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

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

73 b. For each year identified in sub-subparagraph a., the  
74 taxable value certified by the appraiser pursuant to s.  
75 193.122(2) or (3), if applicable, since the prior certification  
76 under sub-subparagraph 1.a. This is the certification that  
77 reflects all final administrative actions of the value  
78 adjustment board.

79 (11) VIRTUAL EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION.—The Legislature may  
80 annually provide in the Florida Education Finance Program a  
81 virtual education contribution. The amount of the virtual  
82 education contribution shall be the difference between the  
83 amount per FTE established in the General Appropriations Act for  
84 virtual education and the amount per FTE for each district and  
85 the Florida Virtual School, which may be calculated by taking  
86 the sum of the base FEFP allocation, the discretionary local  
87 effort, the state-funded discretionary contribution, the

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88 discretionary millage compression supplement, the research-based  
89 reading instruction allocation, ~~the best and brightest teacher~~  
90 ~~and principal allocation~~, and the instructional materials  
91 allocation, and then dividing by the total unweighted FTE. This  
92 difference shall be multiplied by the virtual education  
93 unweighted FTE for programs and options identified in s.  
94 1002.455 and the Florida Virtual School and its franchises to  
95 equal the virtual education contribution and shall be included  
96 as a separate allocation in the funding formula.

97 (14) QUALITY ASSURANCE GUARANTEE.—The Legislature may  
98 annually in the General Appropriations Act determine a  
99 percentage increase in funds per K-12 unweighted FTE as a  
100 minimum guarantee to each school district. The guarantee shall  
101 be calculated from prior year base funding per unweighted FTE  
102 student, which shall include the adjusted FTE dollars as  
103 provided in subsection (17) ~~(19)~~, quality guarantee funds, and  
104 actual nonvoted discretionary local effort from taxes. From the  
105 base funding per unweighted FTE, the increase shall be  
106 calculated for the current year. The current year funds from  
107 which the guarantee shall be determined shall include the  
108 adjusted FTE dollars as provided in subsection (17) ~~(19)~~ and  
109 potential nonvoted discretionary local effort from taxes. A  
110 comparison of current year funds per unweighted FTE to prior  
111 year funds per unweighted FTE shall be computed. For those  
112 school districts which have less than the legislatively assigned  
113 percentage increase, funds shall be provided to guarantee the  
114 assigned percentage increase in funds per unweighted FTE  
115 student. Should appropriated funds be less than the sum of this  
116 calculated amount for all districts, the commissioner shall

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117 prorate each district's allocation. This provision shall be  
118 implemented to the extent specifically funded.

119 ~~(17) FUNDING COMPRESSION ALLOCATION.—The Legislature may~~  
120 ~~provide an annual funding compression allocation in the General~~  
121 ~~Appropriations Act. The allocation is created to provide~~  
122 ~~additional funding to school districts and developmental~~  
123 ~~research schools whose total funds per FTE in the prior year~~  
124 ~~were less than the statewide average. Using the most recent~~  
125 ~~prior year FEFP calculation for each eligible school district,~~  
126 ~~the total funds per FTE shall be subtracted from the state~~  
127 ~~average funds per FTE, not including any adjustments made~~  
128 ~~pursuant to paragraph (19) (b). The resulting funds per FTE~~  
129 ~~difference, or a portion thereof, as designated in the General~~  
130 ~~Appropriations Act, shall then be multiplied by the school~~  
131 ~~district's total unweighted FTE to provide the allocation. If~~  
132 ~~the calculated funds are greater than the amount included in the~~  
133 ~~General Appropriations Act, they must be prorated to the~~  
134 ~~appropriation amount based on each participating school~~  
135 ~~district's share. This subsection expires July 1, 2020.~~

136 ~~(18) THE FLORIDA BEST AND BRIGHTEST TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL~~  
137 ~~ALLOCATION.—~~

138 ~~(a) The Florida Best and Brightest Teacher and Principal~~  
139 ~~Allocation is created to recruit, retain, and recognize~~  
140 ~~classroom teachers and instructional personnel who meet the~~  
141 ~~criteria established in s. 1012.731 and reward principals who~~  
142 ~~meet the criteria established in s. 1012.732. Subject to annual~~  
143 ~~appropriation, each school district shall receive an allocation~~  
144 ~~based on the district's proportionate share of FEFP base~~  
145 ~~funding. The Legislature may specify a minimum allocation for~~

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146 ~~all districts in the General Appropriations Act.~~

147 ~~(b) From the allocation, each district shall provide the~~  
148 ~~following:~~

149 ~~1. A one-time recruitment award, as provided in s.~~  
150 ~~1012.731(3)(a);~~

151 ~~2. A retention award, as provided in s. 1012.731(3)(b); and~~

152 ~~3. A recognition award, as provided in s. 1012.731(3)(c)~~  
153 ~~from the remaining balance of the appropriation after the~~  
154 ~~payment of all other awards authorized under ss. 1012.731 and~~  
155 ~~1012.732.~~

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

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159 ~~If a district's calculated awards exceed the allocation, the~~  
160 ~~district may prorate the awards.~~

161 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 1011.71, Florida  
162 Statutes, is amended to read:

163 1011.71 District school tax.—

164 (1) If the district school tax is not provided in the  
165 General Appropriations Act or the substantive bill implementing  
166 the General Appropriations Act, each district school board  
167 desiring to participate in the state allocation of funds for  
168 current operation as prescribed by s. 1011.62(17) ~~s. 1011.62(19)~~  
169 shall levy on the taxable value for school purposes of the  
170 district, exclusive of millage voted under s. 9(b) or s. 12,  
171 Art. VII of the State Constitution, a millage rate not to exceed  
172 the amount certified by the commissioner as the minimum millage  
173 rate necessary to provide the district required local effort for  
174 the current year, pursuant to s. 1011.62(4)(a)1. In addition to

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175 the required local effort millage levy, each district school  
176 board may levy a nonvoted current operating discretionary  
177 millage. The Legislature shall prescribe annually in the  
178 appropriations act the maximum amount of millage a district may  
179 levy.

180 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.