

By Senator Baxley

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to part-time public school enrollment;  
3 creating s. 1002.44, F.S.; authorizing certain  
4 students to take up to three courses per school year  
5 at any public school, subject to space, availability,  
6 and course prerequisites; providing construction;  
7 providing for funding; amending s. 1011.61, F.S.;  
8 revising the definition of the term "part-time  
9 student"; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; requiring program  
10 membership surveys of each school made by each  
11 district by aggregating the full-time equivalent  
12 student membership of each program by school and by  
13 district to include part-time students; providing an  
14 effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Section 1002.44, Florida Statutes, is created to  
19 read:

20 1002.44 Part-time public school enrollment.-

21 (1) Any student who meets the regular attendance  
22 requirement of s. 1003.21 by attending a school or program  
23 specified in s. 1003.01(13)(b)-(e) may take up to three courses  
24 each school year at any public school in this state, subject to  
25 space, availability, and any course prerequisites. This  
26 subsection does not change the regular school attendance  
27 requirements of such schools or programs.

28 (2) Part-time public school enrollment as described in  
29 subsection (1) does not count toward the attendance requirements

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30 of programs specified in s. 1003.01(13)(b)-(e).

31 (3) Part-time students enrolled under this section must be  
32 reported for and generate funding pursuant to s. 1011.62.

33 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
34 1011.61, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

35 1011.61 Definitions.—Notwithstanding the provisions of s.  
36 1000.21, the following terms are defined as follows for the  
37 purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program:

38 (1) A “full-time equivalent student” in each program of the  
39 district is defined in terms of full-time students and part-time  
40 students as follows:

41 (b) A “part-time student” is a student on the active  
42 membership roll of a school program or combination of school  
43 programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c) who is less than a full-time  
44 student, including students attending a school program or  
45 combination of school programs pursuant to s. 1002.44. A student  
46 who receives instruction in a school that operates for less than  
47 the minimum term shall generate full-time equivalent student  
48 membership proportional to the amount of instructional hours  
49 provided by the school divided by the minimum term requirement  
50 as provided in s. 1011.60(2).

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52 The department shall determine and implement an equitable method  
53 of equivalent funding for schools operating under emergency  
54 conditions, which schools have been approved by the department  
55 to operate for less than the minimum term as provided in s.  
56 1011.60(2).

57 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
58 1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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59           1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual  
60 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
61 district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
62 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
63 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
64 follows:

65           (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR  
66 OPERATION.—The following procedure shall be followed in  
67 determining the annual allocation to each district for  
68 operation:

69           (a) *Determination of full-time equivalent membership.*—  
70 During each of several school weeks, including scheduled  
71 intersessions of a year-round school program during the fiscal  
72 year, a program membership survey of each school shall be made  
73 by each district by aggregating the full-time equivalent student  
74 membership, including part-time students, of each program by  
75 school and by district. The department shall establish the  
76 number and interval of membership calculations, except that for  
77 basic and special programs such calculations shall not exceed  
78 nine for any fiscal year. The district's full-time equivalent  
79 membership shall be computed and currently maintained in  
80 accordance with regulations of the commissioner.

81           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.