

By Senator Burton

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to International Baccalaureate teacher  
3       bonuses; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising the  
4       requirements for the calculation of additional full-  
5       time equivalent membership and certain bonuses based  
6       on International Baccalaureate examination scores of  
7       students to include students who earn equivalent  
8       scores as determined by the Department of Education;  
9       providing an effective date.

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

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13       Section 1. Paragraph (1) of subsection (1) of section  
14       1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15       1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual  
16       allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
17       district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
18       annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
19       the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
20       follows:

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

25       (1) *Calculation of additional full-time equivalent*  
26       *membership based on International Baccalaureate examination*  
27       *scores of students.*—A value of 0.16 full-time equivalent student  
28       membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled in an  
29       International Baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or

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30 higher, or the equivalent as determined by the Department of  
31 Education, on a subject examination. A value of 0.3 full-time  
32 equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each  
33 student who receives an International Baccalaureate diploma.  
34 Such value shall be added to the total full-time equivalent  
35 student membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in  
36 the subsequent fiscal year. Each school district shall allocate  
37 80 percent of the funds received from International  
38 Baccalaureate bonus FTE funding to the school program whose  
39 students generate the funds and to school programs that prepare  
40 prospective students to enroll in International Baccalaureate  
41 courses. Funds shall be expended solely for the payment of  
42 allowable costs associated with the International Baccalaureate  
43 program. Allowable costs include International Baccalaureate  
44 annual school fees; International Baccalaureate examination  
45 fees; salary, benefits, and bonuses for teachers and program  
46 coordinators for the International Baccalaureate program and  
47 teachers and coordinators who prepare prospective students for  
48 the International Baccalaureate program; supplemental books;  
49 instructional supplies; instructional equipment or instructional  
50 materials for International Baccalaureate courses; other  
51 activities that identify prospective International Baccalaureate  
52 students or prepare prospective students to enroll in  
53 International Baccalaureate courses; and training or  
54 professional development for International Baccalaureate  
55 teachers. School districts shall allocate the remaining 20  
56 percent of the funds received from International Baccalaureate  
57 bonus FTE funding for programs that assist academically  
58 disadvantaged students to prepare for more rigorous courses. The

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59 school district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who  
60 provided International Baccalaureate instruction:

61 1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by  
62 the International Baccalaureate teacher in each International  
63 Baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or higher, or the  
64 equivalent as determined by the department, on the International  
65 Baccalaureate examination.

66 2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each International  
67 Baccalaureate teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D"  
68 or "F" who has at least one student scoring 4 or higher, or the  
69 equivalent as determined by the department, on the International  
70 Baccalaureate examination, regardless of the number of classes  
71 taught or of the number of students scoring a 4 or higher, or  
72 the equivalent as determined by the department, on the  
73 International Baccalaureate examination.

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75 Bonuses awarded under this paragraph shall be in addition to any  
76 regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled  
77 to receive. For such courses, the teacher shall earn an  
78 additional bonus of \$50 for each student who has a qualifying  
79 score.

80 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.