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11	The Conference Committee on CS for SB 388 recommended the						
12	following amendment:						
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14	Conference Committee Amendment (with title amendment)						
15	Delete everything after the enacting clause						
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17	and insert:						
18	Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 212.055,						
19	Statutes, is amended to read:						
20	212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative						
21	intent; authorization and use of proceedsIt is the						
22	legislative intent that any authorization for imposition of a						
23	discretionary sales surtax shall be published in the Florida						
24	Statutes as a subsection of this section, irrespective of the						
25	duration of the levy. Each enactment shall specify the types						
26	of counties authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be						
27	imposed; the maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed,						
28	if any; the procedure which must be followed to secure voter						
29	approval, if required; the purpose for which the proceeds may						
30	be expended; and such other requirements as the Legislature						
31	may provide. Taxable transactions and administrative						
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1 procedures shall be as provided in s. 212.054. (6) SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY SURTAX. --2 (a) The school board in each county may levy, pursuant 3 4 to resolution conditioned to take effect only upon approval by a majority vote of the electors of the county voting in a 5 referendum, a discretionary sales surtax at a rate that may 6 7 not exceed 0.5 percent. (b) The resolution shall include a statement that 8 provides a brief and general description of the school capital 9 10 outlay projects to be funded by the surtax. The statement 11 shall conform to the requirements of s. 101.161 and shall be placed on the ballot by the governing body of the county. The 12 13 following question shall be placed on the ballot: 14 15FOR THECENTS TAX 16AGAINST THECENTS TAX 17 (c) The resolution providing for the imposition of the 18 surtax shall set forth a plan for use of the surtax proceeds 19 for fixed capital expenditures or fixed capital costs 20 21 associated with the construction, reconstruction, or 22 improvement of school facilities and campuses which have a useful life expectancy of 5 or more years, and any land 23 24 acquisition, land improvement, design, and engineering costs related thereto. Additionally, the plan shall include the 25 costs of retrofitting and providing for technology 26 implementation, including hardware and software, for the 27 various sites within the school district. Surtax revenues may 28 29 be used for the purpose of servicing bond indebtedness to finance projects authorized by this subsection, and any 30 31 interest accrued thereto may be held in trust to finance such 5:45 AM 05/03/05 c0388c1c-09

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1 projects. Neither the proceeds of the surtax nor any interest accrued thereto shall be used for operational expenses. 2 (d) Any school board imposing the surtax shall 3 4 implement a freeze on noncapital local school property taxes, at the millage rate imposed in the year prior to the 5 implementation of the surtax, for a period of at least 3 years 6 7 from the date of imposition of the surtax. This provision shall not apply to existing debt service or required state 8 taxes authorized in the General Appropriations Act. 9 10 (e) Surtax revenues collected by the Department of 11 Revenue pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed to the school board imposing the surtax in accordance with law. 12 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 13 411.01, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 14 15 2004-484, Laws of Florida, is amended to read: 16 411.01 School readiness programs; early learning coalitions.--17 (5) CREATION OF EARLY LEARNING COALITIONS.--18 19 (a) Early learning coalitions.--20 1. The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall establish 21 the minimum number of children to be served by each early 22 learning coalition through the coalition's school readiness program. The Agency for Workforce Innovation may only approve 23 24 school readiness plans in accordance with this minimum number. The minimum number must be uniform for every early learning 25 coalition and must: 26 a. Permit 30 or fewer coalitions to be established; 27 28 and b. Require each coalition to serve at least 2,000 29 children based upon the average number of all children served 30 31 per month through the coalition's school readiness program 5:45 AM 05/03/05 c0388c1c-09

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1 during the previous 12 months. 2 The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall adopt procedures for 3 4 merging early learning coalitions, including procedures for the consolidation of merging coalitions, and for the early 5 termination of the terms of coalition members which are 6 7 necessary to accomplish the mergers. Each early learning coalition must comply with the merger procedures and shall be 8 organized in accordance with this subparagraph by April 1, 9 10 2005. By June 30, 2005, each coalition must complete the 11 transfer of powers, duties, functions, rules, records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of 12 13 appropriations, allocations, and other funds to the successor coalition, if applicable. 14 15 2. If an early learning coalition would serve fewer 16 children than the minimum number established under subparagraph 1., the coalition must merge with another county 17 to form a multicounty coalition. However, the Agency for 18 19 Workforce Innovation may authorize an early learning coalition to serve fewer children than the minimum number established 20 under subparagraph 1., if: 21 22 a. The coalition demonstrates to the Agency for Workforce Innovation that merging with another county or 23 24 multicounty region contiguous to the coalition would cause an extreme hardship on the coalition; 25 b. The Agency for Workforce Innovation has determined 26 during the most recent annual review of the coalition's school 27 28 readiness plan, or through monitoring and performance 29 evaluations conducted under paragraph (4)(1), that the 30 coalition has substantially implemented its plan and 31 substantially met the performance standards and outcome 4 5:45 AM 05/03/05 c0388c1c-09

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1 measures adopted by the agency; and c. The coalition demonstrates to the Agency for 2 Workforce Innovation the coalition's ability to effectively 3 4 and efficiently implement the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. 5 6 7 If an early learning coalition fails or refuses to merge as required by this subparagraph, the Agency for Workforce 8 Innovation may dissolve the coalition and temporarily contract 9 10 with a qualified entity to continue school readiness and 11 prekindergarten services in the coalition's county or multicounty region until the coalition is reestablished 12 13 through resubmission of a school readiness plan and approval by the agency. 14 15 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs 1. and 2., the early learning coalitions in Sarasota, Osceola, 16 and Santa Rosa Counties which were in operation on January 1, 17 2005, are established and authorized to continue operation as 18 independent coalitions, and shall not be counted within the 19 limit of 30 coalitions established in subparagraph 1. 20 21 4.3. Each early learning coalition shall be composed 22 of at least 18 members but not more than 35 members. The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall adopt standards 23 24 establishing within this range the minimum and maximum number of members that may be appointed to an early learning 25 coalition. These standards must include variations for a 2.6 coalition serving a multicounty region. Each early learning 27 28 coalition must comply with these standards. 5.4. The Governor shall appoint the chair and two 29 other members of each early learning coalition, who must each 30 31 meet the same qualifications as private-sector business 5:45 AM 05/03/05 c0388c1c-09

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1 members appointed by the coalition under subparagraph 7. 6. 6.5. Each early learning coalition must include the 2 following members: 3 4 a. A Department of Children and Family Services district administrator or his or her designee who is 5 authorized to make decisions on behalf of the department. 6 7 b. A district superintendent of schools or his or her designee who is authorized to make decisions on behalf of the 8 district, who shall be a nonvoting member. 9 10 c. A regional workforce board executive director or 11 his or her designee. d. A county health department director or his or her 12 13 designee. e. A children's services council or juvenile welfare 14 15 board chair or executive director, if applicable, who shall be a nonvoting member if the council or board is the fiscal agent 16 of the coalition or if the council or board contracts with and 17 receives funds from the coalition. 18 19 f. An agency head of a local licensing agency as 20 defined in s. 402.302, where applicable. 21 g. A president of a community college or his or her 22 designee. h. One member appointed by a board of county 23 24 commissioners. i. A central agency administrator, where applicable, 25 who shall be a nonvoting member. 26 j. A Head Start director, who shall be a nonvoting 27 28 member. 29 k. A representative of private child care providers, including family day care homes, who shall be a nonvoting 30 31 member. 6 5:45 AM 05/03/05 c0388c1c-09

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1	1. A representative of faith-based child care						
2	providers, who shall be a nonvoting member.						
3	m. A representative of programs for children with						
4	disabilities under the federal Individuals with Disabilities						
5	Education Act, who shall be a nonvoting member.						
6	<u>7.</u> 6. Including the members appointed by the Governor						
7	under subparagraph 5. 4., more than one-third of the members						
8	of each early learning coalition must be private-sector						
9	business members who do not have, and none of whose relatives						
10	as defined in s. 112.3143 has, a substantial financial						
11	interest in the design or delivery of the Voluntary						
12	Prekindergarten Education Program created under part V of						
13	chapter 1002 or the coalition's school readiness program. To						
14	meet this requirement an early learning coalition must appoint						
15	additional members from a list of nominees submitted to the						
16	coalition by a chamber of commerce or economic development						
17	council within the geographic region served by the coalition.						
18	The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall establish criteria						
19	for appointing private-sector business members. These criteria						
20	must include standards for determining whether a member or						
21	relative has a substantial financial interest in the design or						
22	delivery of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program or						
23	the coalition's school readiness program.						
24	<u>8.</u> 7. A majority of the voting membership of an early						
25	learning coalition constitutes a quorum required to conduct						
26	the business of the coalition.						
27	<u>9.</u> 8. A voting member of an early learning coalition						
28	may not appoint a designee to act in his or her place, except						
29	as otherwise provided in this paragraph. A voting member may						
30	send a representative to coalition meetings, but that						
31	representative does not have voting privileges. When a $\frac{7}{7}$						
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1	district administrator for the Department of Children and					
2	Family Services appoints a designee to an early learning					
3	coalition, the designee is the voting member of the coalition,					
4	and any individual attending in the designee's place,					
5	including the district administrator, does not have voting					
б	privileges.					
7	<u>10.9.</u> Each member of an early learning coalition is					
8	subject to ss. 112.313, 112.3135, and 112.3143. For purposes					
9	of s. 112.3143(3)(a), each voting member is a local public					
10	officer who must abstain from voting when a voting conflict					
11	exists.					
12	<u>11.10.</u> For purposes of tort liability, each member or					
13	employee of an early learning coalition shall be governed by					
14	s. 768.28.					
15	<u>12.11.</u> An early learning coalition serving a					
16	multicounty region must include representation from each					
17	county.					
18	13.12. Each early learning coalition shall establish					
19	terms for all appointed members of the coalition. The terms					
20	must be staggered and must be a uniform length that does not					
21	exceed 4 years per term. Appointed members may serve a maximum					
22	of two consecutive terms. When a vacancy occurs in an					
23	appointed position, the coalition must advertise the vacancy.					
24	Section 3. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of					
25	subsection (2) of section 1001.451, Florida Statutes, are					
26	amended to read:					
27	1001.451 Regional consortium service					
28	organizationsIn order to provide a full range of programs					
29	to larger numbers of students, minimize duplication of					
30	services, and encourage the development of new programs and					
31	services: 8					
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1 (1) School districts with 20,000 or fewer unweighted full-time equivalent students, developmental research 2 (laboratory) schools established pursuant to s. 1002.32, and 3 4 the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind may enter into cooperative agreements to form a regional consortium service 5 б organization. Each regional consortium service organization 7 shall provide, at a minimum, three of the following services: exceptional student education; teacher education centers; 8 environmental education; federal grant procurement and 9 10 coordination; data processing; health insurance; risk 11 management insurance; staff development; purchasing; or planning and accountability. 12 (2)(a) Each regional consortium service organization 13 that consists of four or more school districts is eligible to 14 15 receive, through the Department of Education, an incentive 16 grant of \$50,000 \$25,000 per school district and eligible member to be used for the delivery of services within the 17 participating school districts. 18 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 1002.71, Florida 19 Statutes, as created by section 1 of chapter 2004-484, Laws of 20 21 Florida, is amended to read: 22 1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.--(3)(a) The base student allocation per full-time 23 24 equivalent student in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education 25 Program shall be provided in the General Appropriations Act and shall be equal for each student, regardless of whether the 26 student is enrolled in a school-year prekindergarten program 27 delivered by a private prekindergarten provider, a summer 28 29 prekindergarten program delivered by a public school or private prekindergarten provider, or a school-year 30 31 prekindergarten program delivered by a public school. 5:45 AM 05/03/05 c0388c1c-09

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1	(b) Each county's allocation per full-time equivalent					
2	student in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program					
3	shall be calculated annually by multiplying the base student					
4	allocation provided in the General Appropriations Act by the					
5	county's district cost differential provided in s. 1011.62(2).					
6	Each private prekindergarten provider and public school shall					
7	be paid in accordance with the county's allocation per					
8	full-time equivalent student.					
9	(c) The initial allocation shall be based on estimated					
10	student enrollment in each coalition service area. The Agency					
11	for Workforce Innovation shall reallocate funds among the					
12	coalitions based on actual full-time equivalent student					
13	enrollment in each coalition service area.					
14	Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 1009.50, Florida					
15	Statutes, is amended to read:					
16	1009.50 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant					
17	Program; eligibility for grants					
18	(5) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for state					
19	student assistance grants \underline{may} \underline{shall} be deposited in the State					
20	Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding the					
21	provisions of s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any					
22	balance in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year which					
23	that has been allocated to the Florida Public Student					
24	Assistance Grant Program shall remain therein and shall be					
25	available for carrying out the purposes of this section.					
26	Section 6. Subsection (5) of section 1009.51, Florida					
27	Statutes, is amended to read:					
28	1009.51 Florida Private Student Assistance Grant					
29	Program; eligibility for grants					
30	(5) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for Florida					
31	private student assistance grants <u>may</u> shall be deposited in 10					
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1	the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund.					
2	Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and pursuant to					
3	s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end of any					
4	fiscal year <u>which</u> that has been allocated to the Florida					
5	Private Student Assistance Grant Program shall remain therein					
6	and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of this					
7	section and as otherwise provided by law.					
8	Section 7. Subsection (6) of section 1009.52, Florida					
9	Statutes, is amended to read:					
10	1009.52 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant					
11	Program; eligibility for grants					
12	(6) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for Florida					
13	postsecondary student assistance grants <u>may</u> shall be deposited					
14	in the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund.					
15	Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and pursuant to					
16	s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end of any					
17	fiscal year which that has been allocated to the Florida					
18	Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program shall remain					
19	therein and shall be available for carrying out the purposes					
20	of this section and as otherwise provided by law.					
21	Section 8. Subsection (6) of section 1009.89, Florida					
22	Statutes, is amended to read:					
23	1009.89 The William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident					
24	access grants					
25	(6) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the					
26	William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program					
27	shall be deposited in the State Student Financial Assistance					
28	Trust Fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and					
29	pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the					
30	end of any fiscal year which has been allocated to the William					
31	L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program shall 11					
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1	remain therein and shall be available for carrying out the					
2	purposes of this section. If the number of eligible students					
3	exceeds the total authorized in the General Appropriations					
4	Act, an institution may use its own resources to assure that					
5	each eligible student receives the full benefit of the grant					
6	amount authorized.					
7	Section 9. Section 1010.72, Florida Statutes, is					
8	amended to read:					
9	1010.72 Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program Trust					
10	FundThe Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program Trust Fund					
11	is created to be administered by the Department of Education.					
12	Funds <u>may</u> must be credited to the trust fund as provided in					
13	chapter 98-309, Laws of Florida, to be used for the purposes					
14	set forth therein.					
15	Section 10. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section					
16	1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:					
17	1011.62 Funds for operation of schoolsIf the annual					
18	allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each					
19	district for operation of schools is not determined in the					
20	annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing					
21	the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as					
22	follows:					
23	(6) DETERMINATION OF SPARSITY SUPPLEMENT					
24	(c) Each district's allocation of sparsity supplement					
25	funds shall be adjusted in the following manner:					
26	1. A maximum discretionary levy per FTE value for each					
27	district shall be calculated by dividing the value of each					
28	district's maximum discretionary levy by its FTE student					
29	count+					
30	2. A state average discretionary levy value per FTE					
31	shall be calculated by dividing the total maximum 12					
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1 discretionary levy value for all districts by the state total 2 FTE student count.+ 3. A total potential funds per FTE for each district 3 4 shall be calculated by dividing the total potential funds, not including Florida School Recognition Program funds and the 5 minimum quarantee, for each district by its FTE student count. 6 7 4. A state average total potential funds per FTE shall be calculated by dividing the total potential funds, not 8 including Florida School Recognition Program funds and the 9 10 minimum guarantee, for all districts by the state total FTE 11 student count. 5.3. For districts that have a levy value per FTE as 12 13 calculated in subparagraph 1. higher than the state average calculated in subparagraph 2., a sparsity wealth adjustment 14 15 shall be calculated as the product of the difference between the state average levy value per FTE calculated in 16 subparagraph 2. and the district's levy value per FTE 17 18 calculated in subparagraph 1. and the district's FTE student 19 count and -1. However, no district shall have a sparsity 20 wealth adjustment that, when applied to the total potential funds calculated in subparagraph 3., would cause the 21 22 district's total potential funds per FTE to be less than the state average calculated in subparagraph 4.+23 2.4 6.4. Each district's sparsity supplement allocation shall be calculated by adding the amount calculated as 25 specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) and the wealth adjustment 26 amount calculated in this paragraph. 27 Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 1011.94, Florida 28 29 Statutes, is amended to read: 1011.94 Trust Fund for University Major Gifts .--30 31 (1) There is established a Trust Fund for University 13 5:45 AM 05/03/05 c0388c1c-09

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1 Major Gifts. The purpose of the trust fund is to enable each university and New College to provide donors with an incentive 2 in the form of matching grants for donations for the 3 4 establishment of permanent endowments and sales tax exemption matching funds received pursuant to s. 212.08(5)(j), which 5 must be invested, with the proceeds of the investment used to 6 7 support libraries and instruction and research programs, as defined by the State Board of Education. All funds 8 appropriated for the challenge grants, new donors, major 9 10 gifts, sales tax exemption matching funds pursuant to s. 11 212.08(5)(j), or eminent scholars program may must be deposited into the trust fund and invested pursuant to s. 12 13 17.61 until the State Board of Education allocates the funds to universities to match private donations. Notwithstanding s. 14 15 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any undisbursed balance remaining in the trust fund and interest income accruing to 16 the portion of the trust fund which is not matched and 17 18 distributed to universities must remain in the trust fund and 19 be used to increase the total funds available for challenge 20 grants. Funds deposited in the trust fund for the sales tax exemption matching program authorized in s. 212.08(5)(j), and 21 22 interest earnings thereon, shall be maintained in a separate account within the Trust Fund for University Major Gifts, and 23 2.4 may be used only to match qualified sales tax exemptions that a certified business designates for use by state universities 25 and community colleges to support research and development 26 projects requested by the certified business. The State Board 27 28 of Education may authorize any university to encumber the 29 state matching portion of a challenge grant from funds available under s. 1011.45. 30 31 Section 12. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 14 5:45 AM 05/03/05 c0388c1c-09

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1 1013.79, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1013.79 University Facility Enhancement Challenge 2 3 Grant Program. --4 (1) The Legislature recognizes that the universities do not have sufficient physical facilities to meet the current 5 demands of their instructional and research programs. It 6 7 further recognizes that, to strengthen and enhance universities, it is necessary to provide facilities in 8 addition to those currently available from existing revenue 9 10 sources. It further recognizes that there are sources of 11 private support that, if matched with state support, can assist in constructing much-needed facilities and strengthen 12 the commitment of citizens and organizations in promoting 13 excellence throughout the state universities. Therefore, it is 14 15 the intent of the Legislature to establish a trust fund to provide the opportunity for each university to receive support 16 for and match challenge grants for instructional and 17 research-related capital facilities within the university. 18 19 (3) There is established the Alec P. Courtelis Capital 20 Facilities Matching Trust Fund for the purpose of providing 21 matching funds from private contributions for the development 22 of high priority instructional and research-related capital facilities, including common areas connecting such facilities, 23 2.4 within a university. The Legislature may shall appropriate funds to be transferred to the trust fund. The Public 25 Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund, Capital 26 Improvement Trust Fund, Division of Sponsored Research Trust 27 28 Fund, and Contracts and Grants Trust Fund shall not be used as 29 the source of the state match for private contributions. All appropriated funds deposited into the trust fund shall be 30 31 invested pursuant to the provisions of s. 17.61. Interest 15 5:45 AM 05/03/05 c0388c1c-09

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2	increase the total funds available for the challenge grant					
3	program. Interest income accruing from the private donations					
4	shall be returned to the participating foundation upon					
5	completion of the project. The State Board of Education shall					
6	administer the trust fund and all related construction					
7	activities.					
8	Section 13. Subsection (2) of section 1008.31 and					
9	section 1012.231, Florida Statutes, are repealed.					
10	Section 14. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.					
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13	========= TITLE AMENDMENT=========					
14	And the title is amended as follows:					
15	Delete everything before the enacting clause					
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17	and insert:					
18	A bill to be entitled					
19	An act relating to education funding; amending					
20	s. 212.055, F.S., relating to the school					
21	capital outlay surtax; providing that a					
22	required freeze on certain taxes does not apply					
23	to taxes authorized in the General					
24	Appropriations Act; amending s. 411.01, F.S.;					
25	authorizing certain specified counties or					
26	school districts to operate early learning					
27	coalitions, notwithstanding other provisions of					
28	law; amending s. 1001.451, F.S.; authorizing					
29	developmental research schools and the Florida					
30	School for the Deaf and the Blind to enter into					
31	agreements to form a regional consortium					
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1	serv	ice organization; revising the amou	unt of					
2	the award of an incentive grant to a regional							
3	consortium service organization; amending s.							
4	1002.71, F.S.; providing for the initial							
5	allocation of student funding for the Voluntary							
6	Prekindergarten Education Program to be based							
7	on estimated student enrollment; amending ss.							
8	1009	1009.50, 1009.51, and 1009.52, F.S.;						
9	autho	authorizing the deposit of funds appropriated						
10	by th	ne Legislature for student financia	al					
11	assis	stance into the State Student Fina	ncial					
12	Assis	stance Trust Fund; amending s. 100	9.89,					
13	F.S.	eliminating a requirement that for	unds					
14	appropriated for the William L. Boyd, IV,							
15	Florida Resident Access Grant Program be							
16	deposited into such trust fund; amending s.							
17	1010.72, F.S.; authorizing funds to be credited							
18	to the Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program							
19	Trust Fund; amending s. 1011.62, F.S., relating							
20	to fu	ands for the operation of schools;	revising					
21	provi	sions relating to the manner in w	hich each					
22	schoo	ol district's allocation of sparsi	ty					
23	suppl	lement funds shall be adjusted; ame	ending s.					
24	1011	.94, F.S.; authorizing funds to be						
25	depos	sited in the Trust Fund for Univers	sity					
26	Majo	Gifts; amending s. 1013.79, F.S.	;					
27	authorizing the appropriation of funds to be							
28	transferred to the Alec P. Courtelis Capital							
29	Facilities Matching Trust Fund; repealing ss.							
30	1008.31(2) and 1012.231, F.S., relating to							
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