

By Senator Flores

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Education Finance
3 Program; requiring that the Department of Education
4 enter into a contract with an entity located outside
5 the state to conduct a study and review of the Florida
6 Education Finance Program and recommend any
7 improvements that may be necessary; requiring that the
8 department submit a report to the Governor and the
9 Legislature by a specified date; providing an
10 appropriation and for carryforward of any unexpended
11 balance of funds; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. (1) The Department of Education shall enter into
16 a contract with an entity located outside the state to conduct a
17 study that includes the review of the Florida Education Finance
18 Program. The entity shall review the current funding
19 distribution formula and recommend any improvements that may be
20 necessary to ensure equity among the school districts. The
21 entity shall consider each school district's varying
22 characteristics and overall student populations.

23 (2) The department shall submit a report containing the
24 results of the study to the Governor, the President of the
25 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
26 January 1, 2013.

27 Section 2. For the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the sum of
28 \$100,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
29 Revenue Fund to the Department of Education for the purpose of

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30 implementing section 1 of this act. Any unexpended funds from
31 this appropriation shall be reappropriated for the 2013-2014
32 fiscal year.

33 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.