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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to funding for school districts; holding harmless certain funding to school districts that enrolled students from certain counties as a result of Hurricane Michael; requiring that a calculation and allocation be made; providing for the calculation; providing that the funds calculated support a nonrecurring appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. In order to hold harmless school districts from a loss of revenue due to students not attending Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington schools as a result of Hurricane Michael, the following special one-time calculation and allocation shall be made.

(1) The difference in funding for the Bay County, Calhoun County, Franklin County, Gadsden County, Gulf County, Holmes County, Jackson County, Liberty County, and Washington County school districts based on enrollment from the 2018-2019 October FTE survey and the enrollment from the 2018-2019 February FTE survey in each district shall be calculated.

(2) The funds calculated in subsection (1) shall support a nonrecurring appropriation separate from the appropriation for the Florida Education Finance Program for the affected districts.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.