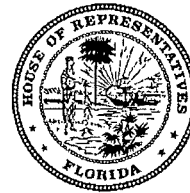


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Mike Haridopolos
President of the Senate



Dean Cannon
*Speaker of the House of
Representatives*

March 8, 2012

The Honorable Dean Cannon
Speaker, House of Representatives

The Honorable Mike Haridopolos
President of the Senate

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on HB 5101, 1st Eng., same being:

An act relating to prekindergarten through grade 12 education funding.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment 1.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for HB 5101, PreK-12 Education Appropriations Issues, provides for the following:

- Modifies the FEFP Supplemental Academic Instruction allocation for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 to require districts with the 100 lowest performing elementary schools to provide intensive reading instruction by effective teachers for the students in these schools for an additional hour a day beyond the normal school day for the entire school year.
- Modifies the FEFP Reading allocation for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 to provide intensive reading instruction for students in the 100 lowest performing elementary schools during an additional one hour of instruction beyond the normal school day for the entire school year. Limits the use of these funds for reading coaches.
- Limits flexibility for the use of Reading and Supplemental Academic Instruction allocations to first require the additional hour of instruction for students in the 100 lowest performing elementary schools.
- Delays the increased class size penalty (from 50% to the full amount of the base student allocation) until 2014-2015, including a retroactive adjustment of the 2011-2012 penalty calculation.
- Provides school districts with flexibility for instructional materials purchases, which are required to be made during the first two years of the adoption, for the 2012-2013 mathematics adoption if the districts meet certain requirements.
- Requires providers and schools to implement pre and post assessments for students in the voluntary prekindergarten program.
- Limits the amendatory period for the reporting of FTE for payment to providers and schools by early learning coalitions for the voluntary prekindergarten program.
- Requires districts to provide Discretionary Local Effort funds up to the state average and/or state compression funding for juvenile justice education students.
- Requires school districts to participate in a School District Consortium to maximize purchasing power for goods and services.
- Creates the K-12 Public School Facility Funding Task Force to make recommendations for funding equity among charter schools and school district schools.
- Creates the Digital Instructional Materials Work Group to plan and monitor the transition to digital instructional materials.
- Limits the 5% charter school administrative charge for schools with exceptional student enrollment that is 75% or greater of the total school enrollment.
- Conforms severance package language for district superintendents and employees to s. 215.425, F.S. (from a maximum of one year's salary to a maximum of 20 weeks compensation).
- Limits the use of public broadcasting funds to TV stations to reflect budget allocations.
- Clarifies that the Sheriff is an eligible juvenile justice education provider.
- Repeals the Manatee County School District compulsory school attendance age pilot project.
- Authorizes the Commissioner of Education to waive certain school district facilities construction requirements if justified by the district.
- Clarifies that Auditor General audits satisfy the independent audit requirement for the educational facilities plan of school districts.

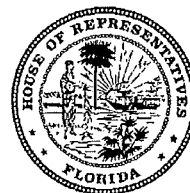
- Provides technical clarification of FEFP reporting requirements and audit adjustments.
- Maintains the waiver of the three-fourths limit for the use of school district discretionary capital outlay millage funds for payments required by lease-purchase agreements.

This bill substantially amends sections 496.404, 1001.25, 1001.26, 1001.42, 1001.50, 1002.33, 1002.67, 1002.69, 1002.71, 1003.01, 1003.03, 1003.52, 1006.40, 1011.61, 1011.62, 1011.71, 1013.03, 1013.35, and repeals section 1003.61 of the Florida Statutes.

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Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on CS/HB 5103, same being:

An act relating to school readiness programs.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment 1.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for HB 5103, PreK-12 Education Appropriations Issues, provides for the following:

- Clarifies school readiness programs to be operated full-time and part-time.
- Defines terms for purposes of the School Readiness Act.
- Prioritizes services to eligible children from birth to kindergarten.
- Requires definitions for expenditures and reports for:
 - Direct expenditures for services to children;
 - Administrative costs;
 - Nondirect expenditures; and
 - Quality.
- Requires the Office of Early Learning to:
 - Adopt a list of approved curricula;
 - Identify a preassessment and postassessment;
 - Adopt a statewide, standardized contract to be used by coalitions with each school readiness provider;
 - Coordinate with other agencies to perform data matches on individuals or families participating in the school readiness program; and
 - Submit annually a recommended allocation of funds to the School Readiness Allocation Conference including payment rates, parent co-payment percentages, and the Gold Seal premium rate percentage.
- Revises procurement requirements and requirements for the expenditure of funds by early learning coalitions.
- Requires coalitions to merge if they are unable to comply with expenditure requirements.
- Allows the Office of Early Learning to provide a waiver for merging coalitions for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 years if justification for excess expenditures are provided.
- Incorporates existing licensing guidelines which are identified in other areas of statute.
- Revises the eligibility criteria for the enrollment of children in the school readiness program and provides the following priorities by which children are enrolled:
 - First priority is a child under 13 from a working family receiving TANF;
 - Second priority is an at-risk child under 9;
 - Third priority is a child under 6 from an economically disadvantaged family, and children younger than 6 who are disabled;
 - Fourth priority is a child ages 9 through 13 who is a sibling of a younger child in the school readiness program through the at-risk provision;
 - Fifth priority is a child ages 6 through 13 who is a sibling of a younger child in the school readiness program through the economically disadvantaged provision; and
 - Last priority is for a child who is also concurrently enrolled in the Head Start program and the Voluntary Prekindergarten Program.
- Provides for the allocation of school readiness funds as specified in the General Appropriations Act.
- For 2012-2013, requires the Office of Early Learning to submit by May 31, 2012, a recommended allocation of School Readiness Program funds, including standardized provider payment rates, Gold Seal premium rate percentages, and a parent co-payment percentage to the School Readiness Allocation Conference for review.

- Requires recalculation of the funding allocations quarterly by the Office of Early Learning.
- Deletes provisions for the establishment of an allocation formula by the Office of Early Learning.
- Defines and limits expenditures for administrative activities, quality activities, and nondirect activities.
- Provides for fraud investigations and provides penalties for school readiness providers and parents who knowingly submit false information related to child eligibility and attendance in a school readiness program.
- Creates the School Readiness Allocation Conference, whose duties are to review allocation recommendations by the Office of Early Learning.
- Establishes a due date for school readiness providers to submit market rates to be used as part of the prevailing market rate schedule.

This bill substantially amends sections 216.136, 411.01, 411.0101, 411.01013, 411.0106, 445.023 and creates section 411.013 of the Florida Statutes.