

Committee on Budget

HB 5101 — Prekindergarten through Grade 12 Education Funding

by PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Coley (SB 1972 by Budget Committee)

- 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 ss. 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, F.S., and repeals s. 1003.61, F.S.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law and on July 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 35-4; House 80-38