

By Representative Bradley

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Education
3 Finance Program; amending s. 236.081, F.S.;
4 removing the maximum enrollment ceiling on
5 adult education programs; providing an
6 effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
11 236.081, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to
12 read:

13 236.081 Funds for operation of schools.--If the annual
14 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
15 district for operation of schools is not determined in the
16 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
17 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
18 follows:

19 (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR
20 OPERATION.--The following procedure shall be followed in
21 determining the annual allocation to each district for
22 operation:

23 1. The Department of Education is authorized and
24 directed to review all district programs and enrollment
25 projections and calculate a maximum total weighted full-time
26 equivalent student enrollment for each district.

27 2. Maximum enrollments calculated by the department
28 shall be derived from enrollment estimates used by the
29 Legislature to calculate the FEFP. If two or more districts
30 enter into an agreement under the provisions of s.
31 230.23(4)(d), after the final enrollment estimate is agreed

1 upon, the amount of FTE specified in the agreement, not to
2 exceed the estimate for the specific program as identified in
3 paragraph (c), may be transferred from the participating
4 districts to the district providing the program.

5 3. As part of its calculation of each district's
6 maximum total weighted full-time equivalent student
7 enrollment, the department shall establish separate enrollment
8 ceilings for program groups 1 and 2 ~~each of three program~~
9 ~~groups~~. Group 1 shall be composed of grades K-3, grades 4-8,
10 and grades 9-12. Group 2 shall be composed of
11 students-at-risk programs, all basic programs other than the
12 programs in group 1, all exceptional child programs, and all
13 vocational programs in grades 7-12. Group 3 shall be composed
14 of all adult education programs. There is no maximum
15 enrollment ceiling on group 3 full-time equivalent students
16 under this section.

17 a. The weighted enrollment ceiling for group 2 ~~and~~
18 ~~group 3~~ programs shall be calculated by multiplying the final
19 enrollment conference estimate for each program by the
20 appropriate program weight. The weighted enrollment ceiling
21 for program group groups 2 and 3 shall be the sum of the
22 weighted enrollment ceilings for each program in the program
23 group, plus the increase in weighted full-time equivalent
24 student membership from the prior year for clients of the
25 Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

26 b. If, for any calculation of the FEFP, the weighted
27 enrollment for ~~either~~ program group 2 ~~or group 3~~, derived by
28 multiplying actual enrollments by appropriate program weights,
29 exceeds the enrollment ceiling for that group, the following
30 procedure shall be followed to reduce the weighted enrollment
31 for that group to equal the enrollment ceiling:

1 (I) The weighted enrollment ceiling for each program
2 in the program group shall be subtracted from the weighted
3 enrollment for that program derived from actual enrollments.

4 (II) If the difference calculated under
5 sub-sub-subparagraph (I) is greater than zero for any program,
6 a reduction proportion shall be computed for the program by
7 dividing the absolute value of the difference by the total
8 amount by which the weighted enrollment for the program group
9 exceeds the weighted enrollment ceiling for the program group.

10 (III) The reduction proportion calculated under
11 sub-sub-subparagraph (II) shall be multiplied by the total
12 amount of the program group's enrollment over the ceiling as
13 calculated under sub-sub-subparagraph (I).

14 (IV) The prorated reduction amount calculated under
15 sub-sub-subparagraph (III) shall be subtracted from the
16 program's weighted enrollment. For any calculation of the
17 FEFP, the enrollment ceiling for group 1 shall be calculated
18 by multiplying the actual enrollment for each program in the
19 program group by its appropriate program weight.

20 c. For program group ~~groups 2 and 3~~, the weighted
21 enrollment ceiling shall be a number not less than the sum
22 obtained by:

23 (I) Multiplying the sum of reported FTE for all
24 programs in the program group that have a cost factor of 1.0
25 or more by 1.0, and

26 (II) By adding this number to the sum obtained by
27 multiplying the projected FTE for all programs with a cost
28 factor less than 1.0 by the actual cost factor.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Removes the maximum enrollment ceiling on full-time
equivalent students in adult education programs.