

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Florida Education  
3           Finance Program; amending s. 236.081, F.S.;  
4           increasing the maximum enrollment ceiling on  
5           adult education programs for fiscal year  
6           1997-1998; providing an 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           (d) Annual allocation calculation.--

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

28           2. Maximum enrollments calculated by the department  
29   shall be derived from enrollment estimates used by the  
30   Legislature to calculate the FEFP. If two or more districts  
31   enter into an agreement under the provisions of s.

1 230.23(4)(d), after the final enrollment estimate is agreed  
2 upon, the amount of FTE specified in the agreement, not to  
3 exceed the estimate for the specific program as identified in  
4 paragraph (c), may be transferred from the participating  
5 districts to the district providing the program.

6 3. As part of its calculation of each district's  
7 maximum total weighted full-time equivalent student  
8 enrollment, the department shall establish separate enrollment  
9 ceilings for each of three program groups. Group 1 shall be  
10 composed of grades K-3, grades 4-8, and grades 9-12. Group 2  
11 shall be composed of students-at-risk programs, all basic  
12 programs other than the programs in group 1, all exceptional  
13 child programs, and all vocational programs in grades 7-12.  
14 Group 3 shall be composed of all adult education programs.  
15 There shall be an increased enrollment ceiling on group 3  
16 full-time equivalent students for the 1997-1998 fiscal year,  
17 which shall be calculated by adding the average of the group 3  
18 over-cap FTE for the 1995-1996 final calculation and the  
19 1996-1997 calculation to the FTE forecast for the 1997-1998  
20 fiscal year for purposes of the appropriation only.

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

30 b. If, for any calculation of the FEFP, the weighted  
31 enrollment for either program group 2 or group 3, derived by

1 multiplying actual enrollments by appropriate program weights,  
2 exceeds the enrollment ceiling for that group, the following  
3 procedure shall be followed to reduce the weighted enrollment  
4 for that group to equal the enrollment ceiling:

5 (I) The weighted enrollment ceiling for each program  
6 in the program group shall be subtracted from the weighted  
7 enrollment for that program derived from actual enrollments.

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

14 (III) The reduction proportion calculated under  
15 sub-sub-subparagraph (II) shall be multiplied by the total  
16 amount of the program group's enrollment over the ceiling as  
17 calculated under sub-sub-subparagraph (I).

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

24 c. For program groups 2 and 3, the weighted enrollment  
25 ceiling shall be a number not less than the sum obtained by:

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

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