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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school improvement and
3 education accountability; amending ss. 229.592
4 and 230.23, F.S.; providing for the
5 organization of Florida Distinguished Educator
6 School Improvement Teams; providing for
7 technical assistance and training for schools
8 operating under an assistance and intervention
9 plan; providing for the use of Florida
10 Distinguished Educator School Improvement Teams
11 to assist in the development and implementation
12 of school improvement plans and assistance and
13 intervention plans; providing an effective
14 date.

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

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18 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 229.592, Florida
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 229.592 Implementation of state system of school
21 improvement and education accountability.--

22 (4) DEPARTMENT.--

23 (a) The Department of Education shall implement a
24 training program to develop among outstanding state and
25 district educators and administrators in all academic
26 disciplines and fields of administration a cadre of
27 facilitators of school improvement. These facilitators shall
28 assist schools and districts to conduct needs assessments and
29 develop and implement school improvement plans to meet state
30 goals and shall be organized into Florida Distinguished
31 Educator School Improvement Teams.

1 (b) Upon request, or as part of an assistance and
2 intervention plan approved by a district school board pursuant
3 to s. 230.23(16)(c),the department shall provide technical
4 assistance and training to any school, school advisory
5 council, district, or school board for conducting needs
6 assessments, developing and implementing school improvement
7 plans, developing and implementing assistance and intervention
8 plans, or implementing other components of school improvement
9 and accountability. Priority for these services shall be given
10 to school districts in rural and sparsely populated areas of
11 the state and to schools operating under an assistance and
12 intervention plan approved pursuant to s. 230.23(16)(c).

13 (c) Pursuant to s. 24.121(5)(d), the department shall
14 not release funds from the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund
15 to any district in which a school does not have an approved
16 school improvement plan, pursuant to s. 230.23(16), after 1
17 full school year of planning and development. At the expense
18 of the receiving school district,the department shall send a
19 Florida Distinguished Educator School Improvement ~~technical~~
20 ~~assistance~~ Team to each school without an approved plan to
21 develop such school improvement plan. The department shall
22 release the funds upon approval of the school improvement
23 plan. Notice shall be given to the public of the department's
24 intervention and shall identify each school without an
25 approved school improvement ~~a~~ plan. If an assistance and
26 intervention plan has been approved pursuant to s.
27 230.23(16)(c), the department shall send, at the expense of
28 the receiving school district, a Florida Distinguished
29 Educator School Improvement Team to assist in the
30 implementation of the assistance and intervention plan, and
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1 notice of the department's intervention shall be given to the
2 public.

3 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (16) of section
4 230.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

5 230.23 Powers and duties of school board.--The school
6 board, acting as a board, shall exercise all powers and
7 perform all duties listed below:

8 (16) IMPLEMENT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND
9 ACCOUNTABILITY.--Maintain a system of school improvement and
10 education accountability as provided by statute and State
11 Board of Education rule. This system of school improvement and
12 education accountability shall be consistent with, and
13 implemented through, the district's continuing system of
14 planning and budgeting required by this section and ss.
15 229.555 and 237.041. This system of school improvement and
16 education accountability shall include, but not be limited to,
17 the following:

18 (c) Assistance and intervention.--Develop a 3-year
19 plan of increasing individualized assistance and intervention
20 for each school that does not meet or make adequate progress,
21 based upon the recommendations of the commission, as defined
22 pursuant to statute and State Board of Education rule, toward
23 meeting the goals and standards of its approved school
24 improvement plan. Each assistance and intervention plan shall
25 include the use of a Florida Distinguished Educator School
26 Improvement Team as defined in s. 229.592(4)(a).

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1 of the
28 year in which enacted.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

With respect to the state system of school improvement and education accountability, provides for the use of Florida Distinguished Educator School Improvement Teams to assist in the development and implementation of school improvement plans and assistance and intervention plans.