

By the Committee on Education Innovation and
Representative Melvin

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. Such teams may include

1 retired teachers and administrators, and such other persons
2 from areas of business or other vocations or professions, as
3 deemed appropriate by the department, based upon an appraisal
4 of the needs of the receiving school.

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

17 (c) Pursuant to s. 24.121(5)(d), the department shall
18 not release funds from the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund
19 to any district in which a school does not have an approved
20 school improvement plan, pursuant to s. 230.23(16), after 1
21 full school year of planning and development. At the expense
22 of the receiving school district, the department shall send a
23 Florida Distinguished Educator School Improvement ~~technical~~
24 ~~assistance~~ Team to each school without an approved plan to
25 develop such school improvement plan. The department shall
26 release the funds upon approval of the school improvement
27 plan. Notice shall be given to the public of the department's
28 intervention and shall identify each school without an
29 approved school improvement ~~a~~ plan. If an assistance and
30 intervention plan has been approved pursuant to s.
31 230.23(16)(c), the department shall send, at the expense of

1 the receiving school district, a Florida Distinguished
2 Educator School Improvement Team to assist in the
3 implementation of the assistance and intervention plan, and
4 notice of the department's intervention shall be given to the
5 public.

6 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (16) of section
7 230.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8 230.23 Powers and duties of school board.--The school
9 board, acting as a board, shall exercise all powers and
10 perform all duties listed below:

11 (16) IMPLEMENT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND
12 ACCOUNTABILITY.--Maintain a system of school improvement and
13 education accountability as provided by statute and State
14 Board of Education rule. This system of school improvement and
15 education accountability shall be consistent with, and
16 implemented through, the district's continuing system of
17 planning and budgeting required by this section and ss.
18 229.555 and 237.041. This system of school improvement and
19 education accountability shall include, but not be limited to,
20 the following:

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

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1 of the
31 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.