

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school district
3 expenditures; amending s. 237.081, F.S.;
4 requiring the inclusion of specified
5 information in the advertisement of a school
6 board's tentative budget; providing an
7 effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Section 237.081, Florida Statutes, is
12 amended to read:

13 237.081 Public hearings; budgets to be submitted to
14 Department of Education.--The school board of each district
15 shall cause a summary of its tentative budget, including the
16 proposed millage levies as provided for by law, to be
17 advertised one time in a newspaper of general circulation
18 published in the district or to be posted at the courthouse
19 door if there be no such newspaper. The format of the
20 advertisement shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of
21 Education. The advertisement shall include a 5-year and
22 10-year historical comparison of General Fund expenditures,
23 number of employees, and number of students, if available. The
24 advertisement shall appear adjacent to the advertisement
25 required pursuant to s. 200.065. The board shall hold public
26 hearings to adopt tentative and final budgets pursuant to s.
27 200.065. The hearings shall be primarily for the purpose of
28 hearing requests and complaints from the public regarding the
29 budgets and the proposed tax levies and for explaining the
30 budget and proposed or adopted amendments thereto, if any.
31 The school board shall then require the superintendent to

1 transmit forthwith two copies of the adopted budget to the
2 Department of Education for approval as prescribed by law and
3 regulations of the state board.

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