

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

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

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

14 237.081 Public hearings; budgets to be submitted to
15 Department of Education.--

16 (1) The school board of each district ~~shall~~ cause
17 a summary of its tentative budget, including the proposed
18 millage levies as provided for by law, and graphs illustrating
19 a historical summary of financial and demographic data, to be
20 advertised at least one time as a full-page advertisement in
21 the ~~a~~ newspaper with the largest ~~of general~~ circulation
22 published in the district or to be posted at the courthouse
23 door if there be no such newspaper.

24 (2)(a) The advertisement must include a graph
25 illustrating the historical summary of financial and
26 demographic data for each of the following data values which
27 shall be plotted along the vertical axis of each graph:

28 1. Total revenue provided to the school district from
29 all sources for the corresponding fiscal year, including all
30 federal, state, and local revenue.

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1 2. Total revenue provided to the school district for
2 the corresponding fiscal year for current operations.

3 3. Total revenue provided to the school district for
4 the corresponding fiscal year for fixed capital outlay
5 projects.

6 4. Total revenue provided to the school district for
7 the corresponding fiscal year for debt service.

8 5. Total number of unweighted full-time equivalent
9 students, inclusive of all programs listed in s. 236.081.

10 6. Total revenue provided to the school district for
11 current operations divided by the number of unweighted
12 full-time equivalent students for the corresponding fiscal
13 year.

14 7. Total number of employees of the school district
15 for the corresponding fiscal year.

16 8. Total number of employees of the school district
17 classified as instructional personnel under s. 228.041 for the
18 corresponding fiscal year.

19 (b) Each graph must include a separate histogram
20 corresponding to the financial and demographic data for each
21 of the following fiscal years, which shall be plotted along
22 the horizontal axis of each graph:

23 1. Current fiscal year.

24 2. Fiscal year that is 5 years before the current
25 fiscal year.

26 3. Fiscal year that is 10 years before the current
27 fiscal year.

28 (c) The numeric value of the financial and demographic
29 data corresponding to each histogram must be included in each
30 graph.

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1 (3) The advertisement shall appear adjacent to the
2 advertisement required pursuant to s. 200.065. The
3 Commissioner of Education may adopt rules necessary to provide
4 specific requirements for the format of the advertisement.

5 (4) The board shall hold public hearings to adopt
6 tentative and final budgets pursuant to s. 200.065. The
7 hearings shall be primarily for the purpose of hearing
8 requests and complaints from the public regarding the budgets
9 and the proposed tax levies and for explaining the budget and
10 proposed or adopted amendments thereto, if any. The school
11 board shall then require the superintendent to transmit
12 forthwith two copies of the adopted budget to the Department
13 of Education for approval as prescribed by law and regulations
14 of the state board.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of the
16 year in which enacted.

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