

By Representatives Detert and Harrington

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to school funding; amending s.  
3           236.081, F.S.; revising funding for enrollment  
4           in excess of the weighted enrollment ceiling  
5           for the fourth calculation of the 1998-1999  
6           FEFP; 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, 1998 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 for the K-12  
28   FEFP.

29           2. Maximum enrollments calculated by the department  
30   shall be derived from enrollment estimates used by the  
31   Legislature to calculate the FEFP. If two or more districts

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

7 3. As part of its calculation of each district's  
8 maximum total weighted full-time equivalent student  
9 enrollment, the department shall establish separate enrollment  
10 ceilings for each of two program groups. Group 1 shall be  
11 composed of grades K-3, grades 4-8, and grades 9-12. Group 2  
12 shall be composed of students in exceptional student education  
13 programs, students-at-risk programs, all basic programs other  
14 than the programs in group 1, and all vocational programs in  
15 grades 7-12.

16 a. The weighted enrollment ceiling for group 2  
17 programs shall be calculated by multiplying the final  
18 enrollment conference estimate for each program by the  
19 appropriate program weight. The weighted enrollment ceiling  
20 for program group 2 shall be the sum of the weighted  
21 enrollment ceilings for each program in the program group,  
22 plus the increase in weighted full-time equivalent student  
23 membership from the prior year for clients of the Department  
24 of Children and Family Services and the Department of Juvenile  
25 Justice.

26 b. If, for any calculation of the FEFP, the weighted  
27 enrollment for program group 2, derived by multiplying actual  
28 enrollments by appropriate program weights, exceeds the  
29 enrollment ceiling for that group, the following procedure  
30 shall be followed to reduce the weighted enrollment for that  
31 group to equal the enrollment ceiling:

1 (I) The weighted enrollment ceiling for each program  
2 in the program group shall be subtracted from the weighted  
3 enrollment for that program derived from actual enrollments.

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

10 (III) The reduction proportion calculated under  
11 sub-sub-subparagraph (II) shall be multiplied by the total  
12 amount of the program group's enrollment over the ceiling as  
13 calculated under sub-sub-subparagraph (I).

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

20 c. For program group 2, the weighted enrollment  
21 ceiling shall be a number not less than the sum obtained by:

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

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

28 4. Following completion of the weighted enrollment  
29 ceiling calculation as provided in subparagraph 3., a  
30 supplemental capping calculation shall be employed for those  
31 districts that are over their weighted enrollment ceiling. For

1 each such district, the total reported unweighted FTE  
2 enrollment for group 2 programs shall be compared with the  
3 total appropriated unweighted FTE enrollment for group 2  
4 programs. If the total reported unweighted FTE for group 2 is  
5 greater than the appropriated unweighted FTE, then the excess  
6 unweighted FTE up to the unweighted FTE transferred from group  
7 2 to group 1 for each district by the Public School FTE  
8 Estimating Conference shall be funded at a weight of 1.0 and  
9 added to the funded weighted FTE computed in subparagraph 3.  
10 This adjustment shall be calculated beginning with the third  
11 calculation of the 1998-1999 FEFP. However, effective for the  
12 fourth calculation of the 1998-1999 FEFP only, for each such  
13 district the reported weighted FTE in excess of the enrollment  
14 ceiling shall be funded at a weight of 1.0.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
16 law.

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19 HOUSE SUMMARY

20 Revises funding for enrollment in excess of the weighted  
21 enrollment ceiling for the fourth calculation of the  
22 1998-1999 FEFP.

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