

By Representative Sorensen

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to student attendance; amending  
3           s. 236.081, F.S.; revising provisions relating  
4           to the determination of full-time equivalent  
5           membership; removing obsolete language;  
6           removing the requirement that a district's  
7           full-time equivalent membership be adjusted  
8           using the average daily attendance factor;  
9           requiring the average daily attendance factor  
10          to be used in an incentive program to maximize  
11          improvement in attendance; requiring the amount  
12          of the incentive and eligibility criteria to be  
13          annually determined by the Legislature in the  
14          General Appropriations Act; providing an  
15          effective date.

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

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19           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
20           236.081, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21           236.081 Funds for operation of schools.--If the annual  
22           allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
23           district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
24           annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
25           the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
26           follows:

27           (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR  
28           OPERATION.--The following procedure shall be followed in  
29           determining the annual allocation to each district for  
30           operation:

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1           (a) Determination of full-time equivalent  
2 membership.--During each of several school weeks, including  
3 scheduled intersessions of a year-round school program during  
4 the fiscal year, a program membership survey of each school  
5 shall be made by each district by aggregating the full-time  
6 equivalent student membership of each program by school and by  
7 district. The department shall establish the number and  
8 interval of membership calculations, except that for basic and  
9 special programs such calculations shall not exceed nine for  
10 any fiscal year. The district's full-time equivalent  
11 membership shall be computed and currently maintained in  
12 accordance with regulations of the commissioner. ~~Beginning~~  
13 ~~with the 1999-2000 school year,~~ Each school district shall  
14 also document the daily attendance of each student in  
15 membership by school and by district. An average daily  
16 attendance factor shall be computed by dividing the total  
17 daily attendance of all students by the total number of  
18 students in membership and then by the number of days in the  
19 regular school year. Beginning with the 2001-2002 school year,  
20 the average daily attendance factor shall be used in an  
21 incentive program to maximize improvement in attendance. The  
22 amount of the incentive and eligibility criteria are to be  
23 annually determined by the Legislature in the General  
24 Appropriations Act ~~the district's full-time equivalent~~  
25 ~~membership shall be adjusted by multiplying by the average~~  
26 ~~daily attendance factor.~~

27           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
28 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Removes the requirement that a district's full-time equivalent membership be adjusted using the average daily attendance factor. Requires the average daily attendance factor to be used in an incentive program to maximize improvement in attendance. Requires the amount of the incentive and eligibility criteria to be annually determined by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act.