

By Senator Laurent

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to education; amending s.  
3           236.081, F.S.; providing for the average daily  
4           attendance factor to be used in an incentive  
5           program to encourage maximum improvement in  
6           attendance; providing limitations; 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. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
12 236.081, Florida Statutes, is amended to 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           (a) Determination of full-time equivalent  
24 membership.--During each of several school weeks, including  
25 scheduled intersessions of a year-round school program during  
26 the fiscal year, a program membership survey of each school  
27 shall be made by each district by aggregating the full-time  
28 equivalent student membership of each program by school and by  
29 district. The department shall establish the number and  
30 interval of membership calculations, except that for basic and  
31 special programs such calculations shall not exceed nine for

1 any fiscal year. The district's full-time equivalent  
2 membership shall be computed and currently maintained in  
3 accordance with regulations of the commissioner. Beginning  
4 with the 1999-2000 school year, each school district shall  
5 also document the daily attendance of each student in  
6 membership by school and by district. An average daily  
7 attendance factor shall be computed by dividing the total  
8 daily attendance of all students by the total number of  
9 students in membership and then by the number of days in the  
10 regular school year. Beginning with the 2001-2002 school year,  
11 the average daily attendance factor shall be used in an  
12 incentive program to encourage maximum improvement in  
13 attendance. The amount for the incentive and the ranking  
14 criteria are to be annually determined by the Legislature in  
15 the General Appropriations Act. The attendance incentive may  
16 not be included in the Quality Assurance Guarantee or in  
17 disparity compression adjustments to FEFP allocations  
18 ~~district's full-time equivalent membership shall be adjusted~~  
19 ~~by multiplying by the average daily attendance factor.~~

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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23 SENATE SUMMARY

24 Provides for school districts to use the average daily  
25 attendance factor in an incentive program to encourage  
26 attendance.  
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