



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

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3 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Florida  
4 Education Funding Act of 2000."

5 Section 2. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to  
6 provide funding for school districts to hire an additional  
7 10,000 instructional personnel over the next 4 years. The  
8 Department of Education has determined and will continue to  
9 monitor the progress of the school districts in achieving the  
10 legislative class size reduction goal as identified in s.  
11 236.687, Florida Statutes.

12 (2) The Department of Education shall distribute to  
13 the school districts the funds appropriated to carry out the  
14 provisions of this section. The distribution of funds for  
15 8,256 instructional personnel shall be based on the Department  
16 of Education's October 1999 study on class size reduction, and  
17 the funds for 1,744 instructional personnel shall be based on  
18 the number of "F" schools per school district in school year  
19 1998-1999.

20 (3) There is hereby appropriated from the General  
21 Revenue Fund to the Department of Education the sum of  
22 \$93,238,326 in recurring funds for each of the fiscal years  
23 2000-2001 through 2003-2004 for the purpose of carrying out  
24 the provisions of this section.

25 Section 3. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to  
26 provide school districts with sufficient funding to increase  
27 Florida's average instructional personnel salary by 10 percent  
28 to align instructional personnel salaries more closely with  
29 the national average teacher salary.

30 (2) The Department of Education shall distribute to  
31 the school districts the funds appropriated to carry out the

1 provisions of this section. The distribution of funds for  
2 instructional personnel salaries shall be based on the number  
3 of instructional personnel per school district as reported by  
4 the Department of Education during the 1998-1999 school year.  
5 The number of instructional personnel per school district  
6 shall be multiplied by the average annual statewide salary for  
7 such personnel, and that product multiplied by 10 percent, for  
8 the distribution per school district.

9 (3) There is hereby appropriated from the General  
10 Revenue Fund to the Department of Education the sum of  
11 \$481,300,957 in recurring funds for the purpose of carrying  
12 out the provisions of this section.

13 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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15 HOUSE SUMMARY

16  
17 Creates the Florida Education Funding Act of 2000 to  
18 provide for the hiring of additional district school  
19 instructional personnel and for an increase in district  
20 school instructional personnel salaries. Provides  
21 appropriations and requirements for distribution of the  
22 funds appropriated. See bill for details.  
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