

By the Committee on Education Appropriations and Representatives Alexander, Posey, Greenstein and Lacasa

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school-level funding;
3 creating s. 236.08103, F.S., the "Equity in
4 School-Level Funding Act"; requiring school
5 districts to allocate to each school within the
6 district a specified minimum percentage of the
7 funds generated by the school based on the
8 Florida Education Finance Program; providing
9 for graduated increases in such percentage;
10 providing exemptions; providing for
11 carryforward of unused funds allocated to the
12 schools; providing for review of certain task
13 force recommendations for potential inclusion
14 of certain funds in the allocation methodology;
15 providing that funds for supplemental academic
16 instruction are excluded from the school-level
17 allocation; providing an effective date.

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19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21 Section 1. Section 236.08103, Florida Statutes, is
22 created to read:

23 236.08103 Equity in School-Level Funding Act.--

24 (1) This section may be cited as the "Equity in
25 School-Level Funding Act."

26 (2)(a) Beginning in the 2000-2001 fiscal year,
27 district school boards shall allocate to each school within
28 the district at least 50 percent of the funds generated by
29 that school based upon the Florida Education Finance Program
30 as provided in s. 236.081 and the General Appropriations Act,
31 including gross state and local funds, discretionary lottery

1 funds, and funds from the school district's current operating
2 discretionary millage levy.

3 (b) Beginning in the 2001-2002 fiscal year, district
4 school boards shall allocate to each school within the
5 district at least 65 percent of the funds generated by that
6 school based upon the Florida Education Finance Program as
7 provided in s. 236.081 and the General Appropriations Act,
8 including gross state and local funds, discretionary lottery
9 funds, and funds from the school district's current operating
10 discretionary millage levy.

11 (c) Beginning in the 2002-2003 fiscal year, district
12 school boards shall allocate to each school within the
13 district at least 80 percent of the funds generated by that
14 school based upon the Florida Education Finance Program as
15 provided in s. 236.081 and the General Appropriations Act,
16 including gross state and local funds, discretionary lottery
17 funds, and funds from the school district's current operating
18 discretionary millage levy.

19 (d) Beginning in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, district
20 school boards shall allocate to each school within the
21 district at least 95 percent of the funds generated by that
22 school based upon the Florida Education Finance Program as
23 provided in s. 236.081 and the General Appropriations Act,
24 including gross state and local funds, discretionary lottery
25 funds, and funds from the school district's current operating
26 discretionary millage levy.

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28 Total funding for each school shall be recalculated during the
29 year to reflect the revised calculations under the Florida
30 Education Finance Program by the state and the actual weighted
31 full-time equivalent students reported by the school during

1 the full-time equivalent student survey periods designated by
2 the Commissioner of Education. If the district school board is
3 providing programs or services to students funded by federal
4 funds, any eligible students enrolled in the schools in the
5 district shall be provided federal funds. Only those districts
6 that initially applied for charter school district status,
7 pursuant to s. 228.058, and have been approved by the State
8 Board of Education are exempt from the provisions of this
9 section.

10 (3) Funds allocated to a school pursuant to this
11 section that are unused at the end of the fiscal year shall
12 not revert to the district, but shall remain with the school.
13 These carryforward funds may be used for any purpose provided
14 by law at the discretion of the principal of the school.

15 (4) Recommendations made by the Governor's Equity in
16 Educational Opportunity Task Force shall be reviewed to
17 identify potential categorical funds to be included in the
18 district allocation methodology required in subsection (2).

19 (5) Funds appropriated in the General Appropriations
20 Act for supplemental academic instruction to be used for the
21 purposes described in s. 236.08104 are excluded from the
22 school-level allocation under this section.

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