

By Representative Paul

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to education funding; amending
3 s. 236.081, F.S.; revising the method for
4 determining district cost differentials;
5 providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 236.081, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 236.081 Funds for operation of schools.--If the annual
12 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
13 district for operation of schools is not determined in the
14 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
15 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
16 follows:

17 (2) DETERMINATION OF DISTRICT COST DIFFERENTIALS.--The
18 commissioner shall annually compute for each district the
19 current year's district cost differential(DCD). The DCD
20 ~~district cost differential~~ shall be calculated by adding each
21 district's price level index as published in the Florida Price
22 Level Index(FPLI), prepared by the Executive Office of the
23 Governor, for the most recent 3 years and dividing the
24 resulting sum by 3. However, if a district that has a DCD of
25 1.0 or less is bordered by two or more districts that have an
26 average current FPLI of greater than 4 percent more than the
27 FPLI of the single district, the FPLI, for the purpose of
28 calculating the single district's DCD, shall be increased by
29 an amount equal to one-half of the difference between that
30 district's FPLI and the average of the FPLI's of the border
31 districts.The result for each district shall be multiplied by

1 0.008 and to the resulting product shall be added 0.200; the
2 sum thus obtained shall be the cost differential for that
3 district for that year.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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7 HOUSE SUMMARY

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9 Revises the method for determining district cost
differentials.

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