

By Representatives Farkas and Alexander

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to educator professional
3 liability insurance; creating s. 231.800, F.S.;
4 providing legislative intent; requiring
5 educator professional liability insurance
6 coverage for all instructional personnel;
7 providing for specific appropriations in the
8 General Appropriations Act; providing an
9 effective date.

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11 WHEREAS, Article IX, section 1, of the State
12 Constitution states that "The education of children is a
13 fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida," and

14 WHEREAS, effective teachers directing orderly
15 classrooms provide the key to the best public education the
16 State of Florida can offer, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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20 Section 1. Section 231.800, Florida Statutes, is
21 created to read:

22 231.800 Florida educators professional liability
23 insurance protection.--

24 (1) The Legislature intends that all the teachers in
25 this state be protected from liability for monetary damages
26 and the cost of defense of actions resulting from claims made
27 against them arising out of occurrences in the course of
28 activities in their professional capacity.

29 (2) Beginning July 1, 2001, educator professional
30 liability coverage for all instructional personnel, as defined

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1 by s. 228.041(9), shall be provided by specific appropriations
2 under the General Appropriations Act.

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

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6 HOUSE SUMMARY

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8 Specifies that educator professional liability insurance
9 coverage for all instructional personnel be provided by
10 specific appropriations under the General Appropriations
11 Act to protect teachers from liability for monetary
12 damages in defense of actions resulting from claims made
13 against them arising out of occurrences in the course of
14 activities in their professional capacity.
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