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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to school district flexibility in the 2001-2002 fiscal year expenditure of specified funds appropriated in ch. 2001-253, Laws of Florida; providing for reports; providing for repeal; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. School District Flexibility Act of 2001.--

(1) This act may be cited as the "School District Flexibility Act of 2001."

(2) During the 2001-2002 fiscal year, each district school board is authorized flexibility to expend funds allocated to the school district from the appropriations in chapter 2001-253, Laws of Florida, as provided below:

(a) If a district school board finds and declares in a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the school board that the funds received for the programs listed below are urgently needed to maintain board-specified academic classroom instruction, the school board may consider and approve an amendment to the school district's 2001-2002 operating budget transferring the identified amount of funds to the appropriate account for expenditure. These accounts are:

1. Section 236.081(3), Florida Statutes, Funds for Inservice Educational Personnel Training, Specific Appropriation 122.

2. Funds allocated for Safe Schools Activities, Specific Appropriation 118.

1           3. Funds for Public School Technology, Specific  
2 Appropriation 120A.

3           4. Funds for Teacher Recruitment Signing Bonuses,  
4 Specific Appropriation 119, which are in excess of the amount  
5 required to provide \$850 Teacher Retention Bonuses.

6           5. Funds for the District Discretionary Lottery  
7 Allocation, Specific Appropriation 4A(a).

8           6. Section 231.67, Florida Statutes, the Florida  
9 Teachers Lead Program Stipend, Specific Appropriation 122A,  
10 carryforward funds only.

11           (b) If the district school board finds that funds  
12 allocated for the purpose set forth in s. 236.08104, Florida  
13 Statutes, Supplemental Academic Instruction, Specific  
14 Appropriation 118, are budgeted to be expended for  
15 nonclassroom instruction, the school board may consider and  
16 approve an amendment to the school district's 2001-2002  
17 operating budget transferring such funds to an appropriate  
18 academic classroom instruction account for expenditure.

19           (3) Each district school board shall report to the  
20 Department of Education the amount of funds it transfers from  
21 each of the programs identified in this section and the  
22 specific academic classroom instruction for which these funds  
23 are being expended. The department shall provide instructions  
24 and format to be used in submitting this required information.  
25 The department shall submit to the Governor, the President of  
26 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a  
27 report showing the actions taken by each district school board  
28 and providing a statewide summary for all school districts.

29           (4) This section expires June 30, 2002.

30           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
31 law.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Provides for school district flexibility in the 2001-2002 fiscal year expenditure of specified funds appropriated in the 2001-2002 General Appropriations Act. Provides for reports. Provides for repeal.