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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to district school board member
3 compensation; amending s. 230.202, F.S.;
4 providing that each school board member shall
5 receive a salary of \$100 per month; amending
6 ss. 230.201 and 145.19, F.S., relating to
7 district school board member travel expenses
8 and annual percentage increases, respectively,
9 to conform; providing an effective date.

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11 WHEREAS, the State of Florida has just become the first
12 state in the nation to establish a seamless K-20 system of
13 education governance, and

14 WHEREAS, Florida's new seamless system of education
15 governance is founded on principles of student centeredness,
16 devolution of authority, and the alignment of responsibility
17 with accountability, and

18 WHEREAS, Florida's new seamless system of education
19 governance is operated by the newly established Florida Board
20 of Education at the state level, newly established boards of
21 trustees for each university in the State University System,
22 community college district boards of trustees, and district
23 school boards, and

24 WHEREAS, the members of the Florida Board of Education,
25 the university boards of trustees, and the community college
26 district boards of trustees serve without compensation in the
27 interest of providing valuable public service voluntarily to
28 the public purpose of education, and

29 WHEREAS, district school board members are the only
30 board members within the new seamless K-20 system of education
31 governance who are not currently serving without compensation

1 to provide their valuable public service voluntarily to the
2 public purpose of education, and

3 WHEREAS, most district school board members are
4 compensated in an amount similar to or in excess of beginning
5 pay for teachers, and

6 WHEREAS, many school districts are facing difficulty in
7 recruiting and retaining good teachers for their classrooms,
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the salaries currently being paid to district
10 school board members could be better used to recruit and
11 retain good teachers for classrooms, and

12 WHEREAS, if district school board members were to
13 provide their valuable public service voluntarily to the
14 public purpose of education as the other board members do,
15 their status of honor and dignity as pillars of the community
16 held prior to the establishment of pay compensation schedules
17 would be enhanced, and

18 WHEREAS, in the interest of fairness within the new
19 seamless K-20 system of education governance, in the interest
20 of enhancing recruitment and retention of good teachers for
21 Florida's classrooms, and in the interest of providing
22 valuable voluntary public service to the public purpose of
23 education, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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27 Section 1. Section 230.202, Florida Statutes, is
28 amended to read:

29 230.202 District school board members; compensation.--

30 ~~(1)~~ Each member of the district school board shall
31 receive as salary \$100 per month, unless the school board, by

1 super majority vote after certifying that the school district
2 has no need for additional classroom teachers or additional
3 classroom operating expenses, determines that the school board
4 members shall receive compensation in accordance with s.
5 230.202 (2001).~~the amount indicated, based on the population~~
6 ~~of the member's county. In addition, compensation shall be~~
7 ~~made for population increments over the minimum for each~~
8 ~~population group, which shall be determined by multiplying the~~
9 ~~population in excess of the minimum for the group times the~~
10 ~~group rate. Laws which increase the base salary herein~~
11 ~~provided shall contain provisions on no other subject.~~

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13 Pop. Group	<u>County</u> Pop. <u>Range</u>	<u>Base Salary</u>	<u>Group Rate</u>	
	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>		
15 I	0	9,999	\$ 5,000	\$0.083300
16 II	10,000	49,999	5,833	0.020830
17 III	50,000	99,999	6,666	0.016680
18 IV	100,000	199,999	7,500	0.008330
19 V	200,000	399,999	8,333	0.004165
20 VI	400,000	999,999	9,166	0.001390
21 VII	1,000,000		10,000	0.000000

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23 ~~(2) Notwithstanding provisions of chapter 145 or this~~
24 ~~chapter to the contrary, the annual salaries of district~~
25 ~~school board members for 1993 and each year thereafter shall~~
26 ~~be established at the same amounts as those members were paid~~
27 ~~for fiscal year 1991-1992, adjusted by each annual increase~~
28 ~~provided for in chapter 145. Any salary previously paid to~~
29 ~~district school board members which was consistent with~~
30 ~~chapter 145 and this section is hereby ratified and validated.~~

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1 Section 2. Section 230.201, Florida Statutes, is
2 amended to read:

3 230.201 District school board members; travel
4 expenses.--

5 (1) In addition to the salary provided in s. 230.202,
6 each member of a school board shall be allowed, from the
7 district school fund, reimbursement of travel expenses as
8 authorized in s. 112.061, except as provided in subsection
9 (2). Any travel outside the district shall also be governed
10 by the rules ~~and regulations~~ of the Florida Board of Education
11 ~~state board~~.

12 (2) Each district school board may ~~is authorized and~~
13 ~~empowered to~~ reimburse a school board member for travel
14 expenses for travel from the member's residence incurred in
15 the performance of a public purpose authorized by law to be
16 performed by the school board, including, but not limited to,
17 attendance at regular and special board meetings. Mileage
18 allowance in the amount provided by law for reimbursement of
19 travel expenses, when authorized, shall be computed from the
20 member's place of residence to the place of the meeting or
21 function and return.

22 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 145.19, Florida
23 Statutes, is amended to read:

24 145.19 Annual percentage increases based on increase
25 for state career service employees; limitation.--

26 (2) Each fiscal year, the salaries of all officials
27 listed in this chapter and ~~s. ss. 230.202 and~~ 230.303 shall be
28 adjusted by the annual factor. The Department of Management
29 Services shall certify the annual factor and the cumulative
30 annual factors. The adjusted salary rate shall be the
31 product, rounded to the nearest dollar, of the salary rate

1 granted by the appropriate section of this chapter multiplied
2 first by the initial factor, then by the cumulative annual
3 factor, and finally by the annual factor. Any special
4 qualification salary received under this chapter shall be
5 added to such adjusted salary rate, which special
6 qualification salary shall be \$2,000, but shall not exceed
7 \$2,000.

8 Section 4. This act shall take effect December 1,
9 2001.

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11 HOUSE SUMMARY

12 Provides that each district school board member shall
13 receive a salary of \$100 per month, unless the school
14 board, by super majority vote after certifying that the
15 school district has no need for additional classroom
16 teachers or operating expenses, determines that members
shall receive additional compensation.

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