

By Senator Sullivan

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public school funding;
3 providing for school district flexibility in
4 the 2001-2002 fiscal year expenditure of
5 specified funds appropriated in ch. 2001-253,
6 Laws of Florida; providing for reports;
7 delaying the requirement in s. 230.23, F.S.,
8 that the adopted school board budget include a
9 reserve for funding a supplement; delaying the
10 requirement in s. 235.061, F.S., relating to
11 relocatables for long-term use; delaying the
12 requirement in s. 235.062, F.S., relating to
13 relocatable facilities; establishing conditions
14 for certain spending authority; providing for
15 repeal; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

26 (a) If a district school board finds and declares in a
27 resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the school board
28 that the funds received for the programs listed below are
29 urgently needed to maintain board-specified academic classroom
30 instruction, the school board may consider and approve an
31 amendment to the school district's 2001-2002 operating budget

1 transferring the identified amount of funds to the appropriate
2 account for expenditure. These accounts are:

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

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

8 3. Funds for Public School Technology, Specific
9 Appropriation 120A.

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

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

15 6. Section 231.67, Florida Statutes, the Florida
16 Teachers Lead Program Stipend, Specific Appropriation 122A,
17 carryforward funds only.

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

26 (3) Each district school board shall report to the
27 Department of Education the amount of funds it transfers from
28 each of the programs identified in this section and the
29 specific academic classroom instruction for which these funds
30 are being expended. The department shall provide instructions
31 and format to be used in submitting this required information.

1 The department shall submit to the Governor, the President of
2 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a
3 report showing the actions taken by each district school board
4 and providing a statewide summary for all school districts.

5 (4) The standard in paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of
6 section 230.23, Florida Statutes, requiring the adopted
7 district school board budget to include a reserve to fully
8 fund an additional 5-percent supplement for school
9 administrators and instructional personnel need not be met
10 until June 30, 2003.

11 (5) The standard in subsection (1) of section 235.061,
12 Florida Statutes, requiring State Board of Education rules to
13 prohibit the use as classrooms of relocatables that fail to
14 meet the standards need not be met until July 1, 2003.

15 (6) The standard in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of
16 section 235.062, Florida Statutes, for student stations in
17 relocatable facilities exceeding 20 years of age need not be
18 met until July 1, 2004.

19 (7) Subsections (1) through (3) expire June 30, 2002.

20 (8) To take advantage of the delayed dates authorized
21 in subsections (5) and (6), a school district must:

22 (a) First use the authority for the transfer of funds
23 provided by subsections (1)-(4) before using the flexibility
24 provided by subsections (5) and (6).

25 (b) Submit to the Department of Education a plan that
26 identifies how the school district will fully comply with
27 standards for relocatable classrooms by July 1, 2003, and will
28 fully comply with the requirements of section 235.062, Florida
29 Statutes, by July 1, 2004.

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

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SENATE 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. Delays specified provisions of the Florida School Code.