

By Senator Pruitt

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to education finance; creating  
3           s. 236.08109, F.S.; authorizing school  
4           districts to opt out of the restrictions  
5           applied to allocations for formula-funded  
6           categorical programs and to use such funds at  
7           their discretion; providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1.   Section 236.08109, Florida Statutes, is  
12 created to read:

13                 236.08109 Local option for categorical funding.--  
14                 (1) Notwithstanding s. 236.081 or any other provision  
15 of law to the contrary, any school district receiving funds  
16 appropriated in the General Appropriations Act for  
17 formula-funded categorical programs may, upon request  
18 submitted to the Commissioner of Education before the  
19 convening of the initial Florida Education Finance Program  
20 Appropriation Allocation Conference as provided in s. 236.078,  
21 receive those categorical funds in a lump sum and use the  
22 funds for any or all of the purposes for which the funds were  
23 appropriated or apply the funds to other purposes, as  
24 determined by the district school board.

25           Section 2.   This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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28                                   SENATE SUMMARY

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30           Authorizes school districts to opt out of the  
31           restrictions applied to allocations for formula-funded  
          categorical programs and to use such funds at their  
          discretion.