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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to public school performance-based
3 funding; providing funding to school districts based on
4 performance or improvement as measured by the FCAT;
5 providing for calculation of awards; providing for use of
6 funds; providing appropriations; providing an effective
7 date.

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

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11 Section 1. Performance-based FCAT funding.--As of July 1,
12 2003, results are reported for each of the FCAT tests for
13 reading and mathematics at each grade level 3 through 10. For
14 purposes of this section, this results in a total of 16
15 categories in which school districts may receive performance
16 and/or improvement funds based on the achievement of their
17 students in the testing categories of the FCAT.

18 (1) School districts shall be recognized for their
19 accomplishment in attaining the highest performance scores, as
20 determined by mean scale score, in each of the 16 FCAT
21 categories. Upon ranking all the school districts in the state
22 to reflect the highest performance in each of the 16 categories
23 of the FCAT, the top 10 school districts in each category shall
24 be allocated an amount of money based on the outstanding
25 performance of their students. The calculation for individual
26 school district awards shall be calculated pursuant to
27 subsection (3).

28 (2) School districts shall be recognized for their
29 accomplishment in gaining the highest improvement in performance
30 scores, as determined by mean scale score, in each of the 16



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31 FCAT categories. Upon ranking all the school districts in the
32 state to reflect the highest improvement in each of the 16
33 categories of FCAT testing, the top 10 school districts in each
34 category shall be allocated an amount of money based on the
35 outstanding improvement of their students. The calculation for
36 individual school district awards shall be calculated pursuant
37 to subsection (3).

38 (3) Total unweighted FTE shall be used as the basis for
39 purposes of calculating the awards for each qualifying school
40 district. For each of subsections (1) and (2), the number of
41 FTE from the previous year shall be determined for the top 10
42 school districts in each of the 16 categories. The calculation
43 of a dollar amount per FTE shall be performed to determine a
44 share value of each FTE and specific allocation for each school
45 district. The calculation shall be as follows: the school
46 district placing tenth in a category shall receive one share per
47 FTE; the school district placing ninth in a category shall
48 receive two shares per FTE; the school district placing eighth
49 in a category shall receive three shares per FTE; the school
50 district placing seventh in a category shall receive four shares
51 per FTE; the school district placing sixth in a category shall
52 receive five shares per FTE; the school district placing fifth
53 in a category shall receive six shares per FTE; the school
54 district placing fourth in a category shall receive seven shares
55 per FTE; the school district placing third in a category shall
56 receive eight shares per FTE; the school district placing second
57 in a category shall receive nine shares per FTE; and the school
58 district placing first in a category shall receive ten shares
59 per FTE. Once the total number of FTE shares required for each
60 of the two performance-based incentives pursuant to subsections



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61 (1) and (2) is determined, that number shall be divided into the
62 respective appropriation to determine a dollar value per FTE
63 share for each of the two performance-based incentives. The
64 calculation of the dollar value per FTE share for subsections
65 (1) and (2) shall be performed independently of one another.
66 The two per FTE dollar values shall be used in calculating the
67 awards for each of the 16 categories for subsections (1) and
68 (2). Final allocations from the Department of Education to
69 school districts shall be determined by totaling award dollars
70 from both performance-based incentives by school district.

71 (4) Performance or improvement funds earned pursuant to
72 this section shall be utilized in support of supplemental
73 academic instruction programs.

74 (5) Nothing in this section shall preclude school
75 districts from earning additional dollars for enhancement,
76 performance, or improvement as provided elsewhere by law.

77 Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from the General
78 Revenue Fund to the Department of Education for fiscal year
79 2003-2004 the sum of \$25 million to implement the provisions of
80 subsection (1) of section 1 of this act and \$25 million to
81 implement the provisions of subsection (2) of section 1 of this
82 act.

83 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.