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Representative Kosmas offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (483919) with title amendment

Remove line(s) 3994-4045, and insert:

1011.63 Better educated students and teachers (BEST)

Florida teaching categorical fund.--

(1) The Better Educated Students and Teachers (BEST)

Florida teaching categorical fund is created to provide funding for improved salaries for instructional personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a)-(d), in the K-12 public school system. For purposes of this section, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind shall be considered a school district. Each school district shall use these funds to provide salary improvements to instructional personnel who received a satisfactory performance review, pursuant to s. 1012.34, during the previous school year. These funds may be used for salary improvements, including, but not limited to, beginning teacher pay, recruiting critical

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28 shortage area teachers, recruiting teachers to low-performing
29 schools, and providing performance pay as required by s.
30 1012.22. In 2004-2005, these funds may also be used for the
31 salary career ladder for classroom teachers as specified in s.
32 1012.231(2).

33 (2) The Department of Education shall distribute to each
34 school district an amount as prescribed annually for the BEST
35 Florida teaching categorical fund, as prescribed in the General
36 Appropriations Act.

37 (3) For the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the sum of \$315,000,000
38 is appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions
39 of this section.

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TITLE AMENDMENT

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Remove line(s) 4975-4977, and insert:

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career ladder; providing for allocation to school districts and
46 use of funds; providing an appropriation; amending s. 1012.05,
47 F.S.; requiring the Department