

By Senator Cowin

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to education; creating s.  
 3           1007.273, F.S.; authorizing the Commissioner of  
 4           Education to encourage the use of accelerated  
 5           education mechanisms, including dual  
 6           enrollment, to help achieve class-size  
 7           reduction; requiring the commissioner to  
 8           include in his budget request specified funds  
 9           for community colleges; requiring the  
 10          commissioner to submit an annual report to the  
 11          Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

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 15           Section 1. Section 1007.273, Florida Statutes, is  
 16          created to read:

17                 1007.273 Accelerated education to assist in class-size  
 18                 reduction.--

19                 (1) In an effort to assist in class-size reduction,  
 20                 the Commissioner of Education is authorized to encourage the  
 21                 use of accelerated education mechanisms, including dual  
 22                 enrollment as authorized under ss. 1007.271 and 1007.272. The  
 23                 commissioner shall include in his budget request funds for  
 24                 community colleges, including:

25                 (a) Weighted full-time-equivalent funding for  
 26                 college-credit and vocational dual enrollment courses offered  
 27                 by community colleges. The Articulation Coordinating Committee  
 28                 of the department shall provide recommendations for weighted  
 29                 funding to the commissioner.

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