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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to education; creating s. 1007.273, F.S.; authorizing the Commissioner of 3 4 Education to encourage the use of accelerated education mechanisms, including dual 5 enrollment, to help achieve class-size 6 7 reduction; requiring the commissioner to include in his budget request specified funds 8 9 for community colleges; requiring the commissioner to submit an annual report to the 10 Legislature; providing an effective date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 Section 1. Section 1007.273, Florida Statutes, is 15 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 community colleges, including: 24 25 (a) Weighted full-time-equivalent funding for college-credit and vocational dual enrollment courses offered 26 27 by community colleges. The Articulation Coordinating Committee 28 of the department shall provide recommendations for weighted 29 funding to the commissioner. 30 31

1	(b) Funding to reimburse the community college for the
2	tuition and laboratory fees for dual enrollment and vocational
3	dual enrollment students.
4	(c) Vouchers to cover the cost of instructional
5	materials for home education students.
6	(2) The Commissioner of Education shall submit to the
7	Legislature an annual report on the performance of students in
8	accelerated education. The report must include, but need not
9	be limited to, information on grade point averages, retention,
10	credits earned, demographic characteristics of students
11	served, and other measures that the commissioner considers
12	relevant.
13	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
14	law.
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