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See HB 1263

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

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

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

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

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

1 of the 16 FCAT categories. Upon ranking all the school  
2 districts in the state to reflect the highest improvement in  
3 each of the 16 categories of FCAT testing, the top 10 school  
4 districts in each category shall be allocated an amount of  
5 money based on the outstanding improvement of their students.  
6 The calculation for individual school district awards shall be  
7 calculated pursuant to subsection (3).

8 (3) Total unweighted FTE shall be used as the basis  
9 for purposes of calculating the awards for each qualifying  
10 school district. For each of subsections (1) and (2), the  
11 number of FTE from the previous year shall be determined for  
12 the top 10 school districts in each of the 16 categories. The  
13 calculation of a dollar amount per FTE shall be performed to  
14 determine a share value of each FTE and specific allocation  
15 for each school district. The calculation shall be as follows:  
16 the school district placing tenth in a category shall receive  
17 one share per FTE; the school district placing ninth in a  
18 category shall receive two shares per FTE; the school district  
19 placing eighth in a category shall receive three shares per  
20 FTE; the school district placing seventh in a category shall  
21 receive four shares per FTE; the school district placing sixth  
22 in a category shall receive five shares per FTE; the school  
23 district placing fifth in a category shall receive six shares  
24 per FTE; the school district placing fourth in a category  
25 shall receive seven shares per FTE; the school district  
26 placing third in a category shall receive eight shares per  
27 FTE; the school district placing second in a category shall  
28 receive nine shares per FTE; and the school district placing  
29 first in a category shall receive ten shares per FTE. Once the  
30 total number of FTE shares required for each of the two  
31 performance-based incentives pursuant to subsections (1) and

1 (2) is determined, that number shall be divided into the  
2 respective appropriation to determine a dollar value per FTE  
3 share for each of the two performance-based incentives. The  
4 calculation of the dollar value per FTE share for subsections  
5 (1) and (2) shall be performed independently of one another.  
6 The two per FTE dollar values shall be used in calculating the  
7 awards for each of the 16 categories for subsections (1) and  
8 (2). Final allocations from the Department of Education to  
9 school districts shall be determined by totaling award dollars  
10 from both performance-based incentives by school district.

11 (4) Performance or improvement funds earned pursuant  
12 to this section shall be utilized in support of supplemental  
13 academic instruction programs.

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

17 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General  
18 Revenue Fund to the Department of Education for fiscal year  
19 2003-2004 the sum of \$25 million to implement the provisions  
20 of subsection (1) of section 1 of this act and \$25 million to  
21 implement the provisions of subsection (2) of section 1 of  
22 this act.

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