

By Senator Wilson

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to requiring the Department of  
3           Education to award grants to public school  
4           districts to implement school-based AIDS  
5           educational activities; providing for the grant  
6           awards to be made from funds appropriated by  
7           the Legislature; specifying requirements for  
8           grant proposals by school districts; requiring  
9           that the department consider specified factors  
10          in awarding grants; requiring school districts  
11          that receive a grant to file an annual report  
12          with the department; providing an effective  
13          date.

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

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17           Section 1. School-based AIDS education incentive  
18 grants.--

19           (1) Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, from  
20 funds appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose, the  
21 Department of Education shall award grants on a competitive  
22 basis to public school districts wishing to implement AIDS  
23 education activities pursuant to this section. The grants  
24 shall be awarded annually by October 1 of each year.

25           (2) A school district may apply for a school-based  
26 AIDS education incentive grant by submitting a grant proposal  
27 to the department by August 1 of each year on forms prescribed  
28 by the department. In order to be considered for funding, the  
29 grant proposal must include at least the following information  
30 and assurances:

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1           (a) A detailed description of the program to be  
2 implemented, including a statement of program objectives,  
3 activities, target population, number of students to be  
4 served, and identification of all education, community agency,  
5 private sector, or other personnel and resources involved in  
6 program development and implementation.

7           (b) Assurance that parent and guardians will be  
8 involved in the development and implementation of the program.

9           (c) A detailed program budget.

10           (d) Measures for evaluating the effectiveness of the  
11 program, including outcomes.

12           (3) The department shall consider the following  
13 factors in awarding grants under this section:

14           (a) The HIV/AIDS, STD, and teenage pregnancy rates  
15 within the geographic area to be served by the program. Those  
16 geographic areas with high HIV/AIDS, STD, or teenage pregnancy  
17 rates shall have priority for selection.

18           (b) The qualifications and training of personnel who  
19 will be responsible for program administration and classroom  
20 implementation.

21           (c) The extent to which the program will be  
22 coordinated with the existing school comprehensive health  
23 education program.

24           (d) The potential outcome effectiveness of the  
25 program.

26           (e) The degree to which the program's objectives and  
27 activities are consistent with the goals of this section.

28           (4) The department shall make available to each school  
29 district applying for a school-based AIDS education incentive  
30 grant information on all of the criteria used by the  
31 department in selecting the proposals for funding.

