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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Simmons offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove line(s) 290-319 and insert:

5 Section 7. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) and paragraph
6 (a) of subsection (4) of section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are
7 amended to read:

8 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.--If the annual
9 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
10 district for operation of schools is not determined in the
11 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
12 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
13 follows:

14 (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR
15 OPERATION.--The following procedure shall be followed in

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16 determining the annual allocation to each district for
17 operation:

18 (h) Small, isolated high schools.--Districts which levy
19 the maximum nonvoted discretionary millage, exclusive of millage
20 for capital outlay purposes levied pursuant to s. 1011.71(2),
21 may calculate full-time equivalent students for small, isolated
22 high schools by multiplying the number of unweighted full-time
23 equivalent students times 2.75; provided the school attained a
24 state accountability performance grade of "C" or better for the
25 previous school year ~~percentage of students at such school~~
26 ~~passing both parts of the high school competency test, as~~
27 ~~defined by law and rule, has been equal to or higher than such~~
28 ~~percentage for the state or district, whichever is greater.~~ For
29 the purpose of this section, the term "small, isolated high
30 school" means any high school which is located no less than 28
31 miles by the shortest route from another high school; which has
32 been serving students primarily in basic studies provided by
33 sub-subparagraphs (c)1.b. and c. and may include subparagraph
34 (c)4.; and which has a membership of no more than 100 students,
35 but no fewer than 28 students, in grades 9 through 12.

36 (4) COMPUTATION OF DISTRICT REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT.--The
37 Legislature shall prescribe the aggregate required local effort
38 for all school districts collectively as an item in the General
39 Appropriations Act for each fiscal year. The amount that each
40 district shall provide annually toward the cost of the Florida
41 Education Finance Program for kindergarten through grade 12
42 programs shall be calculated as follows:

43 (a) Estimated taxable value calculations.--

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44 1.a. Not later than 2 working days prior to July 19, the
45 Department of Revenue shall certify to the Commissioner of
46 Education its most recent estimate of the taxable value for
47 school purposes in each school district and the total for all
48 school districts in the state for the current calendar year
49 based on the latest available data obtained from the local
50 property appraisers. Not later than July 19, the Commissioner of
51 Education shall compute a millage rate, adjusted pursuant to
52 sub-subparagraph b. and paragraph (c), rounded to the next
53 highest one one-thousandth of a mill, which, when applied to 95
54 percent of the estimated state total taxable value for school
55 purposes, would generate the prescribed aggregate required local
56 effort for that year for all districts. The greater of such
57 millage rate or the prior year's millage rate as calculated
58 pursuant to this subparagraph and paragraph (c) shall be
59 certified by the Commissioner of Education ~~shall certify to each~~
60 ~~district school board the millage rate, computed as prescribed~~
61 ~~in this subparagraph,~~ as the minimum millage rate necessary to
62 provide the district required local effort for that year.

63 b. The General Appropriations Act shall direct the
64 computation of the statewide adjusted aggregate amount for
65 required local effort for all school districts collectively from
66 ad valorem taxes to ensure that no school district's revenue
67 from required local effort millage will produce more than 90
68 percent of the district's total Florida Education Finance
69 Program calculation, and the adjustment of the required local
70 effort millage rate of each district that produces more than 90
71 percent of its total Florida Education Finance Program

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72 entitlement to a level that will produce only 90 percent of its
73 total Florida Education Finance Program entitlement in the July
74 calculation.

75 2. As revised data are received from property appraisers,
76 the Department of Revenue shall amend the certification of the
77 estimate of the taxable value for school purposes. The
78 Commissioner of Education, in administering the provisions of
79 subparagraph (9)(a)2., shall use the most recent taxable value
80 for the appropriate year.

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82 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

83 Remove line(s) 18 and insert:
84 multiplier; revising provisions relating to computation of
85 district required local effort; creating s. 1011.63, F.S.;
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