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2 An act relating to education funding; amending s. 24.121, F.S.; requiring school districts to establish certain 3 4 policies and procedures relating to lottery fund 5 enhancements; providing a tax credit cap with respect to б contributions to nonprofit scholarship-funding 7 organizations; amending s. 1000.21, F.S.; redesignating 8 specified community colleges as colleges; amending s. 9 1002.32, F.S.; exempting lab schools from the payment of overhead or indirect costs; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; 10 11 authorizing outsourcing of statewide assessment program activities; allowing for contracts extending into two 12 13 fiscal years; amending s. 1009.23, F.S.; requiring 14 identical fees for certain community college students 15 taking a specific course; amending s. 1011.57, F.S.; prohibiting out-of-state fee waivers by the Florida School 16 17 for the Deaf and the Blind; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; 18 revising eligibility requirement for use of the small, isolated high school multiplier; revising provisions 19 20 relating to adjustments of allocations; creating s. 1011.63, F.S.; prohibiting reporting for state funding for 21 22 purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program of courses or programs fully funded externally; amending s. 23 1011.66, F.S.; setting forth the method and timing of 24 distributing Florida Education Finance Program funds; 25 amending s. 1011.67, F.S.; setting forth the method and 26 27 timing of distributing funds for instructional materials; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; prohibiting reporting for state 28 29 funding of courses or programs fully funded externally;

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30	amending s. 1011.84, F.S.; providing reporting
31	requirements with respect to inmate education provided by
32	community colleges; directing that inmates not be included
33	in FTE student enrollment for funding through the
34	Community College Program Fund; prohibiting reporting for
35	state funding of courses or programs fully funded
36	externally; amending s. 1012.05, F.S.; authorizing the
37	Department of Education to collect registration and booth
38	fees for a job fair; authorizing certain uses for such
39	funds; amending s. 1012.72, F.S.; authorizing the use of
40	Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program funds for certain
41	purposes; authorizing Florida State University to
42	construct a classroom building; providing an effective
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45	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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47	Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (5) of
48	section 24.121, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
49	24.121 Allocation of revenues and expenditure of funds for
50	public education
51	(5)(a) Public educational programs and purposes funded by
52	the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund may include, but are not
53	limited to, endowment, scholarship, matching funds, direct
54	grants, research and economic development related to education,
55	salary enhancement, contracts with independent institutions to
56	conduct programs consistent with the state master plan for
57	postsecondary education, or any other educational program or
58	purpose deemed desirable by the Legislature. <u>Prior to the</u>
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HB 1867, Engrossed 2200459expenditure of these funds, each school district shall establish60policies and procedures that define enhancement and the types of61expenditures consistent with that definition.

A portion of such net revenues, as determined annually 62 (C) 63 by the Legislature, shall be distributed to each school district and shall be made available to each public school in the 64 65 district for enhancing school performance through development 66 and implementation of a school improvement plan pursuant to s. 1001.42(16). A portion of these moneys, as determined annually 67 in the General Appropriations Act, must be allocated to each 68 69 school in an equal amount for each student enrolled. These 70 moneys may be expended only on programs or projects selected by 71 the school advisory council or by a parent advisory committee 72 created pursuant to this paragraph. If a school does not have a school advisory council, the district advisory council must 73 74 appoint a parent advisory committee composed of parents of students enrolled in that school, which committee is 75 76 representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic community 77 served by the school, to advise the school's principal on the 78 programs or projects to be funded. Neither school district staff 79 nor principals A principal may not override the recommendations 80 of the school advisory council or the parent advisory committee. These moneys may not be used for capital improvements, nor may 81 82 they be used for any project or program that has a duration of 83 more than 1 year; however, a school advisory council or parent 84 advisory committee may independently determine that a program or 85 project formerly funded under this paragraph should receive 86 funds in a subsequent year.

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Section 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 220.187,

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88	Florida Statutes, the total amount of tax credits and
89	carryforward tax credits that may be granted for the 2004-2005
90	fiscal year under that section for contributions to nonprofit
91	scholarship-funding organizations is \$50 million.
92	Section 3. Paragraphs (d), (f), (o), and (q) of subsection
93	(3) of section 1000.21, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
94	1000.21 Systemwide definitionsAs used in the Florida K-
95	20 Education Code:
96	(3) "Community college," except as otherwise specifically
97	provided, includes the following institutions and any branch
98	campuses, centers, or other affiliates of the institution:
99	(d) Chipola <del>Junior</del> College.
100	(f) Edison <del>Community</del> College.
101	(o) <u>Miami Dade</u> Miami-Dade Community College.
102	(q) Okaloosa-Walton <del>Community</del> College.
103	Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (9) of section
104	1002.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
105	1002.32 Developmental research (laboratory) schools
106	(9) FUNDINGFunding for a lab school, including a
107	charter lab school, shall be provided as follows:
108	(c) All operating funds provided under this section shall
109	be deposited in a Lab School Trust Fund and shall be expended
110	for the purposes of this section. The university assigned a lab
111	school shall be the fiscal agent for these funds, and all rules
112	of the university governing the budgeting and expenditure of
113	state funds shall apply to these funds unless otherwise provided
114	by law or rule of the State Board of Education. The university
115	board of trustees shall be the public employer of lab school
116	personnel for collective bargaining purposes for lab schools in

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117	HB 1867, Engrossed 2 2004 operation prior to the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Employees of
118	charter lab schools authorized prior to June 1, 2003, but not in
119	operation prior to the 2002-2003 fiscal year shall be employees
120	of the entity holding the charter and must comply with the
121	provisions of s. 1002.33(12). Lab schools are not subject to the
122	payment of overhead or indirect costs as described in s.
123	216.346.
124	Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 1008.22, Florida
125	Statutes, is amended to read:
126	1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools
127	(3) STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAMThe commissioner shall
128	design and implement a statewide program of educational
129	assessment that provides information for the improvement of the
130	operation and management of the public schools, including
131	schools operating for the purpose of providing educational
132	services to youth in Department of Juvenile Justice programs.
133	The commissioner may enter into contracts for the continued
134	administration of the assessment, testing, and evaluation
135	programs authorized and funded by the Legislature. Contracts may
136	be initiated in one fiscal year and continue into the next and
137	may be paid from the appropriations of either or both fiscal
138	years. The commissioner is authorized to negotiate for the sale
139	or lease of tests, scoring protocols, test scoring services, and
140	related materials developed pursuant to law. Pursuant to the
141	statewide assessment program, the commissioner shall:
142	(a) Submit to the State Board of Education a list that
143	specifies student skills and competencies to which the goals for
144	education specified in the state plan apply, including, but not
145	limited to, reading, writing, science, and mathematics. The
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146 skills and competencies must include problem-solving and higher-147 order skills as appropriate and shall be known as the Sunshine State Standards as defined in s. 1000.21. The commissioner shall 148 select such skills and competencies after receiving 149 150 recommendations from educators, citizens, and members of the 151 business community. The commissioner shall submit to the State 152 Board of Education revisions to the list of student skills and 153 competencies in order to maintain continuous progress toward 154 improvements in student proficiency.

(b) Develop and implement a uniform system of indicators to describe the performance of public school students and the characteristics of the public school districts and the public schools. These indicators must include, without limitation, information gathered by the comprehensive management information system created pursuant to s. 1008.385 and student achievement information obtained pursuant to this section.

(c) Develop and implement a student achievement testing program known as the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) as part of the statewide assessment program, to be administered annually in grades 3 through 10 to measure reading, writing, science, and mathematics. Other content areas may be included as directed by the commissioner. The testing program must be designed so that:

169 1. The tests measure student skills and competencies 170 adopted by the State Board of Education as specified in 171 paragraph (a). The tests must measure and report student 172 proficiency levels in reading, writing, mathematics, and 173 science. The commissioner shall provide for the tests to be 174 developed or obtained, as appropriate, through contracts and

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175 project agreements with private vendors, public vendors, public 176 agencies, postsecondary educational institutions, or school 177 districts. The commissioner shall obtain input with respect to 178 the design and implementation of the testing program from state 179 educators and the public.

180 2. The testing program will include a combination of norm-181 referenced and criterion-referenced tests and include, to the 182 extent determined by the commissioner, questions that require 183 the student to produce information or perform tasks in such a 184 way that the skills and competencies he or she uses can be 185 measured.

186 3. Each testing program, whether at the elementary, 187 middle, or high school level, includes a test of writing in 188 which students are required to produce writings that are then 189 scored by appropriate methods.

4. A score is designated for each subject area tested,
below which score a student's performance is deemed inadequate.
The school districts shall provide appropriate remedial
instruction to students who score below these levels.

194 Except as provided in s. 1003.43(11)(b), students must 5. earn a passing score on the grade 10 assessment test described 195 196 in this paragraph or on an alternate assessment as described in 197 subsection (9) in reading, writing, and mathematics to qualify for a regular high school diploma. The State Board of Education 198 shall designate a passing score for each part of the grade 10 199 200 assessment test. In establishing passing scores, the state board 201 shall consider any possible negative impact of the test on 202 minority students. All students who took the grade 10 FCAT 203 during the 2000-2001 school year shall be required to earn the

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HB 1867, Engrossed 2 2004 204 passing scores in reading and mathematics established by the 205 State Board of Education for the March 2001 test administration. 206 Such students who did not earn the established passing scores 207 and must repeat the grade 10 FCAT are required to earn the 208 passing scores established for the March 2001 test 209 administration. All students who take the grade 10 FCAT for the 210 first time in March 2002 and thereafter shall be required to 211 earn the passing scores in reading and mathematics established 212 by the State Board of Education for the March 2002 test 213 administration. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules which specify the passing scores for the grade 10 FCAT. Any such 214 215 rules, which have the effect of raising the required passing scores, shall only apply to students taking the grade 10 FCAT 216 217 after such rules are adopted by the State Board of Education.

218 6. Participation in the testing program is mandatory for 219 all students attending public school, including students served 220 in Department of Juvenile Justice programs, except as otherwise 221 prescribed by the commissioner. If a student does not participate in the statewide assessment, the district must 222 223 notify the student's parent and provide the parent with 224 information regarding the implications of such nonparticipation. If modifications are made in the student's instruction to 225 provide accommodations that would not be permitted on the 226 227 statewide assessment tests, the district must notify the 228 student's parent of the implications of such instructional 229 modifications. A parent must provide signed consent for a 230 student to receive instructional modifications that would not be 231 permitted on the statewide assessments and must acknowledge in 232 writing that he or she understands the implications of such

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HB 1867, Engrossed 2 233 accommodations. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules, 234 based upon recommendations of the commissioner, for the provision of test accommodations and modifications of procedures 235 as necessary for students in exceptional education programs and 236 for students who have limited English proficiency. 237 238 Accommodations that negate the validity of a statewide 239 assessment are not allowable.

240 7. A student seeking an adult high school diploma must 241 meet the same testing requirements that a regular high school student must meet. 242

District school boards must provide instruction to 243 8. 244 prepare students to demonstrate proficiency in the skills and 245 competencies necessary for successful grade-to-grade progression 246 and high school graduation. If a student is provided with 247 accommodations or modifications that are not allowable in the 248 statewide assessment program, as described in the test manuals, 249 the district must inform the parent in writing and must provide 250 the parent with information regarding the impact on the 251 student's ability to meet expected proficiency levels in 252 reading, writing, and math. The commissioner shall conduct 253 studies as necessary to verify that the required skills and 254 competencies are part of the district instructional programs.

255 The Department of Education must develop, or select, 9. 256 and implement a common battery of assessment tools that will be 257 used in all juvenile justice programs in the state. These tools 258 must accurately measure the skills and competencies established in the Florida Sunshine State Standards. 259

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The commissioner may design and implement student testing

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HB 1867, Engrossed 2 2004 262 programs, for any grade level and subject area, necessary to 263 effectively monitor educational achievement in the state. 264 Conduct ongoing research to develop improved methods (d) 265 of assessing student performance, including, without limitation, 266 the use of technology to administer tests, score, or report the results of, the use of electronic transfer of data, the 267 268 development of work-product assessments, and the development of 269 process assessments. 270 (e) Conduct ongoing research and analysis of student 271 achievement data, including, without limitation, monitoring 272 trends in student achievement, identifying school programs that 273 are successful, and analyzing correlates of school achievement. 274 Provide technical assistance to school districts in (f) 275 the implementation of state and district testing programs and 276 the use of the data produced pursuant to such programs. 277 Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 1009.23, Florida 278 Statutes, is amended to read: 279 1009.23 Community college student fees. --280 All students shall be charged fees except students who (2) 281 are exempt from fees or students whose fees are waived. 282 Identical fees shall be required for all community college 283 resident students within a college who take a specific course, 284 regardless of the program in which they are enrolled. 285 Section 7. Subsection (5) is added to section 1011.57, 286 Florida Statutes, to read: 1011.57 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind; board 287 288 of trustees; management flexibility.--289 The board of trustees and administration of the (5) 290 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind shall not authorize

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291 fee waivers for out-of-state students.

292 Section 8. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) and paragraph 293 (b) of subsection (9) of section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are 294 amended to read:

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

301 (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR 302 OPERATION.--The following procedure shall be followed in 303 determining the annual allocation to each district for 304 operation:

305 Small, isolated high schools. -- Districts which levy (h) 306 the maximum nonvoted discretionary millage, exclusive of millage 307 for capital outlay purposes levied pursuant to s. 1011.71(2), 308 may calculate full-time equivalent students for small, isolated 309 high schools by multiplying the number of unweighted full-time 310 equivalent students times 2.75; provided the school attained a 311 state accountability performance grade of "C" or better for the 312 previous school year percentage of students at such school 313 passing both parts of the high school competency test, as 314 defined by law and rule, has been equal to or higher than such 315 percentage for the state or district, whichever is greater. For 316 the purpose of this section, the term "small, isolated high 317 school" means any high school which is located no less than 28 318 miles by the shortest route from another high school; which has 319 been serving students primarily in basic studies provided by

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sub-subparagraphs (c)1.b. and c. and may include subparagraph
(c)4.; and which has a membership of no more than 100 students,
but no fewer than 28 students, in grades 9 through 12.

323 (9) TOTAL ALLOCATION OF STATE FUNDS TO EACH DISTRICT FOR 324 CURRENT OPERATION.--The total annual state allocation to each 325 district for current operation for the FEFP shall be distributed 326 periodically in the manner prescribed in the General 327 Appropriations Act.

(b) The amount thus obtained shall be the net annual 328 329 allocation to each school district. However, if it is determined 330 that any school district received an underallocation or 331 overallocation for any prior year because of an arithmetical 332 error, assessment roll change, full-time equivalent student 333 membership error, or any allocation error revealed in an audit 334 report, the allocation to that district shall be appropriately 335 adjusted. Beginning with audits for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, 336 if the adjustment is the result of an audit finding in which 337 group 2 FTE are reclassified to the basic program and the district weighted FTE are over the weighted enrollment ceiling 338 339 for group 2 programs, the adjustment shall not result in a gain of state funds to the district. If the Department of Education 340 341 audit adjustment recommendation is based upon controverted findings of fact, the Commissioner of Education is authorized to 342 343 establish the amount of the adjustment based on the best interests of the state. 344

345 Section 9. Section 1011.63, Florida Statutes, is created 346 to read:

3471011.63 Reporting for state funding; prohibition.--When a348public educational institution has been fully funded by an

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HB 1867, Engrossed 22004349external agency for direct instructional costs of any course or350program, the FTE generated shall not be reported for state351funding for purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program.352Section 10. Section 1011.66, Florida Statutes, is amended353to read:3541011.661011.66Distribution of FEFP funds in first quarter.--The

355 distribution of FEFP funds shall be made in payments on or about 356 the 10th and 26th of each month. Upon the request of any school 357 district whose net state FEFP funding is less than 60 percent of 358 its gross state and local FEFP funding, the Department of 359 Education shall distribute to that school district in the first quarter of the fiscal year an amount from the funds appropriated 360 361 for the FEFP in the General Appropriations Act up to a maximum 362 of 15 percent of that school district's gross state and local 363 FEFP funding or that school district's net state FEFP funding, 364 whichever is less.

365 Section 11. Section 1011.67, Florida Statutes, is amended 366 to read:

367 1011.67 Funds for instructional materials.--The department 368 is authorized to allocate and distribute to each district an 369 amount as prescribed annually by the Legislature for instructional materials for student membership in basic and 370 special programs in grades K-12, which will provide for growth 371 372 and maintenance needs. For purposes of this section, unweighted 373 full-time equivalent students enrolled in the lab schools in 374 state universities are to be included as school district 375 students and reported as such to the department. These funds 376 shall be distributed to school districts as follows: 50 percent 377 on or about July 10; 35 percent on or about October 10; 10

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HB 1867, Engrossed 22004378percent on or about January 10; and 5 percent on or about June37910. The annual allocation shall be determined as follows:380(1) The growth allocation for each school district shall381be calculated as follows:

(a) Subtract from that district's projected full-time
equivalent membership of students in basic and special programs
in grades K-12 used in determining the initial allocation of the
Florida Education Finance Program, the prior year's full-time
equivalent membership of students in basic and special programs
in grades K-12 for that district.

(b) Multiply any such increase in full-time equivalent
student membership by the allocation for a set of instructional
materials, as determined by the department, or as provided for
in the General Appropriations Act.

(c) The amount thus determined shall be that district's initial allocation for growth for the school year. However, the department shall recompute and adjust the initial allocation based on actual full-time equivalent student membership data for that year.

The maintenance of the instructional materials 397 (2) 398 allocation for each school district shall be calculated by 399 multiplying each district's prior year full-time equivalent 400 membership of students in basic and special programs in grades 401 K-12 by the allocation for maintenance of a set of instructional 402 materials as provided for in the General Appropriations Act. The amount thus determined shall be that district's initial 403 404 allocation for maintenance for the school year; however, the 405 department shall recompute and adjust the initial allocation 406 based on such actual full-time equivalent student membership

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409 for the purpose of implementing this section in full, the department shall prorate the funds available for instructional 410 411 materials after first funding in full each district's growth 412 allocation.

413 Section 12. Subsection (5) of section 1011.80, Florida 414 Statutes, is amended to read:

415 1011.80 Funds for operation of adult technical education 416 programs. --

417 State funding and student fees for workforce (5) 418 development instruction funded through the Workforce Development 419 Education Fund shall be established as follows:

420 (a) For a continuing workforce education course, state 421 funding shall equal 50 percent of the cost of instruction, with 422 student fees, business support, quick-response training funds, 423 or other means making up the remaining 50 percent.

424 (b) For all other workforce development education funded 425 through the Workforce Development Education Fund, state funding 426 shall equal 75 percent of the average cost of instruction with 427 the remaining 25 percent made up from student fees. Fees for 428 courses within a program shall not vary according to the cost of 429 the individual program, but instead shall be based on a uniform 430 fee calculated and set at the state level, as adopted by the 431 State Board of Education, unless otherwise specified in the General Appropriations Act. 432

433 For fee-exempt students pursuant to s. 1009.25, unless (C) 434 otherwise provided for in law, state funding shall equal 100 435 percent of the average cost of instruction.

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436	HB 1867, Engrossed 2 (d) For a public educational institution that has been
437	fully funded by an external agency for direct instructional
438	costs of any course or program, the FTE generated shall not be
439	reported for state funding.
440	Section 13. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section
441	1011.84, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (g) and
442	new paragraphs (e) and (f) are added to said subsection to read:
443	1011.84 Procedure for determining state financial support
444	and annual apportionment of state funds to each community
445	college districtThe procedure for determining state financial
446	support and the annual apportionment to each community college
447	district authorized to operate a community college under the
448	provisions of s. 1001.61 shall be as follows:
449	(1) DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNITY
450	COLLEGE PROGRAM FUND FOR THE CURRENT OPERATING PROGRAM
451	(e) All state inmate education provided by community
452	colleges shall be reported by program, FTE expenditure, and
453	revenue source. These enrollments, expenditures, and revenues
454	shall be reported and projected separately. Instruction of state
455	inmates shall not be included in the full-time equivalent
456	student enrollment for funding through the Community College
457	Program Fund.
458	(f) When a public educational institution has been fully
459	funded by an external agency for direct instructional costs of
460	any course or program, the FTE generated shall not be reported
461	for state funding.
462	Section 14. Subsection (3) of section 1012.05, Florida
463	Statutes, is amended to read:
464	1012.05 Teacher recruitment and retention
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465	(3) The Department of Education, in cooperation with
466	district personnel offices, shall sponsor a job fair in a
467	central part of the state to match in-state educators and
468	potential educators and out-of-state educators and potential
469	educators with teaching opportunities in this state. <u>The</u>
470	Department of Education is authorized to collect a job fair
471	registration fee not to exceed \$20 per person and a booth fee
472	not to exceed \$250 per school district or other interested
473	participating organization. The revenue from the fees shall be
474	used to promote and operate the job fair. Funds may be used to
475	purchase promotional items such as mementos, awards, and
476	plaques.
477	Section 15. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of
478	section 1012.72, Florida Statutes, to read:
479	1012.72 Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program
480	(2) The Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program is created
481	to provide categorical funding for monetary incentives and
482	bonuses for teaching excellence. The Department of Education
483	shall distribute to each school district or to the NBPTS an

490 (e) The employer's share of social security and Medicare
 491 taxes and Florida Retirement System contributions for those
 492 teachers who qualify for NBPTS certification and receive bonus
 493 amounts.

the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind shall be

amount as prescribed annually by the Legislature for the Dale

Hickam Excellent Teaching Program. For purposes of this section,

considered a school district. Unless otherwise provided in the

General Appropriations Act, each distribution shall be the sum

of the amounts earned for the following incentives and bonuses:

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495 A teacher for whom the state pays the certification fee and who 496 does not complete the certification program or does not teach in 497 a public school of this state for at least 1 year after 498 completing the certification program must repay the amount of 499 the certification fee to the state. However, a teacher who 500 completes the certification program but fails to be awarded 501 NBPTS certification is not required to repay the amount of the 502 certification fee if the teacher meets the 1-year teaching 503 requirement. Repayment is not required of a teacher who does not 504 complete the certification program or fails to fulfill the 505 teaching requirement because of the teacher's death or 506 disability or because of other extenuating circumstances as 507 determined by the State Board of Education.

Section 16. <u>Notwithstanding the provisions of s.</u>
216.292(5)(d), Florida Statutes, and in order to implement
Specific Appropriation 156 and section 9 of the 2004-2005
General Appropriations Act, Florida State University is
authorized to construct a classroom building from the funding
received pursuant to the 2004-2005 General Appropriations Act.
Section 17. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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