

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to school capital outlay funding;
 3 establishing the High Growth District Capital Outlay
 4 Assistance Grant Program; providing for use of funds to
 5 construct new student stations; providing requirements for
 6 school district qualification for a grant; providing
 7 methodology for allocation of funds; 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. (1) Subject to funds provided in the General
 13 Appropriations Act, the High Growth District Capital Outlay
 14 Assistance Grant Program is hereby established. Funds provided
 15 pursuant to this section may only be used to construct new
 16 student stations.

17 (2) In order to qualify for a grant, a school district
 18 must meet the following criteria:

19 (a) The district must have levied the full 2 mills of
 20 nonvoted discretionary capital outlay millage authorized in s.
 21 1011.71(2), Florida Statutes, for each of the past 4 fiscal
 22 years.

23 (b) Fifty percent of the revenue derived from the 2-mill
 24 nonvoted discretionary capital outlay millage for the past 4
 25 fiscal years, when divided by the district's growth in capital
 26 outlay FTE students over this period, produces a value that is
 27 less than the average cost per student station calculated
 28 pursuant to s. 1013.72(2), Florida Statutes, and weighted by

29 statewide growth in capital outlay FTE students in elementary,
30 middle, and high schools for the past 4 fiscal years.

31 (c) The district must have equaled or exceeded twice the
32 statewide average of growth in capital outlay FTE students over
33 this same 4-year period.

34 (d) The Commissioner of Education must have released all
35 funds allocated to the district from the Classrooms First
36 Program authorized in s. 1013.68, Florida Statutes, and these
37 funds were fully expended by the district.

38 (e) The total capital outlay FTE students of the district
39 is greater than 15,000 students.

40 (3) The funds provided in the General Appropriations Act
41 shall be allocated pursuant to the following methodology:

42 (a) For each eligible district, the Department of
43 Education shall calculate the value of 50 percent of the revenue
44 derived from the 2-mill nonvoted discretionary capital outlay
45 millage for the past 4 fiscal years divided by the increase in
46 capital outlay FTE students for the same period.

47 (b) The Department of Education shall determine, for each
48 eligible district, the amount that must be added to the value
49 calculated pursuant to paragraph (a) to produce the weighted
50 average value per student station calculated pursuant to
51 paragraph (2)(b).

52 (c) The value calculated for each eligible district
53 pursuant to paragraph (b) shall be multiplied by the average
54 increase in capital outlay FTE students for the past 4 fiscal
55 years to determine the maximum amount of a grant that may be
56 awarded to a district pursuant to this section.

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57 (d) In the event the funds provided in the General
58 Appropriations Act are insufficient to fully fund the maximum
59 grants calculated pursuant to paragraph (c), the Department of
60 Education shall allocate the funds based on each district's
61 prorated share of the total maximum award amount calculated for
62 all eligible districts.

63 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.