1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to funds for the operation of schools;

3   amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising provisions relating to

4   the manner in which each school district's allocation of

5   sparsity supplement funds shall be adjusted; providing an

6   effective date.

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

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10   Section 1.   Subsection (6) of section 1011.62, Florida

11   Statutes, is amended to read:

12   1011.62   Funds for operation of schools.--If the annual

13   allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each

14   district for operation of schools is not determined in the

15   annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing

16   the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as

17   follows:

18   (6)   DETERMINATION OF SPARSITY SUPPLEMENT.--

19   (a)   Annually, in an amount to be determined by the

20   Legislature through the General Appropriations Act, there shall

21   be added to the basic amount for current operation of the FEFP

22   qualified districts a sparsity supplement which shall be

23   computed as follows:

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$$\text{Sparsity Factor} = \frac{1101.8918}{2700 + \text{district sparsity index}} - 0.1101$$

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26 except that districts with a sparsity index of 1,000 or less
27 shall be computed as having a sparsity index of 1,000, and
28 districts having a sparsity index of 7,308 and above shall be
29 computed as having a sparsity factor of zero. A qualified
30 district's full-time equivalent student membership shall equal
31 or be less than that prescribed annually by the Legislature in
32 the appropriations act. The amount prescribed annually by the
33 Legislature shall be no less than 17,000, but no more than
34 24,000.
35   (b) The district sparsity index shall be computed by
36 dividing the total number of full-time equivalent students in
37 all programs in the district by the number of senior high school
38 centers in the district, not in excess of three, which centers
39 are approved as permanent centers by a survey made by the
40 Department of Education.
41   (c) Each district's allocation of sparsity supplement
42 funds shall be adjusted in the following manner:
43   1. A maximum discretionary levy per FTE value for each
44 district shall be calculated by dividing the value of each
45 district's maximum discretionary levy by its FTE student count.÷
46   2. A state average discretionary levy value per FTE shall
47 be calculated by dividing the total maximum discretionary levy
48 value for all districts by the state total FTE student count.÷
49   3. A total potential funds per FTE for each district shall
50 be calculated by dividing the total potential funds, not
51 including minimum guarantee, for each district by its FTE
52 student count.

53   4. A state average total potential funds per FTE shall be

54 calculated by dividing the total potential funds, not including

55 minimum guarantee, for all districts by the state total FTE

56 student count.

57   5.3. For districts that have a levy value per FTE as

58 calculated in subparagraph 1. higher than the state average

59 calculated in subparagraph 2., a sparsity wealth adjustment

60 shall be calculated as the product of the difference between the

61 state average levy value per FTE calculated in subparagraph 2.

62 and the district's levy value per FTE calculated in subparagraph

63 1. and the district's FTE student count and -1. However, no

64 district shall have a sparsity wealth adjustment which, when

65 applied to the total potential funds in subparagraph 3., would

66 cause the district's total potential funds per FTE to be less

67 than the state average in subparagraph 4.÷

68   6.4. Each district's sparsity supplement allocation shall

69 be calculated by adding the amount calculated as specified in

70 paragraphs (a) and (b) and the wealth adjustment amount

71 calculated in this paragraph.

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