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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the state lottery; amending s. 24.115, F.S.; requiring that all unclaimed prize money from lottery tickets, except instant lottery tickets, be deposited in the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund; amending s. 24.121, F.S.; requiring that unclaimed prize money deposited in the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund be used only to provide funding for grades K-12 through the Florida Education Finance Program; amending s. 1010.70, F.S., relating to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, to conform; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 24.115, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

24.115 Payment of prizes.--

money from instant lottery tickets, shall be deposited in the

Educational Enhancement Trust Fund to be used to provide funding
for grades K-12 as provided in s. 24.121. Unclaimed prize money

(2) All unclaimed prize money, except unclaimed prize

from instant lottery tickets shall be added to the pool from

which future prizes are to be awarded or used for special prize promotions.

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 24.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

24.121 Allocation of revenues and expenditure of funds for public education.--

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Each fiscal year, at least 39 percent of the gross revenue from the sale of on-line lottery tickets, variable percentages of the gross revenue from the sale of instant lottery tickets as determined by the department consistent with subsection (1), unclaimed prize money, except unclaimed prize money from instant lottery tickets, and other earned revenue, excluding application processing fees, shall be deposited in the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury to be administered by the Department of Education. The Department of the Lottery shall transfer moneys to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund at least once each quarter. Funds in the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund shall be used to the benefit of public education in accordance with the provisions of this act, except for funds from unclaimed prize money, which shall be used only to provide funding for grades K-12 through the Florida Education Finance Program. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, lottery revenues transferred to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund shall be reserved as needed and used to meet the requirements of the documents authorizing the bonds issued by the state pursuant to s. 1013.68, s. 1013.70, or s. 1013.737 or distributed to school districts for the Classrooms First Program as provided in s. 1013.68. Such lottery revenues are hereby pledged to the payment of debt service on bonds issued by the state pursuant to s. 1013.68, s. 1013.70, or s. 1013.737. Debt service payable on bonds issued by the state pursuant to s. 1013.68, s. 1013.70, or s. 1013.737 shall be payable from, and is secured by a first lien on, the first lottery revenues transferred to the

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Educational Enhancement Trust Fund in each fiscal year. Amounts distributable to school districts that request the issuance of bonds pursuant to s. 1013.68(3) are hereby pledged to such bonds pursuant to s. 11(d), Art. VII of the State Constitution.

Section 3. Section 1010.70, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1010.70 Educational Enhancement Trust Fund.—Each fiscal year, at least 39 percent of the gross revenue from the sale of lottery tickets, variable percentages of the gross revenue from the sale of instant lottery tickets as determined by the department, unclaimed prize money, except unclaimed prize money from instant lottery tickets, and other earned revenue, excluding application processing fees, shall be deposited in the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund as provided in s. 24.121.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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