

Bill No. SB 2070

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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Wise) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 1013.64, Florida Statutes, to read:

1013.64 Funds for comprehensive educational plant needs; construction cost maximums for school district capital projects.--Allocations from the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund to the various boards for capital outlay projects shall be determined as follows:

(8)(a) Beginning with the 2007-2008 fiscal year, there is established the Increased Utilization Program which shall be funded as a part of the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund in an amount each year not to exceed 15 percent of the total funds appropriated under paragraph (3)(a). These funds shall be allocated by the commissioner to any school district according to the following formula: Any

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1 eligible school that increases its FTE facility capacity by at
 2 least 20 percent as a result of using an alternative,
 3 nontraditional calendar shall receive up to a maximum of \$250
 4 per each FTE generated within the school.

5 (b) To be eligible, a district school board must
 6 submit a resolution to the commissioner by August 1 of each
 7 fiscal year, beginning August 1, 2007, of its intent to
 8 participate in the Increased Utilization Program, listing each
 9 of the schools eligible during the prior fiscal year. The
 10 information listed for each school must include the maximum
 11 FTE capacity for the year as contained in the Florida
 12 Inventory of School Houses in the Office of Educational
 13 Facilities and the increase attributable to the alternative,
 14 nontraditional calendar. To be eligible, each individual
 15 school's FTE must exceed the maximum facility capacity during
 16 the fiscal year by at least 20 percent.

17 (c) Each school district qualifying for funding under
 18 this subsection may be paid up to \$250 per each FTE generated
 19 per eligible school for a maximum of 5 years if funds are
 20 available. If funds are insufficient during any fiscal year,
 21 the commissioner shall determine the pro rata amount.

22 (d) Funds received by a school district through the
 23 Increased Utilization Program shall be exempt from repayment
 24 of any project outstanding pursuant to subsection (2).

25 (e) All funds accruing to a school district under this
 26 subsection shall be allocated to the schools generating the
 27 increased capacity and shall be expended on needed projects as
 28 recommended in a survey under the rules of the state board.

29 (f) Overcrowding of a school or double session does
 30 not apply. In addition, students may not be assigned to
 31 instructional spaces contrary to the State Requirements for

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1 Educational Facilities.

2 Section 2. Paragraph (j) of subsection (3) of section
3 1003.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

4 1003.03 Maximum class size.--

5 (3) IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS.--District school boards
6 must consider, but are not limited to, implementing the
7 following items in order to meet the constitutional class size
8 maximums described in subsection (1) and the
9 two-student-per-year reduction required in subsection (2):

10 (j) Use alternative or ~~year-round schools and other~~
11 nontraditional calendars that do not adversely impact annual
12 assessment of student achievement.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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20 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to public school utilization;

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amending s. 1013.64, F.S.; establishing the

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Increased Utilization Program as a part of the

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Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt

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Service Trust Fund; providing a formula for

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allocation of funds to a school district that

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increases its FTE facility capacity; providing

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eligibility requirements and restrictions;

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amending s. 1003.03, F.S.; authorizing use of

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alternative, nontraditional school calendars

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2 size maximums; providing an effective date.
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