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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to requiring the Department of Education to award grants to public school districts to implement school-based AIDS educational activities; providing for the grant awards to be made from funds appropriated by the Legislature; specifying requirements for grant proposals by school districts; requiring that the department consider specified factors in awarding grants; requiring school districts that receive a grant to file an annual report with the department; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. School-based AIDS education incentive grants.--

(1) Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, from funds appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose, the Department of Education shall award grants on a competitive basis to public school districts wishing to implement AIDS education activities pursuant to this section. The grants shall be awarded annually by October 1 of each year.

(2) A school district may apply for a school-based AIDS education incentive grant by submitting a grant proposal to the department by August 1 of each year on forms prescribed by the department. In order to be considered for funding, the grant proposal must include at least the following information and assurances:

1 (a) A detailed description of the program to be
2 implemented, including a statement of program objectives,
3 activities, target population, number of students to be
4 served, and identification of all education programs,
5 community agencies, private-sector entities, or other
6 personnel and resources involved in program development and
7 implementation.

8 (b) Assurance that parents and guardians will be
9 involved in the development and implementation of the program.

10 (c) A detailed program budget.

11 (d) Measures for evaluating the effectiveness of the
12 program, including outcomes.

13 (3) The department shall consider the following
14 factors in awarding grants under this section:

15 (a) The HIV/AIDS, STD, and teenage pregnancy rates
16 within the geographic area to be served by the program. Those
17 geographic areas with high HIV/AIDS, STD, or teenage pregnancy
18 rates shall have priority for selection.

19 (b) The qualifications and training of personnel who
20 will be responsible for program administration and classroom
21 implementation.

22 (c) The extent to which the program will be
23 coordinated with the existing school comprehensive health
24 education program.

25 (d) The potential outcome effectiveness of the
26 program.

27 (e) The degree to which the program's objectives and
28 activities are consistent with the goals of this section.

29 (4) The department shall make available to each school
30 district applying for a school-based AIDS education incentive
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1 grant information on all of the criteria used by the
2 department in selecting the proposals for funding.

3 (5) Each school district that is awarded a grant under
4 this section must submit an annual report to the department
5 documenting the extent to which the program objectives are
6 being met.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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10 SENATE SUMMARY

11 Provides for the Department of Education to award AIDS
12 education incentive grants to school districts. Provides
13 requirements for grant proposals by school districts and
14 factors to be considered in awarding grants. Requires
15 school districts receiving a grant to submit an annual
16 report to the department.
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