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The Conference Committee on CS for CS for SB 450 recommended
the following amendment:

Conference Committee Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Section 1012.71, Florida Statutes, is
amended to read:

1012.71 The Florida Teachers Lead Program Stipend.--

(1) Funding for the Florida Teachers Lead Program

Stipend shall be as determined by the Legislature in the
General Appropriations Act. Funds appropriated for the Florida
Teachers Lead Program Stipend are provided to purchase
classroom materials and supplies used in the instruction of
students in prekindergarten ~~kindergarten~~ through grade 12 of
the public school system who are funded from the Florida
Education Finance Program, including public charter schools.

From the funds appropriated, the Commissioner of Education
shall calculate an amount for each school district by
prorating the total of each school district's share of the

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1 total ~~K-12~~ unweighted FTE student enrollment.

2 (2) From the funds allocated to each district, the
 3 district school board shall calculate an identical amount for
 4 each classroom teacher which is his or her proportionate share
 5 of the amount allocated to the district for the total number
 6 of teachers in the district, including teachers in public
 7 charter schools. A job-share classroom teacher may receive a
 8 prorated share of the amount provided to a full-time classroom
 9 teacher. The district school board and each charter school
 10 board shall provide the funds no later than September 30 of
 11 each year directly to each teacher as a stipend to purchase,
 12 on behalf of the school district or charter school, classroom
 13 materials and supplies to be used in the instruction of
 14 students assigned to the teacher. Each teacher shall have sole
 15 discretion regarding which classroom materials and supplies
 16 best meet the needs of the students, when they are needed, and
 17 where they are acquired. The funds expended by individual
 18 teachers shall not be subject to state or local competitive
 19 bidding requirements. Disbursement of Florida Teachers Lead
 20 Program Stipend funds directly to each teacher and to each
 21 charter school shall complete the school district's
 22 expenditure of these funds.

23 (3) Each teacher shall sign a statement acknowledging
 24 receipt of the funds, agreeing to keep receipts to show the
 25 expenditure of the funds used to purchase classroom materials
 26 and supplies for use in the instruction of the students
 27 assigned to them, and agreeing to return any unused funds by
 28 the end of the regular school year. The statement to be signed
 29 and dated by each teacher for receipt of the Florida Teachers
 30 Lead Program Stipend shall include the wording: "I, ...(Name
 31 of teacher)..., am employed by the County District School

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1 Board or by the (_____ Charter School) as a full-time
 2 classroom teacher. I acknowledge that Florida Teachers Lead
 3 Program Stipend funds are appropriated by the Legislature for
 4 the sole purpose of purchasing classroom materials and
 5 supplies to be used in the instruction of students assigned to
 6 me. In accepting custody of these funds, I agree to keep
 7 receipts for all expenditures. I understand that if I do not
 8 keep receipts showing these funds were spent to purchase
 9 classroom materials and supplies for use with my students, it
 10 will be my personal responsibility to pay any federal taxes
 11 due on these funds. I also agree to return any unused funds to
 12 the district school board at the end of the regular school
 13 year for deposit into the School Advisory Council account of
 14 the school at which I was employed at the time of the receipt
 15 of the funds or for deposit into the district's teacher lead
 16 program account of the district in which the charter school is
 17 sponsored, as applicable."

18 (4) Florida Teachers Lead Program Stipend funds shall
 19 be provided to each teacher in addition to any other funds
 20 appropriated for public school operations.

21 (5) Any unused funds that ~~which~~ are returned to the
 22 district school board shall be deposited into the School
 23 Advisory Council account of the school at which the teacher
 24 returning the funds was employed at the time of the receipt of
 25 the funds or for deposit into the district's teacher lead
 26 program account of the district in which the charter school is
 27 sponsored, as applicable.

28 (6) For purposes of this section, the term "classroom
 29 teacher" includes certified teachers employed by a public
 30 school district or a public charter school on or before
 31 September 1 of each year whose full-time or job-share job

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1 responsibility is the classroom instruction of students in
 2 prekindergarten ~~kindergarten~~ through grade 12, including ~~and~~
 3 full-time media specialists and guidance counselors who serve
 4 students in prekindergarten ~~kindergarten~~ through grade 12 who
 5 are funded through the Florida Education Finance Program. A
 6 job-share classroom teacher is defined as two teachers whose
 7 combined full-time equivalent employment for the same teaching
 8 assignment equals one full-time classroom teacher. Only school
 9 district and public charter school personnel employed in these
 10 positions are eligible for the classroom materials and supply
 11 stipend from funds appropriated to implement the provisions of
 12 this section.

13 Section 2. 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

20 and insert:

21 A bill to be entitled

22 An act relating to the Florida Teachers Lead
 23 Program Stipend; amending s. 1012.71, F.S. ;
 24 extending the stipend to teachers of
 25 prekindergarten students in public schools and
 26 public charter schools who are funded through
 27 the Florida Education Finance Program;
 28 providing an effective date.