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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Florida Teachers Lead Program Stipend; amending s. 1012.71, F.S.; extending the stipend to teachers of prekindergarten students; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (1) and (6) of section 1012.71, Florida Statutes, are 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. 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 total ~~K-12~~ unweighted FTE student enrollment in prekindergarten through grade 12.

(6) For purposes of this section, the term "classroom teacher" includes certified teachers employed on or before September 1 of each year whose full-time job responsibility is the classroom instruction of students in prekindergarten ~~kindergarten~~ through grade 12, and full-time media specialists and guidance counselors who serve students in prekindergarten ~~kindergarten~~ through grade 12. Only school district personnel employed in these positions are eligible for the classroom

1 materials and supply stipend from funds appropriated to
2 implement the provisions of this section.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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6 SENATE SUMMARY

7 Extends the Florida Teachers Lead Program Stipend to
8 prekindergarten instructors.
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