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 ${\bf By}$  the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Education Pre-K - 12; and Senators Rich, Bullard, Gaetz and Wilson

602-2272-07 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Florida Teachers Lead 3 Program Stipend; amending s. 1012.71, F.S.; 4 extending the stipend to teachers of 5 prekindergarten students in public schools and б public charter schools who are funded through 7 the Florida Education Finance Program; 8 providing an effective date. 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 12 Section 1. Section 1012.71, Florida Statutes, is 13 amended to read: 1012.71 The Florida Teachers Lead Program Stipend .--14 (1) Funding for the Florida Teachers Lead Program 15 Stipend shall be as determined by the Legislature in the 16 17 General Appropriations Act. Funds appropriated for the Florida 18 Teachers Lead Program Stipend are provided to purchase classroom materials and supplies used in the instruction of 19 students in prekindergarten kindergarten through grade 12 of 20 the public school system who are funded from the Florida 21 22 Education Finance Program, including public charter schools. 23 From the funds appropriated, the Commissioner of Education shall calculate an amount for each school district by 2.4 prorating the total of each school district's share of the 25 total K-12 unweighted FTE student enrollment. 26 (2) From the funds allocated to each district, the 27 2.8 district school board shall calculate an identical amount for 29 each classroom teacher which is his or her proportionate share of the amount allocated to the district for the total number 30 of teachers in the district, including teachers in public 31 1

1 charter schools. The district school board and each charter 2 school board shall provide the funds no later than September 30 of each year directly to each teacher as a stipend to 3 purchase, on behalf of the school district or charter school, 4 classroom materials and supplies to be used in the instruction 5 6 of students assigned to the teacher. Each teacher shall have 7 sole discretion regarding which classroom materials and 8 supplies best meet the needs of the students, when they are 9 needed, and where they are acquired. The funds expended by individual teachers shall not be subject to state or local 10 competitive bidding requirements. Disbursement of Florida 11 12 Teachers Lead Program Stipend funds directly to each teacher 13 and to each charter school shall complete the school district's expenditure of these funds. 14 (3) Each teacher shall sign a statement acknowledging 15 16 receipt of the funds, agreeing to keep receipts to show the 17 expenditure of the funds used to purchase classroom materials 18 and supplies for use in the instruction of the students assigned to them, and agreeing to return any unused funds by 19 the end of the regular school year. The statement to be signed 20 21 and dated by each teacher for receipt of the Florida Teachers

22 Lead Program Stipend shall include the wording: "I, ... (Name 23 of teacher)..., am employed by the .... County District School Board or by the ( <u>Charter School</u>) as a full-time 2.4 classroom teacher. I acknowledge that Florida Teachers Lead 25 Program Stipend funds are appropriated by the Legislature for 26 27 the sole purpose of purchasing classroom materials and 2.8 supplies to be used in the instruction of students assigned to me. In accepting custody of these funds, I agree to keep 29 receipts for all expenditures. I understand that if I do not 30 keep receipts showing these funds were spent to purchase 31

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1 classroom materials and supplies for use with my students, it will be my personal responsibility to pay any federal taxes 2 due on these funds. I also agree to return any unused funds to 3 the district school board at the end of the regular school 4 5 year for deposit into the School Advisory Council account of 6 the school at which I was employed at the time of the receipt 7 of the funds or for deposit into the district's teacher lead program account of the district in which the charter school is 8 sponsored, as applicable." 9 10 (4) Florida Teachers Lead Program Stipend funds shall be provided to each teacher in addition to any other funds 11 12 appropriated for public school operations. 13 (5) Any unused funds that which are returned to the district school board shall be deposited into the School 14 Advisory Council account of the school at which the teacher 15 16 returning the funds was employed at the time of the receipt of 17 the funds or for deposit into the district's teacher lead 18 program account of the district in which the charter school is sponsored, as applicable. 19 (6) For purposes of this section, the term "classroom 20 21 teacher" includes certified teachers employed by a public 22 school district or a public charter school on or before 23 September 1 of each year whose full-time job responsibility is the classroom instruction of students in prekindergarten 2.4 kindergarten through grade 12, including and full-time media 25 26 specialists and guidance counselors who serve students in 27 prekindergarten kindergarten through grade 12 who are funded 2.8 through the Florida Education Finance Program. Only school district and public charter school personnel employed in these 29 positions are eligible for the classroom materials and supply 30 31

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602-2272-07 stipend from funds appropriated to implement the provisions of this section. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR б CS for Senate Bill 0450 The Committee Substitute: The CS adds a new provision which would make certified, full time charter school teachers of prekindergarten through grade 12 students who are funded through the Florida Education Finance Program eligible for the Florida Teachers Lead Program Stipend for purchase of classroom materials and supplies to be used for instruction. 

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