CS/HB 645 2007

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to growth management; amending s. 1013.65, F.S.; revising the sum appropriated for the Classrooms for Kids Program; amending s. 1013.738, F.S.; revising the eligibility criteria for the High Growth District Capital Outlay Assistance Grant Program; revising provisions for allocating funds provided by the General Appropriations Act to the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

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

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Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section Section 1. 1013.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1013.65 Educational and ancillary plant construction funds; Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund; allocation of funds. --

- The Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund shall be comprised of the following sources, which are hereby appropriated to the trust fund:
- Proceeds, premiums, and accrued interest from the sale of public education bonds and that portion of the revenues accruing from the gross receipts tax as provided by s. 9(a)(2), Art. XII of the State Constitution, as amended, interest on investments, and federal interest subsidies.
- General revenue funds appropriated to the fund for educational capital outlay purposes.
 - All capital outlay funds previously appropriated and

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29 certified forward pursuant to s. 216.301.

- 4.a. Funds paid pursuant to s. 201.15(1)(d).
- b. The sum of $\frac{$75}{41.75}$ million of such funds shall be appropriated annually for expenditure to fund the Classrooms for Kids Program created in s. 1013.735 and shall be distributed as provided by that section.
- Section 2. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 1013.738, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 1013.738 High Growth District Capital Outlay Assistance Grant Program.--
- (2) In order to qualify for a grant, a school district must meet the following criteria:
- (a) The district must have levied the full 2 mills of nonvoted discretionary capital outlay millage authorized in s. 1011.71(2) for each of the past 3 4 fiscal years or receive an amount from the school capital outlay surtax authorized in s. 212.055(6) which, when added to the nonvoted discretionary capital outlay millage collected, equals the amount that would be generated if the full 2 mills of nonvoted discretionary capital outlay millage had been collected over the past 3 fiscal years.
- (b) The district must have received in the prior fiscal year revenue from the collection of an impact fee specifically for schools and meet one of the following criteria:
- 1. Have received in the prior fiscal year revenue from a local government infrastructure sales surtax authorized in s. 212.055(2) a portion of which was dedicated to the construction of schools in such prior fiscal year or to the satisfaction of

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debt service pledged for the construction of schools.

2. Have received in the prior fiscal year revenue from a school capital outlay surtax authorized in s. 212.055(6). If the school capital outlay surtax is used to meet the conditions of paragraph (a), the amount of the school capital outlay surtax collected must be in excess of the amount in paragraph (a).

- 3. Have received in the prior fiscal year revenue from a local bond referendum as authorized in ss. 1010.40-1010.55.
- 4. Have paid in the prior fiscal year debt service for a local bond referendum as authorized in ss. 1010.40-1010.55.

 Fifty percent of the revenue derived from the 2-mill nonvoted discretionary capital outlay millage for the past 4 fiscal years, when divided by the district's growth in capital outlay FTE students over this period, produces a value that is less than the average cost per student station calculated pursuant to s. 1013.72(2), and weighted by statewide growth in capital outlay FTE students in elementary, middle, and high schools for the past 4 fiscal years.
- (c) The district average growth in capital outlay FTE students over the prior 3 fiscal years must have equaled or exceeded 4 percent. Growth in any single year must be determined by calculating the increase in students over the prior year twice the statewide average of growth in capital outlay FTE students over this same 4-year period.
- (d) The district must not have received an appropriation from the special facilities construction program in the current fiscal year or any of the 2 fiscal years prior to the current fiscal year. The Commissioner of Education must have released

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all funds allocated to the district from the Classrooms First

Program authorized in s. 1013.68, and these funds were fully

expended by the district as of February 1 of the current fiscal

year.

- (e) The total capital outlay FTE students of the district is greater than 15,000 students.
- (3) The funds provided in the General Appropriations Act shall be allocated pursuant to the following methodology:
- (a) Each eligible district school board shall receive an amount from the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund to be calculated by computing the capital outlay full-time equivalent membership as determined by the Department of Education. Such membership must include, but is not limited to, kindergarten through 12th grade students, except hospital and homebound part-time students, students who are career education students, and adult disabled students who are enrolled in school district career centers. For each eligible district, the Department of Education shall calculate the value of 50 percent of the revenue derived from the 2 mill nonvoted discretionary capital outlay millage for the past 4 fiscal years divided by the increase in capital outlay FTE students for the same period.
- (b) The capital outlay full-time equivalent membership shall be determined for kindergarten through the 12th grade and for career centers by averaging the unweighted full-time equivalent student membership for the second and third surveys and comparing the results on a school-by-school basis with the Florida Inventory for School Houses. The capital outlay full-

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time equivalent membership by grade level organization shall be used in making the following calculation: the capital outlay full-time equivalent membership by grade-level organization for the prior year must be used to compute the growth over the highest of the 3 years preceding the prior year. The Department of Education shall determine, for each eligible district, the amount that must be added to the value calculated pursuant to paragraph (a) to produce the weighted average value per student station calculated pursuant to paragraph (2) (b).

- pursuant to this subsection shall be allocated among the growth capital outlay full-time equivalent membership. The allocation shall be prorated to the districts based upon each district's percentage of growth capital outlay full-time membership. The most recent 4-year capital outlay full-time equivalent membership data shall be used in each subsequent year's calculation for the allocation of funds pursuant to this subsection. The value calculated for each eligible district pursuant to paragraph (b) shall be multiplied by the average increase in capital outlay FTE students for the past 4 fiscal years to determine the maximum amount of a grant that may be awarded to a district pursuant to this section.
- (d) If a change, correction, or recomputation of data during any year results in a reduction or increase of the calculated amount previously allocated to a district, the allocation to that district shall be adjusted correspondingly. If such recomputation results in an increase or decrease of the calculated amount, such additional or reduced amounts shall be

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added to or reduced from the district's future appropriations.
However, no change, correction, or recomputation of data shall
be made subsequent to 2 years following the initial annual
allocation. In the event the funds provided in the General
Appropriations Act are insufficient to fully fund the maximum
grants calculated pursuant to paragraph (c), the Department of
Education shall allocate the funds based on each district's
prorated share of the total maximum award amount calculated for
all eligible districts.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.