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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to school-based AIDS education; requiring  
3 the Department of Education to award grants to public  
4 school districts to implement school-based AIDS  
5 educational activities; providing for the grant awards to  
6 be made from funds appropriated by the Legislature;  
7 specifying requirements for grant proposals by school  
8 districts; requiring that the department consider  
9 specified factors in awarding grants; requiring each  
10 school district that receives a grant to file an annual  
11 report with the department; providing an effective date.  
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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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15 Section 1. School-based AIDS education incentive grants.--

16 (1) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, from funds  
17 appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose, the Department  
18 of Education shall award grants on a competitive basis to public  
19 school districts wishing to implement AIDS education activities  
20 pursuant to this section. The grants shall be awarded annually by  
21 October 1 of each year.

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

28 (a) A detailed description of the program to be  
29 implemented, including a statement of program objectives,

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30 activities, target population, number of students to be served,  
31 and identification of all education programs, community agencies,  
32 private-sector entities, or other personnel and resources  
33 involved in program development and implementation.

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

36 (c) A detailed program budget.

37 (d) Measures for evaluating the effectiveness of the  
38 program, including outcomes.

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

41 (a) The HIV/AIDS, STD, and teenage pregnancy rates within  
42 the geographic area to be served by the program. Those geographic  
43 areas that have high HIV/AIDS, STD, or teenage pregnancy rates  
44 shall have priority for selection.

45 (b) The qualifications and training of personnel who will  
46 be responsible for program administration and classroom  
47 implementation.

48 (c) The extent to which the program will be coordinated  
49 with the existing school comprehensive health education program.

50 (d) The potential outcome effectiveness of the program.

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

53 (4) The department shall make available to each school  
54 district applying for a school-based AIDS education incentive  
55 grant information concerning all of the criteria used by the  
56 department in selecting the proposals for funding.

57 (5) Each school district that is awarded a grant under this  
58 section must submit an annual report to the department

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59 documenting the extent to which the program objectives are being  
60 met.

61 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.