

By Senator Baker

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to funds for the operation of schools;  
 3           amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising provisions  
 4           relating to the computation of the statewide adjusted  
 5           aggregate amount for the required local effort millage  
 6           rate of each school district; providing an effective  
 7           date.

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

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 11           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
 12   1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual  
 14   allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
 15   district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
 16   annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
 17   the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
 18   follows:

19           (4) COMPUTATION OF DISTRICT REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT.—The  
 20   Legislature shall prescribe the aggregate required local effort  
 21   for all school districts collectively as an item in the General  
 22   Appropriations Act for each fiscal year. The amount that each  
 23   district shall provide annually toward the cost of the Florida  
 24   Education Finance Program for kindergarten through grade 12  
 25   programs shall be calculated as follows:

26           (a) *Estimated taxable value calculations.*—

27           1.a. Not later than 2 working days prior to July 19, the  
 28   Department of Revenue shall certify to the Commissioner of  
 29   Education its most recent estimate of the taxable value for

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30 school purposes in each school district and the total for all  
31 school districts in the state for the current calendar year  
32 based on the latest available data obtained from the local  
33 property appraisers. Not later than July 19, the Commissioner of  
34 Education shall compute a millage rate, rounded to the next  
35 highest one one-thousandth of a mill, which, when applied to 95  
36 percent of the estimated state total taxable value for school  
37 purposes, would generate the prescribed aggregate required local  
38 effort for that year for all districts. The Commissioner of  
39 Education shall certify to each district school board the  
40 millage rate, computed as prescribed in this subparagraph, as  
41 the minimum millage rate necessary to provide the district  
42 required local effort for that year.

43 b. The General Appropriations Act shall direct the  
44 computation of the statewide adjusted aggregate amount for  
45 required local effort for all school districts collectively from  
46 ad valorem taxes to ensure that no school district's revenue  
47 from required local effort millage will produce more than 90  
48 percent of the district's ~~total~~ Florida Education Finance  
49 Program calculation for students residing in the county, and the  
50 adjustment of the required local effort millage rate of each  
51 district that produces more than 90 percent of its total Florida  
52 Education Finance Program entitlement to a level that will  
53 produce only 90 percent of its total Florida Education Finance  
54 Program entitlement in the July calculation.

55 2. As revised data are received from property appraisers,  
56 the Department of Revenue shall amend the certification of the  
57 estimate of the taxable value for school purposes.

58 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.