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The Conference Committee on CS for CS for SB 6-A recommended the following:

Senate Conference Committee Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 1001.395, Florida Statutes, is amended to read

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1001.395 District school board members; compensation.-

(1) Each member of the district school board shall receive a base salary, the amounts indicated in this section, based on the population of the county the district school board member

Base Salary Group Rate

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12 serves. In addition, compensation shall be made for population increments over the minimum for each population group, which 13 14 shall be determined by multiplying the population in excess of 15 the minimum for the group times the group rate. The product of such calculation shall be added to the base salary to determine 16 17 the adjusted base salary. The adjusted base salaries of district 18 school board members shall be increased annually as provided for in s. 145.19. 19

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31	November of 2006 shall remain in effect up to the date of the
32	2007-2008 calculation provided pursuant to s. 145.19.
33	(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or s.
34	145.19, Florida Statutes, district school board members may
35	reduce their salary rate on a voluntary basis.
36	Section 2. Present subsection (25) of section 1001.42,
37	Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (26), and a new
38	subsection (25) is added to that section, to read:
39	1001.42 Powers and duties of district school boardThe
40	district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all
41	powers and perform all duties listed below:
42	(25) EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTSOn or after February 1, 2009, a
43	district school board may not enter into an employment contract
44	that is funded from state funds and that requires the district
45	to pay an employee an amount in excess of 1 year of the
46	employee's annual salary for termination, buy-out, or any other
47	type of contract settlement.
48	Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1001.50, Florida
49	Statutes, is amended to read:
50	1001.50 Superintendents employed under Art. IX of the State
51	Constitution
52	(2) The district school board of each of such districts
53	shall enter into contracts of employment with the district
54	school superintendent and shall adopt rules relating to his or
55	her appointment; however, on or after February 1, 2009, the
56	district school board may not enter into an employment contract
57	that is funded from state funds and that requires the district
58	to pay a superintendent an amount in excess of 1 year of the
59	superintendent's annual salary for termination, buy-out, or any

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60	other type of contract settlement.
61	Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
62	1002.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
63	1002.53 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program;
64	eligibility and enrollment
65	(3) The parent of each child eligible under subsection (2)
66	may enroll the child in one of the following programs:
67	(c) A school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a
68	public school, if offered by a school district that is eligible
69	under s. 1002.63.
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71	Except as provided in s. 1002.71(4), a child may not enroll in
72	more than one of these programs.
73	Section 5. Subsections (4) and (7) of section 1002.61,
74	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
75	1002.61 Summer prekindergarten program delivered by public
76	schools and private prekindergarten providers
77	(4) Notwithstanding ss. 1002.55(3)(c)1. and <u>1002.63(4)</u>
78	1002.63(5), each public school and private prekindergarten
79	provider must have, for each prekindergarten class, at least one
80	prekindergarten instructor who:
81	(a) Is a certified teacher; or
82	(b) Holds one of the educational credentials specified in
83	s. 1002.55(4)(a) or (b).
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85	As used in this subsection, the term "certified teacher" means a
86	teacher holding a valid Florida educator certificate under s.
87	1012.56 who has the qualifications required by the district
88	school board to instruct students in the summer prekindergarten
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89 program. In selecting instructional staff for the summer 90 prekindergarten program, each school district shall give 91 priority to teachers who have experience or coursework in early 92 childhood education.

(7) Notwithstanding ss. 1002.55(3)(f) and 1002.63(7) 93 94 1002.63(8), each prekindergarten class in the summer prekindergarten program, regardless of whether the class is a 95 public school's or private prekindergarten provider's class, 96 97 must be composed of at least 4 students but may not exceed 12 $\frac{10}{10}$ 98 students beginning with the 2009 summer session. In order to 99 protect the health and safety of students, each public school or 100 private prekindergarten provider must also provide appropriate adult supervision for students at all times. This subsection 101 102 does not supersede any requirement imposed on a provider under 103 ss. 402.301-402.319.

104 Section 6. Section 1002.63, Florida Statutes, is amended to 105 read:

106 1002.63 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by 107 public schools.-

(1) Each school district eligible under subsection (4) may administer the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program at the district level for students enrolled under s. 1002.53(3)(c) in a school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a public school.

(2) Each school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a public school must comprise at least 540 instructional hours.

(3) The district school board of each school district eligible under subsection (4) shall determine which public schools in the district may are eligible to deliver the

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118 prekindergarten program during the school year. 119 (4) To be eligible to deliver the prekindergarten program 120 during the school year, each school district must meet both of 121 the following requirements: 122 (a) The district school board must certify to the State 123 Board of Education that the school district: 124 1. Has reduced the average class size in each classroom in 125 accordance with s. 1003.03 and the schedule in s. 1(a), Art. IX 126 of the State Constitution; and 127 2. Has sufficient satisfactory educational facilities and 128 capital outlay funds to continue reducing the average class size 129 in each classroom in the district's elementary schools for each 130 vear in accordance with the schedule for class size reduction 131 and to achieve full compliance with the maximum class sizes in 132 s. 1(a), Art. IX of the State Constitution by the beginning of 133 the 2010-2011 school year. 134 (b) The Commissioner of Education must certify to the State 135 Board of Education that the department has reviewed the school 136 district's educational facilities, capital outlay funds, and 137 projected student enrollment and concurs with the district 138 school board's certification under paragraph (a). 139 (4) (5) Each public school must have, for each 140 prekindergarten class, at least one prekindergarten instructor 141 who meets each requirement in s. 1002.55(3)(c) for a 142 prekindergarten instructor of a private prekindergarten 143 provider.

144 <u>(5) (6)</u> Each prekindergarten instructor employed by a public 145 school delivering the school-year prekindergarten program must 146 be of good moral character, must be screened using the level 2



147 screening standards in s. 435.04 before employment and 148 rescreened at least once every 5 years, must be denied 149 employment or terminated if required under s. 435.06, and must 150 not be ineligible to teach in a public school because his or her educator certificate is suspended or revoked. This subsection 151 152 does not supersede employment requirements for instructional 153 personnel in public schools which are more stringent than the 154 requirements of this subsection.

155 (6) (7) A public school prekindergarten provider may assign 156 a substitute instructor to temporarily replace a credentialed 157 instructor if the credentialed instructor assigned to a 158 prekindergarten class is absent, as long as the substitute 159 instructor is of good moral character and has been screened 160 before employment in accordance with level 2 background 161 screening requirements in chapter 435. This subsection does not 162 supersede employment requirements for instructional personnel in 163 public schools which are more stringent than the requirements of 164 this subsection. The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall adopt 165 rules to implement this subsection which shall include required 166 qualifications of substitute instructors and the circumstances 167 and time limits for which a public school prekindergarten 168 provider may assign a substitute instructor.

169 <u>(7)(8)</u> Each prekindergarten class in a public school 170 delivering the school-year prekindergarten program must be 171 composed of at least 4 students but may not exceed 18 students. 172 In order to protect the health and safety of students, each 173 school must also provide appropriate adult supervision for 174 students at all times and, for each prekindergarten class 175 composed of 11 or more students, must have, in addition to a

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176 prekindergarten instructor who meets the requirements of s. 177 1002.55(3)(c), at least one adult prekindergarten instructor who 178 is not required to meet those requirements but who must meet 179 each requirement of subsection (5) (6).

180 <u>(8) (9)</u> Each public school delivering the school-year 181 prekindergarten program must:

(a) Register with the early learning coalition on formsprescribed by the Agency for Workforce Innovation; and

(b) Deliver the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Programin accordance with this part.

Section 7. Subsections (3) and (4), paragraph (d) of subsection (6), and subsection (7) of section 1002.71, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.-

190 (3) (a) A separate The base student allocation per full-time 191 equivalent student in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education 192 Program shall be provided in the General Appropriations Act for 193 a school-year prekindergarten program and for a summer 194 prekindergarten program. The base student allocation for a 195 school-year program and shall be equal for each student, 196 regardless of whether the student is enrolled in a school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a public school or a 197 198 private prekindergarten provider. The base student allocation 199 for τ a summer prekindergarten program shall be equal for each 200 student, regardless of whether the student is enrolled in a 201 summer prekindergarten program delivered by a public school or 202 private prekindergarten provider, or a school-year 203 prekindergarten program delivered by a public school. 204 (b) Each county's allocation per full-time equivalent

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student in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program shall be calculated annually by multiplying the base student allocation provided in the General Appropriations Act by the county's district cost differential provided in s. 1011.62(2). Each private prekindergarten provider and public school shall be paid in accordance with the county's allocation per full-time equivalent student.

(c) The initial allocation shall be based on estimated student enrollment in each coalition service area. The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall reallocate funds among the coalitions based on actual full-time equivalent student enrollment in each coalition service area.

217 (d) For programs offered by school districts pursuant to s. 218 1002.61 and beginning with the 2009 summer program, each district's funding shall be based on a full-time equivalent 219 220 student enrollment that is evenly divisible by 12 10. If the 221 result of dividing a district's full-time equivalent student 222 enrollment by 12 10 is not a whole number, the district's 223 enrollment calculation shall be adjusted by adding the minimum 224 number of full-time equivalent students to produce a full-time 225 equivalent student enrollment calculation that is evenly 226 divisible by 12 10.

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(4) Notwithstanding s. 1002.53(3) and subsection (2):

(a) A child who, for any of the prekindergarten programs
listed in s. 1002.53(3), has not completed more than 10 percent
of the hours authorized to be reported for funding under
subsection (2) may withdraw from the program for good cause,
reenroll in one of the programs, and be reported for funding
purposes as a full-time equivalent student in the program for

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which the child is reenrolled. <u>The total funding for a child who</u> reenrolls in one of the programs shall not exceed one full-time equivalent student.

(b) A child who has not substantially completed any of the prekindergarten programs listed in s. 1002.53(3) may withdraw from the program due to an extreme hardship that is beyond the child's or parent's control, reenroll in one of the <u>summer</u> programs, and be reported for funding purposes as a full-time equivalent student in the <u>summer</u> program for which the child is reenrolled.

245 A child may reenroll only once in a prekindergarten program 246 under this section. A child who reenrolls in a prekindergarten 247 program under this subsection may not subsequently withdraw from 248 the program and reenroll. The Agency for Workforce Innovation 249 shall establish criteria specifying whether a good cause exists for a child to withdraw from a program under paragraph (a), 250 251 whether a child has substantially completed a program under 252 paragraph (b), and whether an extreme hardship exists which is 253 beyond the child's or parent's control under paragraph (b). 254 (6)

(d) The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall adopt, for
funding purposes, a uniform attendance policy for the Voluntary
Prekindergarten Education Program. The attendance policy must
apply statewide and apply equally to all private prekindergarten
providers and public schools. The attendance policy must
establish a minimum requirement for student attendance and
include the following provisions:

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1. Beginning with the 2009-2010 fiscal year for school-year

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263 <u>programs and the 2009 summer program</u>, a student who meets the 264 minimum requirement <u>of 80 percent of the total number of hours</u> 265 <u>for the program</u> may be reported as a full-time equivalent 266 student for funding purposes.

267 2. A student who does not meet the minimum requirement may 268 be reported only as a fractional part of a full-time equivalent 269 student, reduced pro rata based on the student's attendance.

3. A student who does not meet the minimum requirement may be reported as a full-time equivalent student if the student is absent for good cause in accordance with exceptions specified in the uniform attendance policy.

The uniform attendance policy shall be used only for funding purposes and does not prohibit a private prekindergarten provider or public school from adopting and enforcing its attendance policy under paragraphs (a) and (c).

279 (7) The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall require that 280 administrative expenditures be kept to the minimum necessary for 281 efficient and effective administration of the Voluntary 282 Prekindergarten Education Program. Administrative policies and 283 procedures shall be revised, to the maximum extent practicable, 284 to incorporate the use of automation and electronic submission 285 of forms, including those required for child eligibility and 286 enrollment, provider and class registration, and monthly 287 certification of attendance for payment. A school district may 288 use its automated daily attendance reporting system for the 289 purpose of transmitting attendance records to the early learning 290 coalition in a mutually agreed-upon format. In addition, actions 291 shall be taken to reduce paperwork, eliminate the duplication of

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292	reports, and eliminate other duplicative activities. Beginning
293	with the 2008-2009 fiscal year, each early learning coalition
294	may retain and expend no more than 4.85 \pm percent of the funds
295	paid by the coalition to private prekindergarten providers and
296	public schools under paragraph (5)(b). Funds retained by an
297	early learning coalition under this subsection may be used only
298	for administering the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
299	Program and may not be used for the school readiness program or
300	other programs.
301	Section 8. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) of
302	section 1002.73, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
303	1002.73 Department of Education; powers and duties;
304	accountability requirements
305	(2) The department shall adopt procedures for the
306	department's:
307	(c) Certification of school districts that are eligible to
308	deliver the school-year prekindergarten program under s.
309	1002.63.
310	<u>(c)</u> Administration of the statewide kindergarten
311	screening and calculation of kindergarten readiness rates under
312	s. 1002.69.
313	Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
314	1003.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
315	1003.03 Maximum class size
316	(4) ACCOUNTABILITY
317	(a)1. Beginning in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, if the
318	department determines for any year that a school district has
319	not reduced average class size as required in subsection (2) at
320	the time of the third FEFP calculation, the department shall
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321 calculate an amount from the class size reduction operating 322 categorical which is proportionate to the amount of class size 323 reduction not accomplished. Upon verification of the 324 department's calculation by the Florida Education Finance 325 Program Appropriation Allocation Conference and not later than 326 March 1 of each year, the Executive Office of the Governor shall 327 transfer undistributed funds equivalent to the calculated amount 328 from the district's class size reduction operating categorical 329 to an approved fixed capital outlay appropriation for class size 330 reduction in the affected district pursuant to s. 216.292(2)(d). 331 The amount of funds transferred shall be the lesser of the 332 amount verified by the Florida Education Finance Program 333 Appropriation Allocation Conference or the undistributed balance 334 of the district's class size reduction operating categorical.

335 2. In lieu of the transfer required by subparagraph 1., the 336 Commissioner of Education may recommend a budget amendment, 337 subject to approval by the Legislative Budget Commission, to 338 transfer an alternative amount of funds from the district's 339 class size reduction operating categorical to its approved fixed 340 capital outlay account for class size reduction if the 341 commissioner finds that the State Board of Education has 342 reviewed evidence indicating that a district has been unable to 343 meet class size reduction requirements despite appropriate 344 effort to do so. The commissioner's budget amendment must be 345 submitted to the Legislative Budget Commission by February 15 of 346 each year.

347 3. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year and thereafter, if in any
348 fiscal year funds from a district's class size operating
349 categorical are required to be transferred to its fixed capital

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outlay fund and the district's class size operating categorical allocation in the General Appropriations Act for that fiscal year has been reduced by a subsequent appropriation, the Commissioner of Education may recommend a <u>50 percent</u> 10-percent reduction in the amount of the transfer.

355 Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 356 1006.40, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

357 1006.40 Use of instructional materials allocation; 358 instructional materials, library books, and reference books; 359 repair of books.-

360 (2) (a) Each district school board must purchase current 361 instructional materials to provide each student with a textbook 362 or other instructional materials as a major tool of instruction 363 in core courses of the appropriate subject areas of mathematics, 364 language arts, science, social studies, reading, and literature 365 for kindergarten through grade 12. Such purchase must be made 366 within the first 2 years after of the effective date of the 367 adoption cycle; however, this requirement is waived for the 368 adoption cycle occurring in the 2008-2009 academic year. Unless 369 specifically provided for in the General Appropriations Act, the 370 cost of instructional materials purchases required by this 371 paragraph shall not exceed the amount of the district's 372 allocation for instructional materials, pursuant to s. 1011.67, 373 for the previous 2 years.

374 Section 11. Section 1011.051, Florida Statutes, is created 375 to read:

376 <u>1011.051 Guidelines for general funds.-The district school</u> 377 <u>board shall maintain an unreserved general fund balance that is</u> 378 <u>sufficient to address normal contingencies.</u>

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379	(1) If at any time the unreserved general fund balance in
380	the district's approved operating budget is projected to fall
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382	general fund revenues, the superintendent shall provide written
383	notification to the district school board and the Commissioner
384	of Education.
385	(2) If the unreserved general fund balance in the
386	district's approved operating budget is projected to fall during
387	the current fiscal year below 2 percent of projected general
388	fund revenues, the superintendent shall provide written
389	notification to the district school board and the Commissioner
390	of Education. Within 14 days after receiving such notification,
391	if the commissioner determines that the district does not have a
392	plan that is reasonably anticipated to avoid a financial
393	emergency as determined pursuant to 218.503, the commissioner
394	shall appoint a financial emergency board that shall operate
395	consistent with the requirements, powers, and duties specified
396	in s. 218.503(3)(g).
397	Section 12. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) and subsection
398	(4) of section 1011.71, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
399	1011.71 District school tax
400	(2) In addition to the maximum millage levy as provided in
401	subsection (1), each school board may levy not more than 1.75
402	mills against the taxable value for school purposes for district
403	schools, including charter schools at the discretion of the
404	school board, to fund:
405	(d) Effective July 1, 2008, the purchase, lease-purchase,
406	or lease of new and replacement equipment, and enterprise
407	resource software applications that are classified as capital

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408 assets in accordance with definitions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, have a useful life of at least 5 409 years, and are used to support district-wide administration or 410 411 state-mandated reporting requirements. (4) Effective July 1, 2008, and through June 30, 2010, a 412 school district that has met the reduction requirements 413 regarding class size for the 2008-2009 fiscal year pursuant to 414 s. 1003.03 for K-12 students for whom the school district 415 provides the educational facilities and governs operations and 416 417 certifies to the Commissioner of Education that the district 418 does not need all of its discretionary 1.75-mill capital 419 improvement revenue for capital outlay purposes and all of the 420 district's instructional space needs for the next 5 years can be 421 met from capital outlay sources that the district reasonably 422 expects to receive during the next 5 years from local revenues 423 and from currently appropriated state facilities funding or from 424 alternative scheduling or construction, leasing, rezoning, or 425 technological methodologies that exhibit sound management may 426 expend, subject to the provisions of s. 200.065, up to \$100 \$65 427 per unweighted full-time equivalent student from the revenue 428 generated by the 2008-2009 millage levy authorized by subsection 429 (2) to fund, in addition to expenditures authorized in 430 paragraphs (2)(a)-(j), $\frac{2008-2009}{2009}$ expenses for the following: 4.31 (a) The purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of driver's

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432 education vehicles; motor vehicles used for the maintenance or
433 operation of plants and equipment; security vehicles; or
434 vehicles used in storing or distributing materials and
435 equipment.

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(b) Payment of the cost of premiums for property and

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437 casualty insurance necessary to insure school district 438 educational and ancillary plants. Operating revenues that are 439 made available through the payment of property and casualty 440 insurance premiums from revenues generated under this subsection 441 may be expended only for nonrecurring operational expenditures of the school district. 442 443 Section 13. Section 11 of chapter 2008-142 and section 2 of 444 chapter 2008-213, Laws of Florida, are repealed. 445 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 446 1013.64, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 447 1013.64 Funds for comprehensive educational plant needs; 448 construction cost maximums for school district capital projects.-Allocations from the Public Education Capital Outlay 449 450 and Debt Service Trust Fund to the various boards for capital 451 outlay projects shall be determined as follows: 452 (6) 453 (b)1. A district school board, including a district school 454 board of an academic performance-based charter school district, 455 must not use funds from the following sources: Public Education 456 Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund; School District and 457 Community College District Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust 458 Fund; Classrooms First Program funds provided in s. 1013.68; 459 effort index grant funds provided in s. 1013.73; nonvoted 1.75-460 mill 2-mill levy of ad valorem property taxes provided in s. 461 1011.71(2); Classrooms for Kids Program funds provided in s. 462 1013.735; District Effort Recognition Program funds provided in 463 s. 1013.736; or High Growth District Capital Outlay Assistance Grant Program funds provided in s. 1013.738 for any new 464 465 construction of educational plant space with a total cost per

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466	student station, including change orders, that equals more than:
467	a. \$17,952 for an elementary school,
468	b. \$19,386 for a middle school, or
469	c. \$25,181 for a high school,
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471	(January 2006) as adjusted annually to reflect increases or
472	decreases in the Consumer Price Index.
473	2. A district school board must not use funds from the
474	Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund or
475	the School District and Community College District Capital
476	Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund for any new construction of
477	an ancillary plant that exceeds 70 percent of the average cost
478	per square foot of new construction for all schools.
479	Section 15. Merit awards for instructional personnel and
480	school-based administrators selected for the Merit Award Program
481	in 2008-2009 shall be paid in the 2009-2010 fiscal year only to
482	the extent that funds are available and specifically
483	appropriated in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
484	Section 16. (1) If the Commissioner of Education determines
485	that a school district acted in good faith, he or she may waive
486	the equal-dollar reduction required in s. 1011.71(5), Florida
487	Statutes, for expenditures for property and casualty insurance
488	made between May 1 and December 31, 2007, and for the audit
489	findings for the 2006-2007 fiscal year related to the purchase
490	of software.
491	(2) This section shall take effect upon this act becoming a
492	law, but only if the School Board of Miami-Dade County dismisses
493	the lawsuit entitled "School Board of Miami-Dade County v. State
494	of Florida Board of Education," case number 09-00507CA20, which

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495 is pending in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial 496 <u>Circuit.</u>

497 Section 17. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 498 2, 3, and 42 through 45 of the Special Appropriations Act for 499 the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the calculations of the Florida 500 Education Finance Program for the 2008-2009 fiscal year in the 501 document entitled "Public School Funding - The Florida Education Finance Program," dated January 11, 2009, and filed with the 502 503 Secretary of the Senate are incorporated by reference for the 504 purpose of displaying the calculations used by the Legislature, 505 consistent with requirements of the Florida Statutes, in making 506 appropriations and reductions in appropriations for the Florida 507 Education Finance Program.

508 Section 18. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this 509 act, this act shall take effect February 1, 2009, or upon 510 becoming a law, whichever occurs later; however, the provisions 511 of s. 1011.71, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, shall 512 operate retroactively to July 1, 2008, and, if this act becomes 513 a law after February 1, 2009, the provisions of s. 1002.71, 514 Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, shall operate 515 retroactively to February 1, 2009.

519 Delete everything before the enacting clause 520 and insert:

A bill to be entitled

522 An act relating to education funding; amending s. 1001.395,523 F.S.; providing for district school members to reduce their

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524 salary rate on a voluntary basis; amending ss. 1001.42 and 525 1001.50, F.S.; prohibiting a district school board from entering 526 into an employment contract that provides for payment of an 527 amount greater than 1 year of an employee's or superintendent's 528 annual salary for termination, buy-out, or other type of 529 settlement; amending s. 1002.53, F.S., relating to the Voluntary 530 Prekindergarten Education Program; conforming provisions to 531 changes made by the act; amending s. 1002.61, F.S.; increasing 532 the number of students authorized for a summer prekindergarten 533 class; conforming cross-references; amending s. 1002.63, F.S.; 534 eliminating certain eligibility requirements for delivering a 535 prekindergarten program during the school year; amending s. 536 1002.71, F.S.; providing for separate base student allocations 537 for school-year and summer prekindergarten programs; revising the formula for calculating and reporting full-time equivalent 538 539 student enrollment; providing certain restrictions with respect 540 to a child who reenrolls in a prekindergarten program; requiring that certain administrative procedures be automated; requiring 541 542 that actions be taken to reduce paperwork, eliminate the 543 duplication of reports, and eliminate other duplicative 544 activities; decreasing the amount that an early learning 545 coalition may expend for administrative purposes; amending s. 546 1002.73, F.S.; revising duties of the Department of Education, 547 to conform; amending s. 1003.03, F.S.; authorizing the 548 Commissioner of Education to recommend a greater reduction in 549 the amount allocated for transfer to a district's fixed capital 550 outlay fund; amending s. 1006.40, F.S.; waiving, for the 551 adoption cycle of the 2008-2009 academic year, the requirement 552 that district school boards purchase instructional materials in

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553 core courses; creating s. 1011.051, F.S.; requiring that 554 district school boards maintain an unreserved general fund 555 balance sufficient to address contingencies; specifying 556 procedures for the district to follow if the operating budget 557 falls below a specified percentage of projected general fund 558 revenues; amending s. 1011.71, F.S.; authorizing the purchase of 559 certain enterprise resource software applications with proceeds 560 of the district school tax; eliminating certain restrictions on 561 the expenditure of revenues from the district school tax levy; 562 increasing the amount that school districts may expend per 563 unweighted full-time equivalent student from the revenue 564 generated by the levy; repealing s. 11 of chapter 2008-142 and 565 s. 2 of chapter 2008-213, Laws of Florida, relating to the 566 future expiration of certain provisions relating to school 567 district expenditure of capital outlay millage; amending s. 568 1013.64, F.S., relating to funds for constructing educational 569 plant space; conforming provisions; providing for awards for 570 instructional personnel and school-based administrators under 571 the Merit Award Program to be paid only to the extent funded in 572 the 2009-2010 fiscal year; authorizing the Commissioner of 573 Education to waive the equal-dollar reduction requirement for 574 expenditures made during a specified time for property and 575 casualty insurance and for the audit findings for a specified 576 fiscal year related to the purchase of software, if the 577 commissioner determines that a school district acted in good 578 faith; providing that such authorization is contingent upon 579 dismissal of a specified lawsuit; incorporating by reference 580 certain calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2008-2009 fiscal year; providing for retroactive 581

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582 application of specified provisions of the act; providing an 583 effective date.