

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to a study of school district costs;  
 3           requiring the Department of Education to contract with an  
 4           out-of-state postsecondary educational institution to  
 5           conduct a study to analyze Florida's district cost  
 6           differential amenities index and to develop a cost-of-  
 7           education index; requiring a report and submission of the  
 8           report to the Legislature and the Governor; providing an  
 9           effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. (1) The Department of Education shall contract  
 14 with a qualified third party to conduct a study to analyze the  
 15 state's current school district cost differential amenities  
 16 index and to develop a cost-of-education index that focuses on  
 17 the cost differences integral to K-12 public school district  
 18 operations.

19           (2) For purposes of the study, the cost-of-education index  
 20 shall be a tool used to adjust state education calculations to  
 21 compensate for regional variations in costs of education beyond  
 22 the control of school districts and may include, but not be  
 23 limited to, costs for teacher salaries, costs for health  
 24 insurance for employees, and property insurance and  
 25 transportation costs per full-time equivalent student.

26           (3) The third party contracted to conduct the study shall  
 27 be an out-of-state postsecondary educational institution. The  
 28 report prepared by the postsecondary educational institution

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29 shall be submitted by the Department of Education to the  
30 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
31 Representatives, and the Governor by January 1, 2011.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.