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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
4 an out-of-state postsecondary educational institution
5 to 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
8 the report to the Legislature and the Governor;
9 providing an 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
29 shall be submitted by the Department of Education to the

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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.