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Senator Wise moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (6) of section 212.055, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

7 212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent; 8 authorization and use of proceeds.—It is the legislative intent 9 that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales 10 surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a 11 subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the 12 levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties 13 authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the

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14	maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the
15	procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if
16	required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended;
17	and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide.
18	Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as
19	provided in s. 212.054.
20	(6) SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY SURTAX
21	(d) Any school board imposing the surtax shall implement a
22	freeze on noncapital local school property taxes, at the millage
23	rate imposed in the year prior to the implementation of the
24	surtax, for a period of at least 3 years from the date of
25	imposition of the surtax. This provision shall not apply to
26	existing debt service or taxes authorized in the General
27	Appropriations Act.
28	(d) (e) Surtax revenues collected by the Department of
29	Revenue pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed to the
30	school board imposing the surtax in accordance with law.
31	Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
32	216.292, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
33	Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 1001.395, Florida
34	Statutes, is amended to read:
35	1001.395 District school board members; compensation
36	(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section and s.
37	145.19, for the $2010-2011$ $2009-2010$ fiscal year, the salary of
38	each district school board member shall be the amount calculated
39	pursuant to subsection (1) or the district's beginning salary
40	for teachers who hold baccalaureate degrees, whichever is less.
41	Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
42	1001.451, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
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43 1001.451 Regional consortium service organizations.—In 44 order to provide a full range of programs to larger numbers of 45 students, minimize duplication of services, and encourage the 46 development of new programs and services:

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(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the appropriation for any the 2009-2010 fiscal year may be less than \$50,000 per school district and eligible member. If the amount appropriated is insufficient to provide \$50,000, the funds available must be prorated among all eligible districts and members. This paragraph expires July 1, 2010.

54 Section 5. Paragraph (d) of subsection (9) of section 55 1002.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1002.32 Developmental research (laboratory) schools.-

57 (9) FUNDING.-Funding for a lab school, including a charter58 lab school, shall be provided as follows:

59 (d) Each lab school shall receive funds for operating 60 purposes in an amount determined as follows: multiply the maximum allowable nonvoted discretionary millage for operations 61 62 pursuant to s. 1011.71(1) and (3) by the value of 95 percent of the current year's taxable value for school purposes for the 63 64 district in which each lab school is located; divide the result by the total full-time equivalent membership of the district; 65 66 and multiply the result by the full-time equivalent membership 67 of the lab school. The amount thus obtained shall be 68 discretionary operating funds and shall be appropriated from 69 state funds in the General Appropriations Act to the Lab School 70 Trust Fund.

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Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (16), paragraph (d)

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72 of subsection (18), subsection (19), and paragraph (a) of 73 subsection (20) of section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, are 74 amended to read: 1002.33 Charter schools.-75 (16) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES.-76 77 (a) A charter school shall operate in accordance with its 78 charter and shall be exempt from all statutes in chapters 1000-79 1013. However, a charter school shall be in compliance with the 80 following statutes in chapters 1000-1013: 81 1. Those statutes specifically applying to charter schools, 82 including this section. 83 2. Those statutes pertaining to the student assessment 84 program and school grading system. 85 3. Those statutes pertaining to the provision of services to students with disabilities. 86 87 4. Those statutes pertaining to civil rights, including s. 1000.05, relating to discrimination. 88 5. Those statutes pertaining to student health, safety, and 89 90 welfare. 91 6. Those statutes pertaining to maximum class size. 92 (18) FACILITIES.-93 (d) Charter school facilities are exempt from assessments of fees for building permits, except as provided in s. 553.80; -94 95 fees for building and occupational licenses; τ impact fees or 96 exactions; τ service availability fees; τ and assessments for 97 special benefits. 98 (19) CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING.-Charter schools are eligible 99 for capital outlay funds pursuant to s. 1013.62. Capital outlay 100 funds authorized in s. 1011.71(2) which have been shared with a

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101	charter school-in-the-workplace prior to July 1, 2010, are
102	deemed to have met the authorized expenditure requirements for
103	such funds.

(20) SERVICES.-

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105 (a)1. A sponsor shall provide certain administrative and 106 educational services to charter schools. These services shall 107 include contract management services; full-time equivalent and 108 data reporting services; exceptional student education 109 administration services; services related to eligibility and 110 reporting duties required to ensure that school lunch services 111 under the federal lunch program, consistent with the needs of 112 the charter school, are provided by the school district at the 113 request of the charter school, that any funds due to the charter 114 school under the federal lunch program be paid to the charter school as soon as the charter school begins serving food under 115 116 the federal lunch program, and that the charter school is paid 117 at the same time and in the same manner under the federal lunch program as other public schools serviced by the sponsor or the 118 119 school district; test administration services, including payment 120 of the costs of state-required or district-required student 121 assessments; processing of teacher certificate data services; 122 and information services, including equal access to student 123 information systems that are used by public schools in the district in which the charter school is located. Student 124 125 performance data for each student in a charter school, 126 including, but not limited to, FCAT scores, standardized test 127 scores, previous public school student report cards, and student 128 performance measures, shall be provided by the sponsor to a 129 charter school in the same manner provided to other public



130 schools in the district.

131 2. A total administrative fee for the provision of such 132 services shall be calculated based upon up to 5 percent of the 133 available funds defined in paragraph (17) (b) for all students. 134 However, a sponsor may only withhold up to a 5 percent 5-percent 135 administrative fee for enrollment for up to and including 250 136 500 students. For charter schools with a population of 251 501137 or more students, the difference between the total administrative fee calculation and the amount of the 138 139 administrative fee withheld may only be used for capital outlay 140 purposes specified in s. 1013.62(2).

141 <u>3. In addition, a sponsor may withhold only up to a 5</u> 142 <u>percent administrative fee for enrollment for up to and</u> 143 <u>including 500 students within the system for a system of charter</u> 144 <u>schools which meets all of the following:</u>

145a. Includes both conversion charter schools and non-146conversion charter schools;

147 b. All schools are located in the same municipality in the 148 same county;

149 <u>c. Has a total enrollment exceeding the total enrollment of</u> 150 <u>at least one county school district in the state;</u>

d. Has the same governing board; and

152 <u>e. Does not contract with a for-profit service provider for</u>
 153 <u>management of school operations.</u>

<u>4. The difference between the total administrative fee</u>
 <u>calculation and the amount of the administrative fee withheld</u>
 <u>for such system of charter schools may be used for instructional</u>
 <u>and administrative purposes as well as for capital outlay</u>
 purposes specified in s. 1013.62(2).

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159 5. Each charter school shall receive 100 percent of the 160 funds awarded to that school pursuant to s. 1012.225. Sponsors 161 shall not charge charter schools any additional fees or 162 surcharges for administrative and educational services in 163 addition to the maximum 5 percent 5-percent administrative fee 164 withheld pursuant to this paragraph. 165 Section 7. Paragraphs (a) and (f) of subsection (3) of 166 section 1002.37, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 167 1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.-168 (3) Funding for the Florida Virtual School shall be 169 provided as follows: 170 (a) A "full-time equivalent student" for the Florida Virtual School is one student who has successfully completed six 171 172 credits that shall count toward the minimum number of credits required for high school graduation. A student who completes 173 174 less than six credits shall be a fraction of a full-time 175 equivalent student. Half-credit completions shall be included in 176 determining a full-time equivalent student. Half-credits earned 177 by a student 20 weeks or more after beginning the course, and 178 credits earned by a student 40 weeks or more after beginning the 179 course, are not eligible to be funded and may not be reported. 180 Credit completed by a student in excess of the minimum required 181 for that student for high school graduation is not eligible for funding. 182 183 (f) The Florida Virtual School shall receive funds for

(f) The Florida Virtual School shall receive funds for operating purposes in an amount determined as follows: multiply the maximum allowable nonvoted discretionary millage for operations pursuant to s. 1011.71(1) <u>and (3)</u> by the value of 95 percent of the current year's taxable value for school purposes

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188	for the state; divide the result by the total full-time
189	equivalent membership of the state; and multiply the result by
190	the full-time equivalent membership of the school. The amount
191	thus obtained shall be discretionary operating funds and shall
192	be appropriated from state funds in the General Appropriations
193	Act.
194	Section 8. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1),
195	paragraph (a) of subsection (2), and subsections (7) and (12) of
196	section 1002.45, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
197	1002.45 School district virtual instruction programs
198	(1) PROGRAM
199	(a) For purposes of this section, the term:
200	1. "Approved provider" means a provider that is approved by
201	the Department of Education under subsection (2), the Florida
202	Virtual School, or a franchise of the Florida Virtual School <u>, or</u>
203	a public community college.
204	2. "Virtual instruction program" means a program of
205	instruction provided in an interactive learning environment
206	created through technology in which students are separated from
207	their teachers by time or space, or both, and in which a
208	Florida-certified teacher under chapter 1012 is responsible for
209	at least:
210	a. Fifty percent of the direct instruction to students in
211	kindergarten through grade 5; or
212	b. Eighty percent of the direct instruction to students in
213	grades 6 through 12.

(b) Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, each school district shall provide eligible students within its boundaries the option of participating in a virtual instruction program.

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217 The purpose of the program is to make instruction available to 218 students using online and distance learning technology in the 219 nontraditional classroom. The program shall be:

220 1. Full-time for students enrolled in kindergarten through 221 grade 12.

222 2. Full-time or part-time for students <u>in grades 9 through</u> 223 <u>12 who are</u> enrolled in dropout prevention and academic 224 intervention programs under s. 1003.53<u>, or</u> Department of 225 Juvenile Justice education programs under s. 1003.52<u>, core-</u> 226 <u>curricula courses to meet class size requirements, or community</u> 227 <u>colleges in grades 9 through 12</u>.

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(2) PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS.-

(a) The department shall annually provide school districts
with a list of providers approved to offer virtual instruction
programs. To be approved by the department, a provider must
document that it:

1. Is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies,employment practices, and operations;

235 2. Complies with the antidiscrimination provisions of s.236 1000.05;

3. Locates an administrative office or offices in this state, requires its administrative staff to be state residents, requires all instructional staff to be Florida-certified teachers under chapter 1012, and conducts background screenings for all employees or contracted personnel, as required by s. 1012.32, using state and national criminal history records;

4. Possesses prior, successful experience offering online
courses to elementary, middle, or high school students; and
5. Is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges

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246 and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement, the 247 North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School 248 Improvement, the Middle States Association of Colleges and 249 Schools Commission on Elementary Schools and Commission on 250 Secondary Schools, the New England Association of Schools and 251 Colleges, the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools, the 252 Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or the Commission 253 on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation; and-

6. If the provider is a community college, its instructors meet the certification requirements for instructional staff. (7) FUNDING.-

(a) For purposes of a school district virtual instruction
program, "full-time equivalent student" has the same meaning as
provided in s. 1011.61(1)(c)1.b.(III) or (IV).

260 (b) The school district in which the student resides shall 261 report full-time equivalent students for the school district 262 virtual instruction program to the department in a manner 263 prescribed by the department, and funding shall be provided 264 through the Florida Education Finance Program. Funds received by 265 the school district of residence for a student in a virtual 266 instruction program provided by another school district under 267 this section shall be transferred to the school district 268 providing the virtual instruction program.

269 (c) A community college provider may not report students 270 who are served in a school district virtual instruction program 271 for funding under the Community College Program Fund.

272 (12) STUDY.—The department shall review the advisability of
 273 legislatively authorizing school districts to contract with
 274 approved private providers for the provision of part-time

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275	virtual instruction programs for students in grades 9 through 12
276	who are not enrolled in programs under ss. 1003.52 and 1003.53.
277	The department shall report its findings and recommendations to
278	the presiding officers of the Legislature and the Governor by
279	January 15, 2010.
280	Section 9. Paragraphs (c) and (f) of subsection (3) of
281	section 1002.55, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
282	1002.55 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by
283	private prekindergarten providers
284	(3) To be eligible to deliver the prekindergarten program,
285	a private prekindergarten provider must meet each of the
286	following requirements:
287	(c) The private prekindergarten provider must have, for
288	each prekindergarten class <u>composed of 12 children or fewer</u> , at
289	least one prekindergarten instructor who meets each of the
290	following requirements:
291	1. The prekindergarten instructor must hold, at a minimum,
292	one of the following credentials:
293	a. A child development associate credential issued by the
294	National Credentialing Program of the Council for Professional
295	Recognition; or
296	b. A credential approved by the Department of Children and
297	Family Services as being equivalent to or greater than the
298	credential described in sub-subparagraph a.
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300	The Department of Children and Family Services may adopt rules
301	under ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 which provide criteria and
302	procedures for approving equivalent credentials under sub-
303	subparagraph b.
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304 2. The prekindergarten instructor must successfully complete an emergent literacy training course approved by the 305 306 department as meeting or exceeding the minimum standards adopted 307 under s. 1002.59. This subparagraph does not apply to a 308 prekindergarten instructor who successfully completes approved 309 training in early literacy and language development under s. 402.305(2)(d)5., s. 402.313(6), or s. 402.3131(5) before the 310 311 establishment of one or more emergent literacy training courses 312 under s. 1002.59 or April 1, 2005, whichever occurs later.

313 (f) Each of the private prekindergarten provider's 314 prekindergarten classes must be composed of at least 4 students 315 but may not exceed 24 18 students. In order to protect the health and safety of students, each private prekindergarten 316 317 provider must also provide appropriate adult supervision for students at all times and, for each prekindergarten class 318 composed of 13 to 20 11 or more students, must have, in addition 319 320 to a prekindergarten instructor who meets the requirements of paragraph (c), at least one adult prekindergarten instructor who 321 322 is not required to meet those requirements but who must meet 323 each requirement of paragraph (d). Each prekindergarten class 324 composed of 21 to 24 students must have an additional 325 prekindergarten instructor who meets the requirements of 326 paragraph (c). This paragraph does not supersede any requirement 327 imposed on a provider under ss. 402.301-402.319.

328 Section 10. Subsection (7) of section 1002.63, Florida 329 Statutes, is amended to read:

330 1002.63 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by 331 public schools.-

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(7) Each prekindergarten class in a public school

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333 delivering the school-year prekindergarten program must be 334 composed of at least 4 students but may not exceed 24 18 students. In order to protect the health and safety of students, 335 336 each school must also provide appropriate adult supervision for 337 students at all times and, for each prekindergarten class 338 composed of 13 to 20 11 or more students, must have, in addition 339 to a prekindergarten instructor who meets the requirements of s. 340 1002.55(3)(c), at least one adult prekindergarten instructor who 341 is not required to meet those requirements but who must meet 342 each requirement of subsection (5). Each prekindergarten class 343 composed of 21 to 24 students must have an additional 344 prekindergarten instructor who meets the requirements of

345 paragraph (c).

346 Section 11. Subsection (7) of section 1002.71, Florida 347 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.-

(7) The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall require that 349 350 administrative expenditures be kept to the minimum necessary for 351 efficient and effective administration of the Voluntary 352 Prekindergarten Education Program. Administrative policies and 353 procedures shall be revised, to the maximum extent practicable, 354 to incorporate the use of automation and electronic submission 355 of forms, including those required for child eligibility and 356 enrollment, provider and class registration, and monthly 357 certification of attendance for payment. A school district may 358 use its automated daily attendance reporting system for the 359 purpose of transmitting attendance records to the early learning 360 coalition in a mutually agreed-upon format. In addition, actions 361 shall be taken to reduce paperwork, eliminate the duplication of

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362 reports, and eliminate other duplicative activities. Beginning 363 with the 2010-2011 2008-2009 fiscal year, each early learning 364 coalition may retain and expend no more than 4.5 4.85 percent of 365 the funds paid by the coalition to private prekindergarten 366 providers and public schools under paragraph (5)(b). Funds 367 retained by an early learning coalition under this subsection may be used only for administering the Voluntary Prekindergarten 368 369 Education Program and may not be used for the school readiness 370 program or other programs. 371 Section 12. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 372 1003.03, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 373 1003.03 Maximum class size.-374 (2) IMPLEMENTATION.-The Department of Education shall 375 annually calculate class size measures defined in subsection (1) 376 based upon the October student membership survey, except that 377 the calculation for 2010-2011 shall be based on the February 378 student membership survey. (a) Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, each school 379 380 district that is not in compliance with the maximums in subsection (1) shall reduce the average number of students per 381 382 classroom in each of the following grade groupings: 383 prekindergarten through grade 3, grade 4 through grade 8, and 384 grade 9 through grade 12, by at least two students each year. 385 (b) Determination of the number of students per classroom 386 in paragraph (a) shall be calculated as follows: 387 1. For fiscal years 2003-2004 through 2005-2006, the 388 calculation for compliance for each of the 3 grade groupings 389 shall be the average at the district level. 2. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, the 390

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391	calculation for compliance for each of the 3 grade groupings
392	shall be the average at the school level.
393	3. For fiscal year 2010-2011 and thereafter, the
394	calculation for compliance shall be at the individual classroom
395	level.
396	4. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010 and
397	thereafter, each teacher assigned to any classroom shall be
398	included in the calculation for compliance.
399	(c) The Department of Education shall annually calculate
400	each of the three average class size measures defined in
401	paragraphs (a) and (b) based upon the October student membership
402	survey. For purposes of determining the baseline from which each
403	district's average class size must be reduced for the 2003-2004
404	school year, the department shall use data from the February
405	2003 student membership survey updated to include classroom
406	identification numbers as required by the department.
407	(d) Prior to the adoption of the district school budget for
408	2004-2005, each district school board shall hold public hearings
409	to review school attendance zones in order to ensure maximum use
410	of facilities while minimizing the additional use of
411	transportation in order to comply with the two-student-per-year
412	reduction required in paragraph (a). School districts that meet
413	the constitutional class size maximums described in subsection
414	(1) are exempt from this requirement.
415	(3) IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONSDistrict school boards must
416	consider, but are not limited to, implementing the following
417	items in order to meet the constitutional class size maximums
418	described in subsection (1) and the two-student-per-year
419	reduction required in subsection (2):

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420 (a) Adopt policies to encourage qualified students to take421 dual enrollment courses.

422 (b) Adopt policies to encourage students to take courses
423 from the Florida Virtual School <u>and school district virtual</u>
424 <u>instruction programs</u>.

425 (c)1. Repeal district school board policies that require 426 students to have more than 24 credits to graduate from high 427 school.

428 2. Adopt policies to allow students to graduate from high
429 school as soon as they pass the grade 10 FCAT and complete the
430 courses required for high school graduation.

(d) Use methods to maximize use of instructional staff,
such as changing required teaching loads and scheduling of
planning periods, deploying district employees that have
professional certification to the classroom, using adjunct
educators, or any other method not prohibited by law.

(e) Use innovative methods to reduce the cost of school
construction by using prototype school designs, using SMART
Schools designs, participating in the School Infrastructure
Thrift Program, or any other method not prohibited by law.

440 (f) Use joint-use facilities through partnerships with community colleges, state universities, and private colleges and 441 442 universities. Joint-use facilities available for use as K-12 443 classrooms that do not meet the K-12 State Regulations for 444 Educational Facilities in the Florida Building Code may be used 445 at the discretion of the district school board provided that 446 such facilities meet all other health, life, safety, and fire 447 codes.

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(g) Adopt alternative methods of class scheduling, such as



449 block scheduling. 450 (h) Redraw school attendance zones to maximize use of 451 facilities while minimizing the additional use of 452 transportation. 453 (i) Operate schools beyond the normal operating hours to 454 provide classes in the evening or operate more than one session 455 of school during the day. 456 (j) Use year-round schools and other nontraditional 457 calendars that do not adversely impact annual assessment of 458 student achievement. 459 (k) Review and consider amending any collective bargaining 460 contracts that hinder the implementation of class size 461 reduction. 462 (1) Use any other approach not prohibited by law. 463 (4) ACCOUNTABILITY.-464 (a) 1. Beginning in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, if the 465 department determines for any year that a school district has 466 not reduced average class size as required in subsection (2) at 467 the time of the third FEFP calculation, the department shall 468 calculate an amount from the class size reduction operating 469 categorical which is proportionate to the amount of class size 470 reduction not accomplished. Upon verification of the 471 department's calculation by the Florida Education Finance 472 Program Appropriation Allocation Conference and not later than 473 March 1 of each year, the Executive Office of the Governor shall 474 transfer undistributed funds equivalent to the calculated amount 475 from the district's class size reduction operating categorical 476 to an approved fixed capital outlay appropriation for class size reduction in the affected district pursuant to s. 216.292(2)(d). 477



478	The amount of funds transferred shall be the lesser of the
479	amount verified by the Florida Education Finance Program
480	Appropriation Allocation Conference or the undistributed balance
481	of the district's class size reduction operating categorical.
482	2. In licu of the transfer required by subparagraph 1., the
483	Commissioner of Education may recommend a budget amendment,
484	subject to approval by the Legislative Budget Commission, to
485	transfer an alternative amount of funds from the district's
486	class size reduction operating categorical to its approved fixed
487	capital outlay account for class size reduction if the
488	commissioner finds that the State Board of Education has
489	reviewed evidence indicating that a district has been unable to
490	meet class size reduction requirements despite appropriate
491	effort to do so. The commissioner's budget amendment must be
492	submitted to the Legislative Budget Commission by February 15 of
493	each year.
494	3. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year and thereafter, if in any
495	fiscal year funds from a district's class size operating
496	categorical are required to be transferred to its fixed capital
497	outlay fund and the district's class size operating categorical

498 allocation in the General Appropriations Act for that fiscal 499 year has been reduced by a subsequent appropriation, the 500 Commissioner of Education may recommend a 50-percent reduction 501 in the amount of the transfer.

502 (a) (b) Beginning in the 2010-2011 fiscal year and each year 503 thereafter, If the department determines that the number of 504 students assigned to any individual class <u>exceed</u> exceeds the 505 class size maximum, as required in subsection (1) (2), at the 506 time of the third FEFP calculation, <u>except in 2010-2011 at the</u>



507 time of the fourth calculation, the department shall:

1. Identify, for each grade group, the number of classes in which the enrollment exceeds the maximum, the number of students <u>exceed</u> which exceeds the maximum for each class, and the total number of students <u>that exceed</u> which exceeds the maximum for all classes.

513 2. Determine the number of full-time equivalent students 514 <u>that exceed</u> which exceeds the maximum class size for each grade 515 group.

516 3. Multiply the total number of FTE students <u>that exceed</u> 517 which exceeds the maximum class size for each grade group by the 518 district's FTE dollar amount of the class-size-reduction 519 allocation for that year and calculate the total for all three 520 grade groups.

521 <u>4. Multiply the total number of FTE students that exceed</u> 522 <u>the maximum for all classes by the amount of the base student</u> 523 <u>allocation adjusted by the district's district cost</u> 524 differential.

525 <u>5.4</u>. Reduce the district's class-size-reduction operating 526 categorical allocation by an amount equal to the sum of the 527 <u>calculations</u> calculation in <u>subparagraphs</u> subparagraph 3. <u>and 4</u>. 528 <u>The commissioner is authorized to withhold the distribution of</u> 529 <u>class size allocation reduction funds to the extent necessary to</u> 530 <u>comply with this section</u>.

531 (b) (c) Upon verification of the department's calculation by 532 the Florida Education Finance Program Appropriation Allocation 533 Conference and no later than March 1 of each year, the Executive 534 Office of the Governor shall place these funds in reserve, and 535 the undistributed funds shall revert to the General Revenue Fund

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536 unallocated at the end of the fiscal year. The amount of funds 537 reduced shall be the lesser of the amount verified by the 538 Florida Education Finance Program Appropriation Allocation 539 Conference or the undistributed balance of the district's class-540 size-reduction operating categorical allocation.

541 (c) (d) In lieu of the reduction calculation in paragraph 542 (a) (b), if the Commissioner of Education has evidence that a district was unable to meet the class size requirements despite 543 544 appropriate efforts to do so or because of an extreme emergency, 545 he or she may recommend a budget amendment, subject to approval 546 of the Legislative Budget Commission, to reduce an alternative 547 amount of funds from the district's class-size-reduction 548 operating categorical allocation. The commissioner's budget 549 amendment must be submitted to the Legislative Budget Commission 550 by February 15 of each year.

551 (d) The March 1 and February 15 dates in paragraphs (b) and 552 (c) do not apply for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

(e) In addition to the calculation required in paragraph (a), at the time of the third FEFP calculation for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the department shall also prepare a simulated calculation based on the requirements in paragraphs (b) and (c). This simulated calculation shall be provided to the school districts and the Legislature.

559 Section 13. Effective upon approval by the electors of 560 Senate Joint Resolution 2 or House Joint Resolution 7039 in the 561 2010 General Election and retroactive to the beginning of the 562 2010-2011 school year, section 1003.03, Florida Statutes, is 563 amended to read:

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1003.03 Maximum class size.-

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565 (1) CONSTITUTIONAL CLASS SIZE MAXIMUMS.-Pursuant to s. 1, Art. IX of the State Constitution, beginning in the 2010-2011 566 school year: 567 568 (a) The average number of students at the school level 569 assigned to each teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses 570 in public school classrooms for prekindergarten through grade 3 may not exceed 18 students and the maximum number of students 571 572 assigned to a teacher in an individual class may not exceed 21 573 students. 574 (b) The average number of students at the school level 575 assigned to each teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses 576 in public school classrooms for grades 4 through 8 may not 577 exceed 22 students and the maximum number of students assigned 578 to a teacher in an individual class may not exceed 27 students. 579 (c) The average number of students at the school level 580 assigned to each teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses 581 in public school classrooms for grades 9 through 12 may not 582 exceed 25 students and the maximum number of students assigned 583 to a teacher in an individual class may not exceed 30 students. 584 (a) The maximum number of students assigned to each teacher 585 who is teaching core-curricula courses in public school 586 classrooms for prekindergarten through grade 3 may not exceed 18 587 students. 588 (b) The maximum number of students assigned to each teacher 589 who is teaching core-curricula courses in public school 590 classrooms for grades 4 through 8 may not exceed 22 students. (c) The maximum number of students assigned to each teacher 591 592 who is teaching core-curricula courses in public school 593 classrooms for grades 9 through 12 may not exceed 25 students.

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594	(2) IMPLEMENTATIONThe Department of Education shall
595	annually calculate class size as defined in subsection (1) based
596	upon the October student membership survey, except that the
597	calculation for the 2010-2011 school year shall be based on the
598	February student membership survey. The calculation for
599	compliance for each of the three grade groupings shall be the
600	number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual
601	class and the average number of students at the school level
602	assigned to each teacher. Each teacher assigned to any classroom
603	shall be included in the calculation for compliance.
604	(a) Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, each school
605	district that is not in compliance with the maximums in
606	subsection (1) shall reduce the average number of students per
607	classroom in each of the following grade groupings:
608	prekindergarten through grade 3, grade 4 through grade 8, and
609	grade 9 through grade 12, by at least two students each year.
610	(b) Determination of the number of students per classroom
611	in paragraph (a) shall be calculated as follows:
612	1. For fiscal years 2003-2004 through 2005-2006, the
613	calculation for compliance for each of the 3 grade groupings
614	shall be the average at the district level.
615	2. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, the
616	calculation for compliance for each of the 3 grade groupings
617	shall be the average at the school level.
618	3. For fiscal year 2010-2011 and thereafter, the
619	calculation for compliance shall be at the individual classroom
620	level.
621	4. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010 and
622	thereafter, each teacher assigned to any classroom shall be



623 included in the calculation for compliance.

624 (c) The Department of Education shall annually calculate 625 each of the three average class size measures defined in paragraphs (a) and (b) based upon the October student membership 626 627 survey. For purposes of determining the baseline from which each 628 district's average class size must be reduced for the 2003-2004 629 school year, the department shall use data from the February 630 2003 student membership survey updated to include classroom 631 identification numbers as required by the department.

632 (d) Prior to the adoption of the district school budget for 633 2004-2005, each district school board shall hold public hearings 634 to review school attendance zones in order to ensure maximum use 635 of facilities while minimizing the additional use of 636 transportation in order to comply with the two-student-per-year 637 reduction required in paragraph (a). School districts that meet 638 the constitutional class size maximums described in subsection 639 (1) are exempt from this requirement.

(3) IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS.-District school boards must
consider, but are not limited to, implementing the following
items in order to meet the constitutional class size maximums
described in subsection (1) and the two-student-per-year
reduction required in subsection (2):

645 (a) Adopt policies to encourage qualified students to take646 dual enrollment courses.

647 (b) Adopt policies to encourage students to take courses
648 from the Florida Virtual School <u>and school district virtual</u>
649 <u>instruction programs</u>.

650 (c)1. Repeal district school board policies that require651 students to have more than 24 credits to graduate from high



652 school.

Adopt policies to allow students to graduate from high
school as soon as they pass the grade 10 FCAT and complete the
courses required for high school graduation.

(d) Use methods to maximize use of instructional staff,
such as changing required teaching loads and scheduling of
planning periods, deploying district employees that have
professional certification to the classroom, using adjunct
educators, or any other method not prohibited by law.

(e) Use innovative methods to reduce the cost of school
construction by using prototype school designs, using SMART
Schools designs, participating in the School Infrastructure
Thrift Program, or any other method not prohibited by law.

665 (f) Use joint-use facilities through partnerships with 666 community colleges, state universities, and private colleges and 667 universities. Joint-use facilities available for use as K-12 668 classrooms that do not meet the K-12 State Regulations for 669 Educational Facilities in the Florida Building Code may be used 670 at the discretion of the district school board provided that 671 such facilities meet all other health, life, safety, and fire 672 codes.

673 (g) Adopt alternative methods of class scheduling, such as674 block scheduling.

675 (h) Redraw school attendance zones to maximize use of
676 facilities while minimizing the additional use of
677 transportation.

678 (i) Operate schools beyond the normal operating hours to
679 provide classes in the evening or operate more than one session
680 of school during the day.

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681	(j) Use year-round schools and other nontraditional
682	calendars that do not adversely impact annual assessment of
683	student achievement.
684	(k) Review and consider amending any collective bargaining
685	contracts that hinder the implementation of class size
686	reduction.
687	(1) Use any other approach not prohibited by law.
688	(4) ACCOUNTABILITY
689	(a) If the department determines that the number of
690	students assigned to any individual class exceeds the classroom
691	maximum, or if the department determines that the school average
692	is greater than the school level maximum, the department shall
693	identify for each of three grade groups:
694	1. The number of FTE students in an individual classroom
695	that are greater than the classroom maximum and the number of
696	FTE students that are greater than the school level average, not
697	including the number of FTE that are greater than the classroom
698	maximum.
699	2. Multiply the total number of FTE students as calculated
700	in subparagraph 1. which exceed the maximum class size for each
701	grade group by the district's FTE dollar amount of the class-
702	size-reduction allocation for that year and calculate the total
703	dollar amount for all three grade groups.
704	3. Multiply the total number of FTE students as calculated
705	in subparagraph 1. which exceed the maximum by the amount of the
706	base student allocation adjusted by the district cost
707	differential.
708	4. Reduce the district's class-size-reduction operating
709	categorical allocation by an amount equal to the sum of the

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710 <u>calculations in subparagraphs 2. and 3. The commissioner is</u> 711 <u>authorized to withhold the distribution of class size reduction</u> 712 <u>allocation funds to the extent necessary to comply with this</u> 713 <u>section.</u>

714 (a)1. Beginning in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, if the 715 department determines for any year that a school district has 716 not reduced average class size as required in subsection (2) at 717 the time of the third FEFP calculation, the department shall 718 calculate an amount from the class size reduction operating 719 categorical which is proportionate to the amount of class size 720 reduction not accomplished. Upon verification of the 721 department's calculation by the Florida Education Finance 722 Program Appropriation Allocation Conference and not later than 723 March 1 of each year, the Executive Office of the Governor shall 724 transfer undistributed funds equivalent to the calculated amount 725 from the district's class size reduction operating categorical 726 to an approved fixed capital outlay appropriation for class size 727 reduction in the affected district pursuant to s. 216.292(2)(d). 728 The amount of funds transferred shall be the lesser of the 729 amount verified by the Florida Education Finance Program 730 Appropriation Allocation Conference or the undistributed balance 731 of the district's class size reduction operating categorical. 732 2. In lieu of the transfer required by subparagraph 1., the 733 Commissioner of Education may recommend a budget amendment, 734 subject to approval by the Legislative Budget Commission, to 735 transfer an alternative amount of funds from the district's

736 class size reduction operating categorical to its approved fixed

- 737 capital outlay account for class size reduction if the
- 738 commissioner finds that the State Board of Education has

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739 reviewed evidence indicating that a district has been unable to 740 meet class size reduction requirements despite appropriate 741 effort to do so. The commissioner's budget amendment must be submitted to the Legislative Budget Commission by February 15 of 742 743 each year. 744 3. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year and thereafter, if in any 745 fiscal year funds from a district's class size operating 746 categorical are required to be transferred to its fixed capital 747 outlay fund and the district's class size operating categorical 748 allocation in the General Appropriations Act for that fiscal year has been reduced by a subsequent appropriation, the 749 Commissioner of Education may recommend a 50-percent reduction 750 751 in the amount of the transfer. 752 (b) (c) Upon verification of the department's calculation by 753 the Florida Education Finance Program Appropriation Allocation 754 Conference and no later than March 1 of each year, the Executive 755 Office of the Governor shall place these funds in reserve, and 756 the undistributed funds shall revert to the General Revenue Fund 757 unallocated at the end of the fiscal year. The amount of funds

758 reduced shall be the lesser of the amount verified by the 759 Florida Education Finance Program Appropriation Allocation 760 Conference or the undistributed balance of the district's class-761 size-reduction operating categorical allocation.

762 (c) (d) In lieu of the reduction calculation in paragraph 763 (a) (b), if the Commissioner of Education has evidence that a 764 district has been unable to meet the class size requirements 765 despite appropriate efforts to do so or because of an extreme 766 emergency, he or she may recommend a budget amendment, subject 767 to approval of the Legislative Budget Commission, to reduce an

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768	alternative amount of funds from the district's class-size-
769	reduction operating categorical allocation. The commissioner's
770	budget amendment must be submitted to the Legislative Budget
771	Commission by February 15 of each year.
772	(d) The March 1 and February 15 dates in paragraphs (b) and
773	(c) do not apply for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
774	(e) In addition to the calculation required in paragraph
775	(a), at the time of the third FEFP calculation for the 2009-2010
776	fiscal year, the department shall also prepare a simulated
777	calculation based on the requirements in paragraphs (b) and (c).
778	This simulated calculation shall be provided to the school
779	districts and the Legislature.
780	(5) TEAM-TEACHING STRATEGIES.—
781	(a) School districts may use teaching strategies that
782	include the assignment of more than one teacher to a classroom
783	of students and that were implemented before July 1, 2005.
784	Effective July 1, 2005, school districts may implement
785	additional teaching strategies that include the assignment of
786	more than one teacher to a classroom of students for the
787	following purposes only:
788	1. Pairing teachers for the purpose of staff development.
789	2. Pairing new teachers with veteran teachers.
790	3. Reducing turnover among new teachers.
791	4. Pairing teachers who are teaching out-of-field with
792	teachers who are in-field.
793	5. Providing for more flexibility and innovation in the
794	classroom.
795	6. Improving learning opportunities for students, including
796	students who have disabilities.

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(b) Teaching strategies, including team teaching, coteaching, or inclusion teaching, implemented on or after July 1, 2005, pursuant to paragraph (a) may be implemented subject to the following restrictions:

801 1. Reasonable limits shall be placed on the number of 802 students in a classroom so that classrooms are not overcrowded. 803 Teacher-to-student ratios within a curriculum area or grade 804 level must not exceed constitutional limits.

805 2. At least one member of the team must have at least 3 806 years of teaching experience.

807 3. At least one member of the team must be teaching in-808 field.

809 4. The teachers must be trained in team-teaching methods810 within 1 year after assignment.

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(c) As used in this subsection, the term:

812 1. "Team teaching" or "co-teaching" means two or more 813 teachers are assigned to a group of students and each teacher is 814 responsible for all of the students during the entire class 815 period. In order to be considered team teaching or co-teaching, 816 each teacher is responsible for planning, delivering, and 817 evaluating instruction for all students in the class or subject 818 for the entire class period.

819 2. "Inclusion teaching" means two or more teachers are 820 assigned to a group of students, but one of the teachers is 821 responsible for only one student or a small group of students in 822 the classroom.

The use of strategies implemented as outlined in this subsection meets the letter and intent of the Florida Constitution and the

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826 Florida Statutes which relate to implementing class size 827 reduction, and this subsection applies retroactively. A school 828 district may not be penalized financially or otherwise as a 829 result of the use of any legal strategy, including, but not 830 limited to, those set forth in subsection (3) and this 831 subsection.

832 Section 14. Subsection (2) of section 1003.492, Florida833 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1003.492 Industry-certified career education programs.-

835 (2) The State Board of Education shall use the expertise of 836 Workforce Florida, Inc., and Enterprise Florida, Inc., to 837 develop and adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 838 for implementing an industry certification process. Industry 839 certification shall be defined by the Agency for Workforce Innovation, based upon the highest available national standards 840 841 for specific industry certification, to ensure student skill 842 proficiency and to address emerging labor market and industry trends. A regional workforce board or a career and professional 843 844 academy may apply to Workforce Florida, Inc., to request 845 additions to the approved list of industry certifications based 846 on high-demand job requirements in the regional economy. The 847 list of industry certifications approved by Workforce Florida, 848 Inc., and the Department of Education shall be published and 849 updated annually by a date certain, to be included in the 850 adopted rule.

851 Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 1006.28, Florida
852 Statutes, is amended to read:

853 1006.28 Duties of district school board, district school 854 superintendent; and school principal regarding K-12



855 instructional materials.-

(1) DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.-The district school board has 856 the duty to provide adequate instructional materials for all 857 858 students in accordance with the requirements of this part. The 859 term "adequate instructional materials" means a sufficient 860 number of textbooks or sets of materials that are available in bound, unbound, kit, or package form and may consist of hard-861 backed or soft-backed textbooks, electronic content, 862 863 consumables, learning laboratories, manipulatives, electronic 864 media, and computer courseware or software that serve as the 865 basis for instruction for each student in the core courses of 866 mathematics, language arts, social studies, science, reading, 867 and literature, except for instruction for which the school 868 advisory council approves the use of a program that does not 869 include a textbook as a major tool of instruction. The district 870 school board has the following specific duties:

(a) Courses of study; adoption.—Adopt courses of study for
use in the schools of the district.

873 (b) Textbooks.-Provide for proper requisitioning, 874 distribution, accounting, storage, care, and use of all 875 instructional materials furnished by the state and furnish such 876 other instructional materials as may be needed. The district 877 school board shall assure that instructional materials used in 878 the district are consistent with the district goals and 879 objectives and the curriculum frameworks adopted by rule of the 880 State Board of Education, as well as with the state and district 881 performance standards provided for in s. 1001.03(1).

(c) Other instructional materials.-Provide such other
 teaching accessories and aids as are needed for the school

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884	district's educational program.
885	(d) School library media services; establishment and
886	maintenance.—Establish and maintain a program of school library
887	media services for all public schools in the district, including
888	school library media centers, or school library media centers
889	open to the public, and, in addition such traveling or
890	circulating libraries as may be needed for the proper operation
891	of the district school system.
892	Section 16. Section 1006.281, Florida Statutes, is created
893	to read:
894	1006.281 Learning management systems
895	(1) To ensure that all school districts have equitable
896	access to digitally rich instructional materials, districts are
897	encouraged to provide access to an electronic learning
898	management system that allows teachers, students, and parents to
899	access, organize, and use electronically available instructional
900	materials and teaching and learning tools and resources, and
901	that enables teachers to manage, assess, and track student
902	learning.
903	(2) To the extent fiscally and technologically feasible, a
904	school district's electronic learning management system should
905	allow for a single, authenticated sign-on and include the
906	following functionality:
907	(a) Vertically searches for, gathers, and organizes
908	specific standards-based instructional materials.
909	(b) Enables teachers to prepare lessons, individualize
910	student instruction, and use best practices in providing
911	instruction.
912	(c) Provides communication, including access to up-to-date

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913 student performance data, in order to help teachers and parents 914 better serve the needs of students. (d) Provides access for administrators to ensure quality of 915 916 instruction within every classroom. 917 (e) Provides access to multiple content providers. 918 (3) The Department of Education shall provide assistance as 919 requested by school districts in their deployment of a district 920 electronic learning management system. 921 Section 17. Subsection (4) of section 1006.29, Florida 922 Statutes, is amended to read: 923 1006.29 State instructional materials committees.-924 (4) For purposes of state adoption, "instructional 925 materials" means items having intellectual content that by 926 design serve as a major tool for assisting in the instruction of 927 a subject or course. These items may be available in bound, 928 unbound, kit, or package form and may consist of hardbacked or 929 softbacked textbooks, electronic content, consumables, learning 930 laboratories, manipulatives, electronic media, and computer 931 courseware or software. The term does not include electronic or 932 computer hardware even if such hardware is bundled with software 933 or other electronic media, nor does it include equipment or 934 supplies. A publisher or manufacturer providing instructional 935 materials as a single bundle shall also make the instructional 936 materials available as separate and unbundled items, each priced 937 individually. Any instructional materials adopted after 2012-938 2013 for students in grades 9 through 12 shall be provided 939 primarily in an electronic format. 940 Section 18. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 941 1006.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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942 1006.33 Bids or proposals; advertisement and its contents.-943 (1)

(b) The advertisement shall state that, beginning in 2010-944 945 2011, each bidder shall furnish electronic specimen copies of all instructional materials submitted, at a time designated by 946 947 the department, which specimen copies shall be identical with 948 the copies approved and accepted by the members of the state 949 instructional materials committee, as prescribed in this 950 section, and with the copies furnished to the department and 951 district school superintendents, as provided in this part. Any 952 district school superintendent who requires samples in addition 953 to the electronic format must request those samples through the 954 department.

955 Section 19. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and subsection 956 (4) of section 1006.40, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

957 1006.40 Use of instructional materials allocation; 958 instructional materials, library books, and reference books; 959 repair of books.-

960 (3) (a) Each district school board shall use the annual 961 allocation for the purchase of instructional materials included 962 on the state-adopted list, except as otherwise authorized in 963 paragraphs (b) and (c). No less than 50 percent of the annual 964 allocation shall be used to purchase items which will be used to provide instruction to students at the level or levels for which 965 966 the materials are designed. Beginning with the 2012-2013 fiscal 967 year, not less than 10 percent of the annual allocation shall be 968 used to purchase items for which the major tool of instruction 969 is used electronically.

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(4) The funds described in subsection (3) which district



971 school boards may use to purchase materials not on the state-972 adopted list shall be used for the purchase of instructional materials or other items having intellectual content which 973 974 assist in the instruction of a subject or course. These items 975 may be available in bound, unbound, kit, or package form and may 976 consist of hardbacked or softbacked textbooks, electronic 977 content, replacements for items which were part of previously 978 purchased instructional materials, consumables, learning 979 laboratories, manipulatives, electronic media, computer 980 courseware or software, and other commonly accepted 981 instructional tools as prescribed by district school board rule. 982 The funds available to district school boards for the purchase 983 of materials not on the state-adopted list may not be used to 984 purchase electronic or computer hardware even if such hardware 985 is bundled with software or other electronic media, nor may such 986 funds be used to purchase equipment or supplies. However, when 987 authorized to do so in the General Appropriations Act, a school 988 or district school board may use a portion of the funds 989 available to it for the purchase of materials not on the state-990 adopted list to purchase science laboratory materials and 991 supplies.

992 Section 20. Subsection (1) of section 1007.27, Florida 993 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.-

995 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that a variety of 996 articulated acceleration mechanisms be available for secondary 997 and postsecondary students attending public educational 998 institutions. It is intended that articulated acceleration serve 999 to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete the

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1000 requirements associated with the conference of a high school 1001 diploma and a postsecondary degree, broaden the scope of 1002 curricular options available to students, or increase the depth 1003 of study available for a particular subject. Articulated 1004 acceleration mechanisms shall include, but not be limited to, 1005 dual enrollment as provided for in s. 1007.271, early admission, 1006 advanced placement, credit by examination, the International 1007 Baccalaureate Program, and the Advanced International 1008 Certificate of Education Program. Credit earned through the 1009 Florida Virtual School shall provide additional opportunities 1010 for early graduation and acceleration. Students of Florida 1011 public secondary schools enrolled pursuant to this subsection 1012 shall be deemed authorized users of the state-funded electronic 1013 library resources that are licensed for public colleges and 1014 universities by the Florida Center for Library Automation and 1015 the College Center for Library Automation. Verification of 1016 eligibility shall be in accordance with rules established by the 1017 State Board of Education and the Board of Governors and 1018 processes implemented by public colleges and universities. 1019 Section 21. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 1020 1008.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1021 1008.34 School grading system; school report cards; 1022 district grade.-1023 (3) DESIGNATION OF SCHOOL GRADES.-1024 (c) Student assessment data used in determining school

1025 grades shall include:

1026 1. The aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled 1027 in the school who have been assessed on the FCAT.

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2. The aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled



1029 in the school who have been assessed on the FCAT and who have 1030 scored at or in the lowest 25th percentile of students in the 1031 school in reading, mathematics, or writing, unless these 1032 students are exhibiting satisfactory performance.

1033 3. Effective with the 2005-2006 school year, the 1034 achievement scores and learning gains of eligible students 1035 attending alternative schools that provide dropout prevention 1036 and academic intervention services pursuant to s. 1003.53. The 1037 term "eligible students" in this subparagraph does not include 1038 students attending an alternative school who are subject to 1039 district school board policies for expulsion for repeated or 1040 serious offenses, who are in dropout retrieval programs serving 1041 students who have officially been designated as dropouts, or who 1042 are in programs operated or contracted by the Department of 1043 Juvenile Justice. The student performance data for eligible 1044 students identified in this subparagraph shall be included in 1045 the calculation of the home school's grade. As used in this section and s. 1008.341, the term "home school" means the school 1046 1047 to which the student would be assigned if the student were not 1048 assigned to an alternative school. If an alternative school 1049 chooses to be graded under this section, student performance 1050 data for eligible students identified in this subparagraph shall 1051 not be included in the home school's grade but shall be included 1052 only in the calculation of the alternative school's grade. A 1053 school district that fails to assign the FCAT scores of each of 1054 its students to his or her home school or to the alternative 1055 school that receives a grade shall forfeit Florida School 1056 Recognition Program funds for 1 fiscal year. School districts 1057 must require collaboration between the home school and the

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1058 alternative school in order to promote student success. This 1059 collaboration must include an annual discussion between the 1060 principal of the alternative school and the principal of each 1061 student's home school concerning the most appropriate school 1062 assignment of the student.

4. Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year for schools comprised of high school grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, or grades 10, 11, and 12, the data listed in subparagraphs 1.-3. and the following data as the Department of Education determines such data are valid and available:

1068a. The high school graduation rate of the school as1069calculated by the Department of Education;

1070 b. The successful completion participation rate of all 1071 eligible students enrolled in the school and enrolled in College 1072 Board Advanced Placement courses; International Baccalaureate 1073 courses; dual enrollment courses; Advanced International 1074 Certificate of Education courses; and courses or sequence of 1075 courses leading to industry certification, as determined by the 1076 Agency for Workforce Innovation under s. 1003.492(2) in a career 1077 and professional academy, as described in s. 1003.493;

1078 c. The aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled 1079 in the school in College Board Advanced Placement courses, 1080 International Baccalaureate courses, and Advanced International 1081 Certificate of Education courses;

1082 d. Earning of college credit by all eligible students 1083 enrolled in the school in dual enrollment programs under s. 1084 1007.271;

1085 e. Earning of an industry certification, as determined by 1086 the Agency for Workforce Innovation under s. 1003.492(2) in a



1087 career and professional academy, as described in s. 1003.493; 1088 f. The aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled 1089 in the school in reading, mathematics, and other subjects as 1090 measured by the SAT, the ACT, and the common placement test for 1091 postsecondary readiness; 1092 q. The high school graduation rate of all eligible at-risk 1093 students enrolled in the school who scored at Level 2 or lower 1094 on the grade 8 FCAT Reading and Mathematics examinations; 1095 h. The performance of the school's students on statewide 1096 standardized end-of-course assessments administered under s. 1097 1008.22; and 1098 i. The growth or decline in the data components listed in 1099 sub-subparagraphs a.-h. from year to year. 1100 1101 The State Board of Education shall adopt appropriate criteria for each school grade. The criteria must also give added weight 1102 1103 to student achievement in reading. Schools designated with a 1104 grade of "C," making satisfactory progress, shall be required to 1105 demonstrate that adequate progress has been made by students in 1106 the school who are in the lowest 25th percentile in reading, 1107 mathematics, or writing on the FCAT, unless these students are 1108 exhibiting satisfactory performance. Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year for schools comprised of high school grades 9, 1109 1110 10, 11, and 12, or grades 10, 11, and 12, the criteria for 1111 school grades must also give added weight to the graduation rate 1112 of all eligible at-risk students, as defined in this paragraph. 1113 Beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, in order for a high school to be designated as having a grade of "A," making 1114 1115 excellent progress, the school must demonstrate that at-risk



1116 students, as defined in this paragraph, in the school are making 1117 adequate progress.

1118 Section 22. Section 1011.03, Florida Statutes, is amended 1119 to read:

1120 1011.03 Public hearings; budget to be submitted to 1121 Department of Education.-

1122 (1) Each district school board must cause a summary of its 1123 tentative budget, including the proposed millage levies as 1124 provided for by law, and graphs illustrating a historical 1125 summary of financial and demographic data, to be posted online 1126 and advertised at least one time as a full-page advertisement in 1127 a the newspaper of general with the largest circulation 1128 published in the district or to be posted at the courthouse door 1129 if there be no such newspaper.

1130 (2) (a) The advertisement must include a graph illustrating 1131 the historical summary of financial and demographic data for 1132 each of the following data values which shall be plotted along 1133 the vertical axis of each graph:

1134 1. Total revenue provided to the school district from all sources for the corresponding fiscal year, including all federal, state, and local revenue.

1137 2. Total revenue provided to the school district for the
1138 corresponding fiscal year for current operations.

1139 3. Total revenue provided to the school district for the 1140 corresponding fiscal year for fixed capital outlay projects.

1141 4. Total revenue provided to the school district for the
1142 corresponding fiscal year for debt service.

11435. Total number of unweighted full-time equivalent1144students, inclusive of all programs listed in s. 1011.62.

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1145	6. Total revenue provided to the school district for
1146	current operations divided by the number of unweighted full-time
1147	equivalent students for the corresponding fiscal year.
1148	7. Total number of employees of the school district for the
1149	corresponding fiscal year.
1150	8. Total number of employees of the school district
1151	classified as instructional personnel under s. 1012.01 for the
1152	corresponding fiscal year.
1153	(b) Each graph must include a separate histogram
1154	corresponding to the financial and demographic data for each of
1155	the following fiscal years, which shall be plotted along the
1156	horizontal axis of each graph:
1157	1. Current fiscal year.
1158	2. Fiscal year that is 5 years before the current fiscal
1159	year.
1160	3. Fiscal year that is 10 years before the current fiscal
1161	year.
1162	(c) The numeric value of the financial and demographic data
1163	corresponding to each histogram must be included in each graph.
1164	(2) (3) The advertisement of a district that has been
1165	required by the Legislature to increase classroom expenditures
1166	pursuant to s. 1011.64 must include the following statement:
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1168	"This proposed budget reflects an increase in classroom
1169	expenditures as a percent of total current operating
1170	expenditures of XX percent over the (previous fiscal year)
1171	fiscal year. This increase in classroom expenditures is required
1172	by the Legislature because the district has performed below the
1173	required performance standard on XX of XX student performance



1174 standards for the (previous school year) school year. In order 1175 to achieve the legislatively required level of classroom 1176 expenditures as a percentage of total operating expenditures, 1177 the proposed budget includes an increase in overall classroom 1178 expenditures of \$XX,XXX,XXX above the amount spent for this same 1179 purpose during the (previous fiscal year) fiscal year. In order 1180 to achieve improved student academic performance, this proposed 1181 increase is being budgeted for the following activities: 1182 ... (list activities and amount budgeted) "

1183 <u>(3)</u> (4) The advertisement shall appear adjacent to the 1184 advertisement required pursuant to s. 200.065. The State Board 1185 of Education may adopt rules necessary to provide specific 1186 requirements for the format of the advertisement.

1187 (4) (5) The board shall hold public hearings to adopt 1188 tentative and final budgets pursuant to s. 200.065. The hearings 1189 shall be primarily for the purpose of hearing requests and 1190 complaints from the public regarding the budgets and the proposed tax levies and for explaining the budget and proposed 1191 1192 or adopted amendments thereto, if any. The district school board 1193 shall then require the superintendent to transmit forthwith two 1194 copies of the adopted budget to the Department of Education for 1195 approval as prescribed by law and rules of the State Board of 1196 Education.

1197 Section 23. Subsection (2) of section 1011.60, Florida 1198 Statutes, is amended to read:

1199 1011.60 Minimum requirements of the Florida Education 1200 Finance Program.—Each district which participates in the state 1201 appropriations for the Florida Education Finance Program shall 1202 provide evidence of its effort to maintain an adequate school



1203 program throughout the district and shall meet at least the 1204 following requirements:

(2) MINIMUM TERM.-Operate all schools for a term of 180 1205 1206 actual teaching days or the equivalent on an hourly basis as 1207 specified by rules of the State Board of Education each school 1208 year. The State Board of Education may prescribe procedures for altering, and, upon written application, may alter, this 1209 1210 requirement during a national, state, or local emergency as it 1211 may apply to an individual school or schools in any district or 1212 districts if, in the opinion of the board, it is not feasible to 1213 make up lost days or hours, and the apportionment may, at the 1214 discretion of the Commissioner of Education and if the board 1215 determines that the reduction of school days or hours is caused 1216 by the existence of a bona fide emergency, be reduced for such 1217 district or districts in proportion to the decrease in the 1218 length of term in any such school or schools. A strike, as 1219 defined in s. 447.203(6), by employees of the school district 1220 may not be considered an emergency.

Section 24. Paragraphs (m), (n), (o), (p), and (q) of subsection (1), paragraph (b) of subsection (6), paragraph (d) of subsection (7), and paragraph (a) of subsection (12) of section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1225 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual 1226 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each 1227 district for operation of schools is not determined in the 1228 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing 1229 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as 1230 follows:

(1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR

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1232 OPERATION.—The following procedure shall be followed in 1233 determining the annual allocation to each district for 1234 operation:

1235 (m) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent 1236 membership based on international baccalaureate examination 1237 scores of students.-A value of 0.1 0.16 full-time equivalent 1238 student membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled 1239 in an international baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.3 full-time 1240 1241 equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each 1242 student who receives an international baccalaureate diploma. 1243 Such value shall be added to the total full-time equivalent 1244 student membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in 1245 the subsequent fiscal year. The school district shall distribute 1246 to each classroom teacher who provided international 1247 baccalaureate instruction:

1248 1. A bonus in the amount of <u>\$25</u> \$50 for each student taught 1249 by the International Baccalaureate teacher in each international 1250 baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or higher on the 1251 international baccalaureate examination.

1252 2. An additional bonus of $\frac{$250}{500}$ to each International 1253 Baccalaureate teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" 1254 or "F" who has at least one student scoring 4 or higher on the 1255 international baccalaureate examination, regardless of the 1256 number of classes taught or of the number of students scoring a 1257 4 or higher on the international baccalaureate examination.

Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph shall not exceed \$1,000 \$2,000 in any given school year and shall be

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1261 in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher 1262 received or is scheduled to receive.

(n) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent 1263 1264 membership based on Advanced International Certificate of 1265 Education examination scores of students.-A value of 0.1 $\frac{0.16}{0.16}$ 1266 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for 1267 each student enrolled in a full-credit Advanced International 1268 Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.05 0.08 full-time 1269 1270 equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each 1271 student enrolled in a half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or 1272 1273 higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.3 full-time 1274 equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each 1275 student who receives an Advanced International Certificate of 1276 Education diploma. Such value shall be added to the total full-1277 time equivalent student membership in basic programs for grades 1278 9 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year. The school district 1279 shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided Advanced 1280 International Certificate of Education instruction:

1281 1. A bonus in the amount of \$25 + 50 for each student taught by the Advanced International Certificate of Education teacher 1282 1283 in each full-credit Advanced International Certificate of 1284 Education course who receives a score of E or higher on the 1285 Advanced International Certificate of Education examination. A 1286 bonus in the amount of \$12.50 $\frac{25}{5}$ for each student taught by the Advanced International Certificate of Education teacher in each 1287 half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education 1288 1289 course who receives a score of E or higher on the Advanced



1290 International Certificate of Education examination.

1291 2. An additional bonus of \$250 \$500 to each Advanced International Certificate of Education teacher in a school 1292 designated with a grade of "D" or "F" who has at least one 1293 1294 student scoring E or higher on the full-credit Advanced 1295 International Certificate of Education examination, regardless 1296 of the number of classes taught or of the number of students 1297 scoring an E or higher on the full-credit Advanced International 1298 Certificate of Education examination.

1299 3. Additional bonuses of \$125 \$250 each to teachers of half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education 1300 classes in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" which 1301 1302 has at least one student scoring an E or higher on the half-1303 credit Advanced International Certificate of Education examination in that class. The maximum additional bonus for a 1304 1305 teacher awarded in accordance with this subparagraph shall not 1306 exceed \$250 \$500 in any given school year. Teachers receiving an award under subparagraph 2. are not eligible for a bonus under 1307 1308 this subparagraph.

1310 Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph shall 1311 not exceed $\frac{1,000}{2,000}$ in any given school year and shall be 1312 in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher 1313 received or is scheduled to receive.

(o) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on college board advanced placement scores of students.-A value of <u>0.1</u> 0.16 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student in each advanced placement course who receives a score of 3 or higher on the

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1319 College Board Advanced Placement Examination for the prior year 1320 and added to the total full-time equivalent student membership 1321 in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in the subsequent 1322 fiscal year. A student who receives a score of 3 or higher and 1323 did not take the advanced placement course is not eligible for 1324 the 0.1 FTE membership. Each district must allocate at least 80 1325 percent of the funds provided to the district for advanced 1326 placement instruction, in accordance with this paragraph, to the 1327 high school that generates the funds. The school district shall 1328 distribute to each classroom teacher who provided advanced 1329 placement instruction:

A bonus in the amount of \$25 \$50 for each student taught
 by the Advanced Placement teacher in each advanced placement
 course who receives a score of 3 or higher on the College Board
 Advanced Placement Examination.

1334 2. An additional bonus of <u>\$250</u> \$500 to each Advanced 1335 Placement teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" or 1336 "F" who has at least one student scoring 3 or higher on the 1337 College Board Advanced Placement Examination, regardless of the 1338 number of classes taught or of the number of students scoring a 1339 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination. 1340

Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph shall not exceed $\frac{1,000}{2,000}$ in any given school year and shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive.

(p) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on certification of successful completion of industry-certified career and professional academy programs



1348 pursuant to ss. 1003.491, 1003.492, and 1003.493 and identified 1349 in the Industry Certified Funding List pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education.-A value of 0.3 full-time 1350 1351 equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student who completes an industry-certified career and 1352 1353 professional academy program under ss. 1003.491, 1003.492, and 1354 1003.493 and who is issued the highest level of industry 1355 certification identified annually in the Industry Certification 1356 Funding List approved under rules adopted by the State Board of 1357 Education and a high school diploma. Such value shall be added 1358 to the total full-time equivalent student membership in 1359 secondary career education programs for grades 9 through 12 in 1360 the subsequent year for courses that were not funded through 1361 dual enrollment. The additional full-time equivalent membership authorized under this paragraph may not exceed 0.3 per student. 1362 1363 Each district must allocate at least 80 percent of the funds 1364 provided for industry certification, in accordance with this 1365 paragraph, to the program that generated the funds. Unless a 1366 different amount is specified in the General Appropriations Act, 1367 the appropriation for this calculation is limited to \$15 million 1368 annually. If the appropriation is insufficient to fully fund the 1369 total calculation, the appropriation shall be prorated.

1370 (q) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent 1371 membership for the Florida Virtual School.-The reported full-1372 time equivalent student membership for the Florida Virtual 1373 School for students who are also enrolled in a school district shall be multiplied by 0.114, and such value shall be added to 1374 the total full-time equivalent student membership. 1375 1376

(6) CATEGORICAL FUNDS.-

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1377 (b) If a district school board finds and declares in a 1378 resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the school board that 1379 the funds received for any of the following categorical 1380 appropriations are urgently needed to maintain school board 1381 specified academic classroom instruction, the school board may 1382 consider and approve an amendment to the school district 1383 operating budget transferring the identified amount of the 1384 categorical funds to the appropriate account for expenditure: 1385 1. Funds for student transportation. 2. Funds for safe schools. 1386 1387 3. Funds for supplemental academic instruction. 1388 4. Funds for research-based reading instruction. 1389 5. Funds for instructional materials if all instructional 1390 material purchases necessary to provide updated materials 1391 aligned to Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and 1392 benchmarks and that meet statutory requirements of content and 1393 learning have been completed for that fiscal year, but no sooner 1394 than March 1, 2011 2010. Funds available after March 1 may be 1395 used to purchase hardware used to provide student instruction. (7) DETERMINATION OF SPARSITY SUPPLEMENT.-1396 1397 (d) Each district's allocation of sparsity supplement funds 1398 shall be adjusted in the following manner: 1399 1. A maximum discretionary levy per FTE value for each 1400 district shall be calculated by dividing the value of each 1401 district's maximum discretionary levy by its FTE student count. 1402 2. A state average discretionary levy value per FTE shall 1403 be calculated by dividing the total maximum discretionary levy value for all districts by the state total FTE student count. 1404

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3. A total potential funds per FTE for each district shall

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1406 be calculated by dividing the total potential funds, not 1407 including Florida School Recognition Program funds, Merit Award 1408 <u>Program funds</u>, and the minimum guarantee <u>funds</u>, for each 1409 district by its FTE student count.

4. A state average total potential funds per FTE shall be
calculated by dividing the total potential funds, not including
Florida School Recognition Program funds, Merit Award Program
<u>funds</u>, and the minimum guarantee <u>funds</u>, for all districts by the
state total FTE student count.

1415 5. For districts that have a levy value per FTE as 1416 calculated in subparagraph 1. higher than the state average 1417 calculated in subparagraph 2., a sparsity wealth adjustment 1418 shall be calculated as the product of the difference between the 1419 state average levy value per FTE calculated in subparagraph 2. and the district's levy value per FTE calculated in subparagraph 1420 1. and the district's FTE student count and -1. However, no 1421 1422 district shall have a sparsity wealth adjustment that, when applied to the total potential funds calculated in subparagraph 1423 1424 3., would cause the district's total potential funds per FTE to 1425 be less than the state average calculated in subparagraph 4.

6. Each district's sparsity supplement allocation shall be
calculated by adding the amount calculated as specified in
paragraphs (a) and (b) and the wealth adjustment amount
calculated in this paragraph.

1430 (12) TOTAL ALLOCATION OF STATE FUNDS TO EACH DISTRICT FOR
1431 CURRENT OPERATION.—The total annual state allocation to each
1432 district for current operation for the FEFP shall be distributed
1433 periodically in the manner prescribed in the General
1434 Appropriations Act.

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(a) If the funds appropriated for current operation of the
FEFP are not sufficient to pay the state requirement in full,
the department shall prorate the available state funds to each
district in the following manner:

1439 1. Determine the percentage of proration by dividing the 1440 sum of the total amount for current operation, as provided in 1441 this paragraph for all districts collectively, and the total 1442 district required local effort into the sum of the state funds 1443 available for current operation and the total district required 1444 local effort.

1445 2. Multiply the percentage so determined by the sum of the 1446 total amount for current operation as provided in this paragraph 1447 and the required local effort for each individual district.

1448 3. From the product of such multiplication, subtract the 1449 required local effort of each district; and the remainder shall 1450 be the amount of state funds allocated to the district for 1451 current operation; however, no calculation subsequent to the 1452 <u>appropriation shall result in negative state funds for any</u> 1453 district.

1454 Section 25. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 1455 1011.64, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1456 1011.64 School district minimum classroom expenditure 1457 requirements.-

(4) In order for the Department of Education to monitor the implementation of this section, each school district which is required to increase emphasis on classroom activities from operating funds pursuant to subsection (1) shall submit to the department the following two reports in a format determined by the department:

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1464 (a) An initial report, which shall include the proposed 1465 budget actions identified for increased classroom expenditures, a description of how such actions are designed to improve 1466 1467 student achievement, and a copy of the published statement 1468 required by s. $1011.03(2) = \frac{1011.03(3)}{3}$. This report shall be 1469 submitted within 30 days after final budget approval as provided in s. 200.065. 1470 1471 Section 26. Subsection (1) of section 1011.67, Florida 1472 Statutes, is amended to read: 1473 1011.67 Funds for instructional materials.-1474 (1) The department is authorized to allocate and distribute 1475 to each district an amount as prescribed annually by the Legislature for instructional materials for student membership 1476 1477 in basic and special programs in grades K-12, which will provide 1478 for growth and maintenance needs. For purposes of this 1479 subsection, unweighted full-time equivalent students enrolled in the lab schools in state universities are to be included as 1480 school district students and reported as such to the department. 1481 1482 These funds shall be distributed to school districts as follows: 1483 50 percent on or about July 10; 35 percent on or about October 1484 10; 10 percent on or about January 10; and 5 percent on or about 1485 June 10. The annual allocation shall be determined as follows:

1486 (a) The growth allocation for each school district shall be1487 calculated as follows:

1488 1. Subtract from that district's projected full-time equivalent membership of students in basic and special programs in grades K-12 used in determining the initial allocation of the Florida Education Finance Program, the prior year's full-time equivalent membership of students in basic and special programs



1493 in grades K-12 for that district.

1494 2. Multiply any such increase in full-time equivalent 1495 student membership by the allocation for a set of instructional 1496 materials, as determined by the department, or as provided for 1497 in the General Appropriations Act.

1498 3. The amount thus determined shall be that district's 1499 initial allocation for growth for the school year. However, the 1500 department shall recompute and adjust the initial allocation 1501 based on actual full-time equivalent student membership data for 1502 that year.

(b) The maintenance of the instructional materials 1503 1504 allocation for each school district shall be calculated by 1505 multiplying each district's prior year full-time equivalent 1506 membership of students in basic and special programs in grades 1507 K-12 by the allocation for maintenance of a set of instructional 1508 materials as provided for in the General Appropriations Act. The 1509 amount thus determined shall be that district's initial 1510 allocation for maintenance for the school year; however, the 1511 department shall recompute and adjust the initial allocation 1512 based on such actual full-time equivalent student membership 1513 data for that year.

(c) In the event the funds appropriated are not sufficient for the purpose of implementing this subsection in full, the department shall prorate the funds available for instructional materials after first funding in full each district's growth allocation.

1519 Section 27. Section 1011.66, Florida Statutes, is amended 1520 to read:

1011.66 Distribution of FEFP funds.-The distribution of

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1522 FEFP funds shall be made in payments on or about the 10th and 1523 26th of each month. Upon the request of any school district 1524 whose net state FEFP funding is less than 60 percent of its gross state and local FEFP funding, the Department of Education 1525 1526 shall distribute to that school district in the first quarter of 1527 the fiscal year an amount from the funds appropriated for the 1528 FEFP in the General Appropriations Act up to a maximum of 15 1529 percent of that school district's gross state and local FEFP funding or that school district's net state FEFP funding, 1530 1531 whichever is less.

1532 Section 28. Subsection (2) of section 1011.68, Florida 1533 Statutes, is amended to read:

1534 1011.68 Funds for student transportation.—The annual 1535 allocation to each district for transportation to public school 1536 programs, including charter schools as provided in s. 1537 1002.33(17)(b), of students in membership in kindergarten 1538 through grade 12 and in migrant and exceptional student programs 1539 below kindergarten shall be determined as follows:

1540 (2) The allocation for each district shall be calculated1541 annually in accordance with the following formula:

1542 T = B + EX. The elements of this formula are defined as 1543 follows: T is the total dollar allocation for transportation. B 1544 is the base transportation dollar allocation prorated by an 1545 adjusted student membership count. The adjusted membership count 1546 shall be derived from a multiplicative index function in which 1547 the base student membership is adjusted by multiplying it by 1548 index numbers that individually account for the impact of the price level index, average bus occupancy, and the extent of 1549 1550 rural population in the district. EX is the base transportation

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1551 dollar allocation for disabled students prorated by an adjusted 1552 disabled student membership count. The base transportation 1553 dollar allocation for disabled students is the total state base 1554 disabled student membership count weighted for increased costs 1555 associated with transporting disabled students and multiplying 1556 it by an the prior year's average per student cost for 1557 transportation as determined by the Legislature. The adjusted 1558 disabled student membership count shall be derived from a 1559 multiplicative index function in which the weighted base 1560 disabled student membership is adjusted by multiplying it by 1561 index numbers that individually account for the impact of the 1562 price level index, average bus occupancy, and the extent of 1563 rural population in the district. Each adjustment factor shall 1564 be designed to affect the base allocation by no more or less 1565 than 10 percent.

1566 Section 29. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 1567 1011.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.71 District school tax.-

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1570 (b) In addition to the millage authorized in this section, 1571 each district school board may, by a super majority vote, levy 1572 an additional 0.25 mills for critical capital outlay needs or 1573 for critical operating needs. If levied for capital outlay, 1574 expenditures shall be subject to the requirements of this 1575 section. If levied for operations, expenditures shall be 1576 consistent with the requirements for operating funds received pursuant to s. 1011.62. If the district levies this additional 1577 0.25 mills for operations, the compression adjustment pursuant 1578 1579 to s. 1011.62(5) shall be calculated and added to the district's

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1580 FEFP allocation. Millage levied pursuant to this paragraph is subject to the provisions of s. 200.065. In order to be continued, millage levied pursuant to this paragraph must be approved by the voters of the district at the next general election.

1585 Section 30. Subsection (2) of section 1011.73, Florida 1586 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1011.73 District millage elections.-

1588 (2) MILLAGE AUTHORIZED NOT TO EXCEED 4 YEARS.-The district 1589 school board, pursuant to resolution adopted at a regular 1590 meeting, shall direct the county commissioners to call an 1591 election at which the electors within the school district may 1592 approve an ad valorem tax millage as authorized under s. 1593 1011.71(9) s. 1011.71(8). Such election may be held at any time, 1594 except that not more than one such election shall be held during 1595 any 12-month period. Any millage so authorized shall be levied 1596 for a period not in excess of 4 years or until changed by 1597 another millage election, whichever is earlier. If any such 1598 election is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, 1599 such invalidated election shall be considered not to have been 1600 held.

1601 Section 31. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section 1602 1012.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1603 1012.33 Contracts with instructional staff, supervisors, 1604 and school principals.-

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1606 (g) Beginning July 1, 2001, for each employee who enters 1607 into a written contract, pursuant to this section, in a school 1608 district in which the employee was not employed as of June 30,

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1609 2001, or was employed as of June 30, 2001, but has since broken 1610 employment with that district for 1 school year or more, for 1611 purposes of pay, a district school board must recognize and 1612 accept each year of full-time public school teaching service 1613 earned in the State of Florida for which the employee received a 1614 satisfactory performance evaluation; however, an employee may 1615 voluntarily waive this provision. Instructional personnel 1616 employed pursuant to s. 121.091(9)(b) and (c) are exempt from 1617 the provisions of this paragraph.

1618 Section 32. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 1619 1012.467, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1620 1012.467 Noninstructional contractors who are permitted 1621 access to school grounds when students are present; background 1622 screening requirements.-

1623 (7) (a) The Department of Law Enforcement shall implement a 1624 system that allows for the results of a criminal history check 1625 provided to a school district to be shared with other school 1626 districts through a secure Internet website or other secure 1627 electronic means. The Department of Law Enforcement may adopt 1628 rules under ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this 1629 paragraph. School districts must accept reciprocity of level 2 1630 screenings for Florida High School Athletic Association 1631 Officials.

1632 Section 33. Subsection (1) of section 1012.55, Florida
1633 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.-

1635 (1) The State Board of Education shall classify school
1636 services, designate the certification subject areas, establish
1637 competencies, including the use of technology to enhance student



1638 learning, and certification requirements for all school-based 1639 personnel, and adopt rules in accordance with which the 1640 professional, temporary, and part-time certificates shall be 1641 issued by the Department of Education to applicants who meet the 1642 standards prescribed by such rules for their class of service. 1643 Each person employed or occupying a position as school 1644 supervisor, school principal, teacher, library media specialist, 1645 school counselor, athletic coach, or other position in which the 1646 employee serves in an instructional capacity, in any public 1647 school of any district of this state shall hold the certificate 1648 required by law and by rules of the State Board of Education in 1649 fulfilling the requirements of the law for the type of service 1650 rendered. Such positions include personnel providing direct 1651 instruction to students through a virtual environment or through 1652 a blended virtual and physical environment. The Department of 1653 Education shall identify appropriate educator certification for 1654 the instruction of specified courses in an annual publication of 1655 a directory of course code numbers for all programs and courses 1656 that are funded through the Florida Education Finance Program. 1657 However, the state board shall adopt rules authorizing district 1658 school boards to employ selected noncertificated personnel to provide instructional services in the individuals' fields of 1659 1660 specialty or to assist instructional staff members as education 1661 paraprofessionals.

1662Section 34. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section16631013.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1013.62 Charter schools capital outlay funding.-

1665 (1) In each year in which funds are appropriated for 1666 charter school capital outlay purposes, the Commissioner of



1667 Education shall allocate the funds among eligible charter 1668 schools. (a) To be eligible for a funding allocation, a charter 1669 1670 school must: 1671 1.a. Have been in operation for 3 or more years; 1672 b. Be governed by a governing board established in the 1673 state for 3 or more years which operates both charter schools 1674 and conversion charter schools within the state; 1675 c. Be an expanded feeder chain of a charter school within 1676 the same school district that is currently receiving charter 1677 school capital outlay funds; or 1678 d. Have been accredited by the Commission on Schools of the 1679 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. 1680 2. Have financial stability for future operation as a 1681 charter school. 1682 3. Have satisfactory student achievement based on state 1683 accountability standards applicable to the charter school. 1684 4. Have received final approval from its sponsor pursuant 1685 to s. 1002.33 for operation during that fiscal year. 1686 5. Serve students in facilities that are not provided by 1687 the charter school's sponsor. 6. Serve students in facilities that are provided by a 1688 1689 business partner for a charter school-in-the-workplace pursuant 1690 to s. 1002.33(15)(b). 1691 Section 35. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 1692 1013.64, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1693 1013.64 Funds for comprehensive educational plant needs; 1694 construction cost maximums for school district capital 1695 projects.-Allocations from the Public Education Capital Outlay



1696 and Debt Service Trust Fund to the various boards for capital 1697 outlay projects shall be determined as follows:

(2)(a) The department shall establish, as a part of the 1698 1699 Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund, a 1700 separate account, in an amount determined by the Legislature, to 1701 be known as the "Special Facility Construction Account." The 1702 Special Facility Construction Account shall be used to provide 1703 necessary construction funds to school districts which have 1704 urgent construction needs but which lack sufficient resources at 1705 present, and cannot reasonably anticipate sufficient resources 1706 within the period of the next 3 years, for these purposes from 1707 currently authorized sources of capital outlay revenue. A school 1708 district requesting funding from the Special Facility 1709 Construction Account shall submit one specific construction project, not to exceed one complete educational plant, to the 1710 1711 Special Facility Construction Committee. No district shall receive funding for more than one approved project in any 5-year 1712 3-year period. The first year of the 5-year 3-year period shall 1713 1714 be the first year a district receives an appropriation. The 1715 department shall encourage a construction program that reduces 1716 the average size of schools in the district. The request must 1717 meet the following criteria to be considered by the committee:

1718 1. The project must be deemed a critical need and must be 1719 recommended for funding by the Special Facility Construction 1720 Committee. Prior to developing plans for the proposed facility, 1721 the district school board must request a preapplication review 1722 by the Special Facility Construction Committee or a project 1723 review subcommittee convened by the committee to include two 1724 representatives of the department and two staff from school

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1725 districts not eligible to participate in the program. Within 60 1726 days after receiving the preapplication review request, the 1727 committee or subcommittee must meet in the school district to 1728 review the project proposal and existing facilities. To 1729 determine whether the proposed project is a critical need, the 1730 committee or subcommittee shall consider, at a minimum, the 1731 capacity of all existing facilities within the district as 1732 determined by the Florida Inventory of School Houses; the 1733 district's pattern of student growth; the district's existing 1734 and projected capital outlay full-time equivalent student 1735 enrollment as determined by the department; the district's 1736 existing satisfactory student stations; the use of all existing 1737 district property and facilities; grade level configurations; 1738 and any other information that may affect the need for the 1739 proposed project.

1740 2. The construction project must be recommended in the most 1741 recent survey or surveys <u>conducted and approved by the Office of</u> 1742 <u>Educational Facilities, in cooperation with</u> by the district, 1743 under the rules of the State Board of Education.

1744 3. The construction project must appear on the district's 1745 approved project priority list under the rules of the State 1746 Board of Education.

1747 4. The district must have selected and had approved a site
1748 for the construction project in compliance with s. 1013.36 and
1749 the rules of the State Board of Education.

1750 5. The district shall have developed a district school 1751 board adopted list of facilities that do not exceed the norm for 1752 net square feet occupancy requirements under the State 1753 Requirements for Educational Facilities, using all possible



1754 programmatic combinations for multiple use of space to obtain 1755 maximum daily use of all spaces within the facility under 1756 consideration.

1757 6. Upon construction, the total cost per student station,
1758 including change orders, must not exceed the cost per student
1759 station as provided in subsection (6).

1760 7. There shall be an agreement signed by the district 1761 school board stating that it will advertise for bids within 30 1762 days of receipt of its encumbrance authorization from the 1763 department.

1764 8. The district must have levied during the prior 5 years 1765 and shall, at the time of the request and for a continuing period of 3 years, levy the maximum millage against their 1766 1767 nonexempt assessed property value as allowed in s. 1011.71(2) or shall raise an equivalent amount of revenue from the school 1768 capital outlay surtax authorized under s. 212.055(6). Any 1769 1770 district with a new or active project, funded under the provisions of this subsection, shall be required to budget no 1771 1772 more than the value of 1.5 mills per year to the project to 1773 satisfy the annual participation requirement in the Special 1774 Facility Construction Account.

9. If a contract has not been signed 90 days after the advertising of bids, the funding for the specific project shall revert to the Special Facility New Construction Account to be reallocated to other projects on the list. However, an additional 90 days may be granted by the commissioner.

1780 10. The department shall certify the inability of the 1781 district to fund the survey-recommended project over a 1782 continuous 3-year period using projected capital outlay revenue

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1783 derived from s. 9(d), Art. XII of the State Constitution, as 1784 amended, paragraph (3) (a) of this section, and s. 1011.71(2). 1785 11. The district shall have on file with the department an 1786 adopted resolution acknowledging its 3-year commitment of all 1787 unencumbered and future revenue acquired from s. 9(d), Art. XII 1788 of the State Constitution, as amended, paragraph (3) (a) of this 1789 section, and s. 1011.71(2). 1790 12. Final phase III plans must be certified by the board as 1791 complete and in compliance with the building and life safety 1792 codes, and must be reviewed and approved by the Office of 1793 Educational Facilities, prior to August 1. 1794 Section 36. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 1795 6, 7, 8, 78, and 79 of the General Appropriations Act for the 1796 2010-2011 fiscal year, the calculations of the Florida Education 1797 Finance Program for the 2010-2011 fiscal year in the document entitled "Public School Funding - The Florida Education Finance 1798 Program," dated March 31, 2010, and filed with the Secretary of 1799 the Senate are incorporated by reference for the purpose of 1800 1801 displaying the calculations used by the Legislature, consistent 1802 with requirements of the Florida Statutes, in making 1803 appropriations for the Florida Education Finance Program. 1804 Section 37. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this 1805 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2010. 1806 1807 1808 And the title is amended as follows: 1809 Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert: 1810 1811 A bill to be entitled



1812 An act relating to public school funding; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; deleting a requirement that school 1813 1814 boards imposing the school capital outlay surtax 1815 freeze noncapital local school property taxes for at 1816 least 3 years; repealing s. 216.292(2)(d), F.S., 1817 relating to the transfer of funds for class size 1818 reduction; conforming provisions to changes made by 1819 the act; amending s. 1001.395, F.S.; extending the 1820 duration of a provision specifying methods to 1821 calculate the salary of a school board member; 1822 amending s. 1001.451, F.S.; removing the repeal of 1823 provisions authorizing a reduction in the incentive 1824 grants that are awarded to consortium service 1825 organizations; amending s. 1002.32, F.S.; including 1826 the millage levied for fixed capital outlay in 1827 determining the amount provided to lab schools for 1828 operating expenses; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; 1829 requiring that a charter school comply with statutes 1830 pertaining to maximum class size; revising provisions 1831 that exempt charter school facilities from certain 1832 fees; providing that certain capital outlay funds 1833 shared with a charter school-in-the-workplace before 1834 July 1, 2010, are deemed to meet certain expenditure 1835 requirements; revising requirements for calculating 1836 the administrative fee that the sponsor of a charter 1837 school may withhold and use for capital outlay 1838 purposes; amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; providing certain 1839 limitations on reporting credits earned by a student 1840 through the Florida Virtual School for purposes of

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1841 funding; including the millage levied for fixed 1842 capital outlay in determining the amount provided to 1843 the Florida Virtual School for operating expenses; 1844 amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; providing for school 1845 district virtual instruction programs to include 1846 programs offered by community colleges; requiring that 1847 community college instructors meet certification 1848 requirements; prohibiting a community college from 1849 reporting students served in a school district virtual 1850 instruction program for funding under the Community 1851 College Program Fund; removing obsolete provisions 1852 requiring a report; amending ss. 1002.55 and 1002.63, 1853 F.S.; revising the requirements for private 1854 prekindergarten providers and public school-year 1855 prekindergarten programs with respect to the number of 1856 students for each class; requiring an instructor for 1857 certain classes who holds specified credentials; 1858 amending s. 1002.71, F.S.; reducing the amount of 1859 funds that an early learning coalition may retain for 1860 administrative purposes from funds paid to private 1861 prekindergarten providers and public schools; amending 1862 s. 1003.03, F.S.; revising requirements for the 1863 Department of Education with respect to calculating 1864 the maximum class size based on student membership; 1865 deleting obsolete provisions; providing for reductions 1866 in a district's class-size-reduction operating 1867 categorical allocation under certain circumstances; 1868 providing for a budget amendment in the case of an 1869 extreme emergency and subject to approval of the

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1870 Legislative Budget Commission; providing for 1871 alternative measures to take effect upon approval of 1872 an amendment to the State Constitution by the electors 1873 of the state; providing for virtual instruction 1874 courses to be included in implementing the class size 1875 maximums; amending s. 1003.492, F.S.; clarifying the 1876 duties of the Department of Education in approving the 1877 list of industry certifications for career education 1878 programs; amending s. 1006.28, F.S.; redefining the 1879 term "adequate instructional materials" to include 1880 electronic content; creating s. 1006.281, F.S.; 1881 encouraging school districts to provide access for 1882 teachers, students, and parents to an electronic 1883 learning management system; specifying the required 1884 functionality of such a system; requiring the 1885 Department of Education to assist school districts in 1886 deploying an electronic learning management system; 1887 amending s. 1006.29, F.S.; providing that 1888 instructional materials include electronic content; 1889 requiring that a publisher or manufacturer providing 1890 instructional materials as a single bundle make the 1891 materials available separately and priced 1892 individually; requiring that instructional materials 1893 adopted after a specified date for students in grades 1894 9 through 12 be provided primarily in an electronic 1895 format; amending s. 1006.33, F.S.; requiring that an 1896 advertisement for bids for instructional materials 1897 require the bidder to furnish electronic specimen 1898 copies of the materials; requiring that district



1899 school superintendents request samples in a format 1900 other than an electronic format through the 1901 department; amending s. 1006.40, F.S.; requiring that 1902 a specified percentage of a district's annual 1903 allocation for instructional materials be used for 1904 electronic materials beginning with the 2012-2013 1905 fiscal year; including electronic content as an 1906 approved item of instruction; amending s. 1007.27, 1907 F.S.; providing that secondary school students are 1908 authorized users of the state-funded electronic 1909 library resources licensed for public colleges and 1910 universities; providing for verification of 1911 eligibility according to rules established by the 1912 State Board of Education and the Board of Governors of 1913 the State University System; amending s. 1008.34, 1914 F.S.; providing for the calculation of certain school 1915 grades to include student completion of specified 1916 courses; amending s. 1011.03, F.S.; requiring that a 1917 district school board post its proposed millage levies 1918 on the district's website; revising the requirements 1919 for publishing the proposed levies in a newspaper; 1920 amending s. 1011.60, F.S.; deleting a requirement that 1921 the State Board of Education adopt rules governing the 1922 school term; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising the 1923 requirements for calculating full-time equivalent 1924 student membership; reducing the amount authorized for 1925 teacher bonuses; requiring that a district allocate a 1926 specified percentage of funds for industry 1927 certification to the center or program that generated



1928 the funds; authorizing a district school board to use 1929 categorical funds for materials that meet the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and for certain 1930 1931 hardware; providing for adjusting a district's 1932 sparsity supplement based on Merit Award Program 1933 funds; clarifying that a calculation subsequent to an 1934 appropriation does not result in negative state funds 1935 for any district; amending s. 1011.64, F.S., relating 1936 to minimum classroom expenditure requirements; 1937 conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 1011.67, 1938 F.S.; removing requirements for the staggered 1939 distribution of funds to districts for instructional 1940 materials; amending s. 1011.66, F.S.; removing a 1941 provision authorizing the distribution of 60 percent 1942 of FEFP funds to a district during the first quarter 1943 of a fiscal year; amending s. 1011.68, F.S.; requiring 1944 that the allocation for student transportation be determined by the Legislature rather than based on the 1945 1946 prior year's average student cost for transportation; 1947 amending s. 1011.71, F.S.; removing certain 1948 requirements for the additional millage levied by a 1949 district for critical capital outlay needs or critical 1950 operating needs; amending s. 1011.73, F.S., relating 1951 to district millage elections; correcting a cross-1952 reference; amending s. 1012.33, F.S.; exempting specified reemployed instructional personnel from 1953 1954 certain requirements for determining pay; amending s. 1955 1012.467, F.S.; requiring school districts to accept 1956 reciprocity of level 2 screening for Florida High

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1957 School Athletic Association Officials; amending s. 1958 1012.55, F.S.; requiring that instructional personnel 1959 providing instruction through a virtual environment 1960 hold certification as otherwise required by law and 1961 rule; amending s. 1013.62, F.S.; providing that a 1962 charter school must serve students in facilities that 1963 are provided by a business partner for a charter 1964 school-in-the-workplace to be eligible for an 1965 allocation of funds for capital outlay purposes; 1966 amending s. 1013.64, F.S.; revising provisions 1967 relating to funding for educational facilities 1968 projects; providing for the incorporation by reference 1969 of certain calculations used by the Legislature for 1970 the 2010-2011 fiscal year; providing effective dates.