

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the allocation and expenditure of state
 3 lottery revenues; amending s. 24.121, F.S.; requiring net
 4 proceeds from a scratch-off lottery game to be allocated
 5 to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the
 6 Department of Education to be distributed to programs
 7 offering services to individuals with developmental
 8 disabilities; providing an effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 24.121, Florida
 13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 24.121 Allocation of revenues and expenditure of funds for
 15 public education.—

16 (5) (a) Public educational programs and purposes funded by
 17 the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund may include, but are not
 18 limited to, endowment, scholarship, matching funds, direct
 19 grants, research and economic development related to education,
 20 salary enhancement, contracts with independent institutions to
 21 conduct programs consistent with the state master plan for
 22 postsecondary education, or any other educational program or
 23 purpose deemed desirable by the Legislature. Prior to the
 24 expenditure of these funds, each school district shall establish
 25 policies and procedures that define enhancement and the types of
 26 expenditures consistent with that definition.

27 (b) Except as provided in paragraphs (c), (d), ~~and~~ (e),
 28 and (f), the Legislature shall equitably apportion moneys in the

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29 | trust fund among public schools, community colleges, and
30 | universities.

31 | (c) A portion of such net revenues, as determined annually
32 | by the Legislature, shall be distributed to each school district
33 | and shall be made available to each public school in the
34 | district for enhancing school performance through development
35 | and implementation of a school improvement plan pursuant to s.
36 | 1001.42(18). A portion of these moneys, as determined annually
37 | in the General Appropriations Act, must be allocated to each
38 | school in an equal amount for each student enrolled. These
39 | moneys may be expended only on programs or projects selected by
40 | the school advisory council or by a parent advisory committee
41 | created pursuant to this paragraph. If a school does not have a
42 | school advisory council, the district advisory council must
43 | appoint a parent advisory committee composed of parents of
44 | students enrolled in that school, which is representative of the
45 | ethnic, racial, and economic community served by the school, to
46 | advise the school's principal on the programs or projects to be
47 | funded. Neither school district staff nor principals may
48 | override the recommendations of the school advisory council or
49 | the parent advisory committee. These moneys may not be used for
50 | capital improvements or for any project or program that has a
51 | duration of more than 1 year; however, a school advisory council
52 | or parent advisory committee may independently determine that a
53 | program or project formerly funded under this paragraph should
54 | receive funds in a subsequent year.

55 | (d) No funds shall be released for any purpose from the
56 | Educational Enhancement Trust Fund to any school district in

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57 | which one or more schools do not have an approved school
58 | improvement plan pursuant to s. 1001.42(18) or do not comply
59 | with school advisory council membership composition requirements
60 | pursuant to s. 1001.452(1). The Commissioner of Education shall
61 | withhold disbursements from the trust fund to any school
62 | district that fails to adopt the performance-based salary
63 | schedule required by s. 1012.22(1).

64 | (e) All components of the Florida Bright Futures
65 | Scholarship Program shall be funded annually from the
66 | Educational Enhancement Trust Fund. Funds shall be allocated to
67 | this program prior to application of the formula for equitable
68 | distribution to public schools, community colleges, and state
69 | universities. If shortages require reductions in estimated
70 | distributions from the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, funds
71 | for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program shall be
72 | reduced only after reductions in all other distributions are
73 | made.

74 | (f) The net proceeds from a scratch-off lottery game with
75 | tickets sold annually in August, September, and October, which
76 | is designated as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month,
77 | shall be allocated to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
78 | in the Department of Education to be distributed as follows:

79 | 1. To programs offering educational and vocational
80 | rehabilitation services to individuals with developmental
81 | disabilities who are on the Medicaid waiver wait list and in
82 | need of such services.

83 | 2. To programs offering vocational rehabilitation follow-
84 | along services and employment services to individuals with

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85 developmental disabilities who are on the Medicaid waiver wait
86 list.

87 (g)~~(f)~~ Each school district shall, on a quarterly basis,
88 make available to the public and distribute, in an easy to
89 understand format, the expenditures of lottery funds allocated
90 to the school district.

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