

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Florida Education Finance Program;  
 3           requiring that the Department of Education enter into a  
 4           contract with an entity located outside the state to  
 5           conduct a study and review of the Florida Education  
 6           Finance Program and recommend any improvements that may be  
 7           necessary; requiring that the department submit a report  
 8           to the Legislature and the Governor by a specified date;  
 9           providing an appropriation and for carryforward of any  
 10          unexpended balance of funds; providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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14           Section 1. (1) The Department of Education shall enter  
 15 into a contract with an entity located outside the state to  
 16 conduct a study that includes the review of the Florida  
 17 Education Finance Program. The entity shall review the current  
 18 funding distribution formula and recommend any improvements that  
 19 may be necessary to ensure equity among the school districts.  
 20 The entity shall consider each school district's varying  
 21 characteristics and overall student populations.

22           (2) The department shall submit a report containing the  
 23 results of the study to the President of the Senate, the Speaker  
 24 of the House of Representatives, and the Governor by January 1,  
 25 2012.

26           Section 2. For the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the sum of  
 27 \$100,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General  
 28 Revenue Fund to the Department of Education for the purpose of

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29 | implementing section 1 of this act. Any unexpended funds from  
30 | this appropriation shall be reappropriated for the 2012-2013  
31 | fiscal year.

32 |       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.