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An act relating to funds for the operation of public schools; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; removing the cap on the total amount of bonuses awarded to a classroom teacher based on the scores of students taking advanced placement examinations; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section 12 1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual 14 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each 15 district for operation of schools is not determined in the 16 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing 17 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as 18 follows:

(1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR OPERATION.—The following procedure shall be followed in determining the annual allocation to each district for operation:

(n) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on college board advanced placement scores of students.—A value of 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 College Board Advanced Placement Examination for the prior year

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29 and added to the total full-time equivalent student membership 30 in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year. Each district must allocate at least 80 percent of 31 the funds provided to the district for advanced placement 32 33 instruction, in accordance with this paragraph, to the high 34 school that generates the funds. The school district shall 35 distribute to each classroom teacher who provided advanced 36 placement instruction:

37 1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by 38 the Advanced Placement teacher in each advanced placement course 39 who receives a score of 3 or higher on the College Board 40 Advanced Placement Examination.

An additional bonus of \$500 to each Advanced Placement teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" who has at least one student scoring 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination, regardless of the number of classes taught or of the number of students scoring a 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination.

Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph shall not exceed \$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.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

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