

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind; amending ss. 1002.36 and 1011.55, F.S.; revising provisions relating to legislative budget requests for operations and fixed capital outlay; requiring the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees to approve the legislative budget requests and submit the requests to the Department of Education for inclusion in the department's budget requests to the State Board of Education, the Governor, and the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (4) of section 1002.36, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.36 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind.—

(4) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—

(f) The board of trustees shall:

1. Prepare ~~and submit~~ legislative budget requests for operations and fixed capital outlay, in accordance with chapter 216 and ss. 1011.56 and 1013.60. The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind shall submit the legislative budget requests approved by the board of trustees, to the Department of Education for review and inclusion in the department's

27 legislative budget requests to the State Board of Education, the  
28 Governor, and the Legislature approval. The department must  
29 analyze the amount requested for fixed capital outlay to  
30 determine if the request is consistent with the school's campus  
31 master plan, educational plant survey, and facilities master  
32 plan. Projections of facility space needs may exceed the norm  
33 space and occupant design criteria established in the State  
34 Requirements for Educational Facilities.

35 2. Approve and administer an annual operating budget in  
36 accordance with ss. 1011.56 and 1011.57.

37 3. Require all funds received other than gifts, donations,  
38 bequests, funds raised by or belonging to student clubs or  
39 student organizations, and funds held for specific students or  
40 in accounts for individual students to be deposited in the State  
41 Treasury and expended as authorized in the General  
42 Appropriations Act.

43 4. Require all purchases to be in accordance with the  
44 provisions of chapter 287 except for purchases made with funds  
45 received as gifts, donations, or bequests; funds raised by or  
46 belonging to student clubs or student organizations; or funds  
47 held for specific students or in accounts for individual  
48 students.

49 5. Administer and maintain personnel programs for all  
50 employees of the board of trustees and the Florida School for  
51 the Deaf and the Blind who shall be state employees, including  
52 the personnel classification and pay plan established in

53 accordance with ss. 110.205(2)(d) and 216.251(2)(a)2. for  
54 academic and academic administrative personnel, the provisions  
55 of chapter 110, and the provisions of law that grant authority  
56 to the Department of Management Services over such programs for  
57 state employees.

58 6. Give preference in appointment and retention in  
59 positions of employment as provided within s. 295.07(1).

60 7. Ensure that the Florida School for the Deaf and the  
61 Blind complies with s. 1013.351 concerning the coordination of  
62 planning between the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind  
63 and local governing bodies.

64 8. Ensure that the Florida School for the Deaf and the  
65 Blind complies with s. 112.061 concerning per diem and travel  
66 expenses of public officers, employees, and authorized persons  
67 with respect to all funds other than funds received as gifts,  
68 donations, or bequests; funds raised by or belonging to student  
69 clubs or student organizations; or funds held for specific  
70 students or in accounts for individual students.

71 9. Adopt a master plan which specifies the mission and  
72 objectives of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. The  
73 plan shall include, but not be limited to, procedures for  
74 systematically measuring the school's progress toward meeting  
75 its objectives, analyzing changes in the student population, and  
76 modifying school programs and services to respond to such  
77 changes. The plan shall be for a period of 5 years and shall be  
78 reviewed for needed modifications every 2 years. The board of

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79 trustees shall submit the initial plan and subsequent  
80 modifications to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and  
81 the President of the Senate.

82 10. Designate a portion of the school as "The Verle Allyn  
83 Pope Complex for the Deaf," in tribute to the late Senator Verle  
84 Allyn Pope.

85 Section 2. Section 1011.55, Florida Statutes, is amended  
86 to read:

87 1011.55 Procedure for legislative budget requests for the  
88 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind.—

89 (1) The legislative budget request of the Florida School  
90 for the Deaf and the Blind shall be prepared using the same  
91 format, procedures, and timelines required for the submission of  
92 the legislative budget of the Department of Education. The  
93 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind shall submit the its  
94 legislative budget request approved by the Florida School for  
95 the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees to the Department of  
96 Education for review ~~and approval~~. Subsequent to the Department  
97 of Education's review approval, the Commissioner of Education  
98 shall include the budget request approved by the board of  
99 trustees Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind in the  
100 department's legislative budget request to the State Board of  
101 Education, the Governor, and the Legislature. The legislative  
102 budget request and the appropriation for the Florida School for  
103 the Deaf and the Blind shall be a separate identifiable sum in  
104 the public schools budget entity of the Department of Education.

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105 The annual appropriation for the school shall be distributed  
106 monthly in payments as nearly equal as possible. Appropriations  
107 for textbooks, instructional technology, and school buses may be  
108 released and distributed as necessary to serve the instructional  
109 program for the students.

110 (2) The school shall submit the ~~its~~ fixed capital outlay  
111 request approved by the Florida School for the Deaf and the  
112 Blind Board of Trustees to the Department of Education for  
113 review ~~and approval~~ in accordance with s. 1002.36(4)(f)1.  
114 Subsequent to the department's review ~~approval~~, the ~~school's~~  
115 request approved by the board of trustees shall be included  
116 within the department's public education capital outlay  
117 legislative budget request to the State Board of Education, the  
118 Governor, and the Legislature.

119 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.