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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Education (Brandes) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (279372) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 144 - 172

5 and insert:

6 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (17) of section
7 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended, and present subsection
8 (27) of that section is renumbered as subsection (28), and a new
9 subsection (27) is added to that section, to read:

10 1002.33 Charter schools.—

11 (17) FUNDING.—Students enrolled in a charter school,



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12 regardless of the sponsorship, shall be funded as if they are in
13 a basic program or a special program, the same as students
14 enrolled in other public schools in the school district. Funding
15 for a charter lab school shall be as provided in s. 1002.32.

16 (b) The basis for the agreement for funding students
17 enrolled in a charter school shall be the sum of the school
18 district's operating funds from the Florida Education Finance
19 Program as provided in s. 1011.62 and the General Appropriations
20 Act, including gross state and local funds, discretionary
21 lottery funds, and funds from the school district's current
22 operating discretionary millage levy; divided by total funded
23 weighted full-time equivalent students in the school district;
24 multiplied by the weighted full-time equivalent students for the
25 charter school. Charter schools whose students or programs meet
26 the eligibility criteria in law are ~~shall be~~ entitled to their
27 proportionate share of categorical program funds included in the
28 total funds available in the Florida Education Finance Program
29 by the Legislature, including transportation and the Florida
30 digital classrooms allocation. Total funding for each charter
31 school shall be recalculated during the year to reflect the
32 revised calculations under the Florida Education Finance Program
33 by the state and the actual weighted full-time equivalent
34 students reported by the charter school during the full-time
35 equivalent student survey periods designated by the Commissioner
36 of Education.

37 (27) FINDINGS AND INTENT REGARDING CHILDREN OF MILITARY
38 FAMILIES.—

39 (a) The Legislature finds that:

40 1. Military families face unique challenges due to the



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41 highly mobile nature of military service.

42 2. Among the many challenges military families face is
43 providing a high-quality education for their children without
44 disruption.

45 3. The state has a compelling interest in assisting the
46 development and enhancement of learning opportunities for
47 children of military families and addressing their unique needs.

48 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that:

49 1. A framework is established to address the needs of
50 children of military families who, along with their families,
51 face unique challenges due to the highly mobile nature of
52 military service.

53 2. In establishing this framework, the Legislature finds it
54 necessary to encourage military installation commanders to
55 collaboratively work with the Commissioner of Education to
56 increase military family student achievement, which may include
57 the establishment of charter schools on military installations.

58 3. While the State Board of Education, through the Commissioner
59 of Education, shall supervise this collaboration, the applicable
60 school district shall operate and maintain control over any
61 school that is established on the military installation.

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63 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

64 And the title is amended as follows:

65 Delete lines 230 - 265

66 and insert:

67 An act relating to education; amending s. 1011.62,
68 F.S.; providing the purpose for the Florida digital
69 classrooms allocation; requiring a school district to



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70 adopt a district digital classrooms plan and submit
71 the plan to the Department of Education for approval;
72 providing requirements for the plan; requiring that
73 allocated funds be used for a specified purpose;
74 requiring a district school board to submit to the
75 department the district's digital classrooms plan;
76 providing requirements for the district's plan;
77 requiring the Commissioner of Education to adopt a
78 Florida digital classrooms plan that establishes
79 certain protocols, parameters, requirements, and
80 digital tools; authorizing the Department of Education
81 to consult with qualified experts to develop the
82 Florida digital classrooms plan; providing
83 requirements for the plan; providing calculations for
84 funding; requiring the commissioner to support
85 statewide, coordinated partnerships and efforts of
86 education practitioners to identify and share best
87 practices, corrective actions, and other identified
88 needs; requiring each district school board to report
89 by a specified date to the department the district's
90 use of funds and student performance outcomes;
91 requiring the commissioner to provide by a specified
92 date to the Governor and the Legislature a summary of
93 each district's use of funds, student performance
94 outcomes, and progress toward meeting statutory
95 requirements and timelines; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.;
96 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
97 providing legislative findings and intent regarding
98 the collaboration of the State Board of Education,



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99 Commissioner of Education, military installation
100 commanders, and school districts to address the needs
101 of children of military families; creating s.