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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Bean) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 29 and 30
insert:

Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section
1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read

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



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12 follows:

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

17 (e) *Funding model for exceptional student education*
18 *programs.*—

19 1.a. The funding model uses basic, at-risk, support levels
20 IV and V for exceptional students and career Florida Education
21 Finance Program cost factors, and a guaranteed allocation for
22 exceptional student education programs. Exceptional education
23 cost factors are determined by using a matrix of services to
24 document the services that each exceptional student will
25 receive. The nature and intensity of the services indicated on
26 the matrix shall be consistent with the services described in
27 each exceptional student's individual educational plan. The
28 Department of Education shall review and revise the descriptions
29 of the services and supports included in the matrix of services
30 for exceptional students and shall implement those revisions
31 before the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. Beginning
32 with the 2016-2017 school year, a school district shall add
33 three special consideration points to the calculation of a
34 matrix of services for a student who is deaf and enrolled in an
35 auditory-oral education program as defined in s. 1002.391.

36 b. In order to generate funds using one of the two weighted
37 cost factors, a matrix of services must be completed at the time
38 of the student's initial placement into an exceptional student
39 education program and at least once every 3 years by personnel
40 who have received approved training. Nothing listed in the



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41 matrix shall be construed as limiting the services a school
42 district must provide in order to ensure that exceptional
43 students are provided a free, appropriate public education.

44 c. Students identified as exceptional, in accordance with
45 chapter 6A-6, Florida Administrative Code, who do not have a
46 matrix of services as specified in sub-subparagraph b. shall
47 generate funds on the basis of full-time-equivalent student
48 membership in the Florida Education Finance Program at the same
49 funding level per student as provided for basic students.
50 Additional funds for these exceptional students will be provided
51 through the guaranteed allocation designated in subparagraph 2.

52 2. For students identified as exceptional who do not have a
53 matrix of services and students who are gifted in grades K
54 through 8, there is created a guaranteed allocation to provide
55 these students with a free appropriate public education, in
56 accordance with s. 1001.42(4)(1) and rules of the State Board of
57 Education, which shall be allocated annually to each school
58 district in the amount provided in the General Appropriations
59 Act. These funds shall be in addition to the funds appropriated
60 on the basis of FTE student membership in the Florida Education
61 Finance Program, and the amount allocated for each school
62 district shall not be recalculated during the year. These funds
63 shall be used to provide special education and related services
64 for exceptional students and students who are gifted in grades K
65 through 8. Beginning with the 2007-2008 fiscal year, a
66 district's expenditure of funds from the guaranteed allocation
67 for students in grades 9 through 12 who are gifted may not be
68 greater than the amount expended during the 2006-2007 fiscal
69 year for gifted students in grades 9 through 12.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2 - 5

and insert:

An act relating to education; amending s. 39.202,
F.S.; authorizing certain employees or agents of the
Department of Education to have access to certain
reports and records; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.;
requiring a school district to add additional points
to the calculation of a matrix of services for certain
students beginning in a specified school year;
amending