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Senator Detert moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Before line 9

insert:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1011.61, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.61 Definitions.—Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 1000.21, the following terms are defined as follows for the purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program:

(1) A "full-time equivalent student" in each program of the district is defined in terms of full-time students and part-time



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12 students as follows:

13 (a) A "full-time student" is one student on the membership  
14 roll of one school program or a combination of school programs  
15 listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c) for the school year or the equivalent  
16 for:

17 1. Instruction in a standard school, comprising not less  
18 than 900 net hours for a student in or at the grade level of 4  
19 through 12, or not less than 720 net hours for a student in or  
20 at the grade level of kindergarten through grade 3 or in an  
21 authorized prekindergarten exceptional program; or

22 ~~2. Instruction in a double-session school or a school~~  
23 ~~utilizing an experimental school calendar approved by the~~  
24 ~~Department of Education, comprising not less than the equivalent~~  
25 ~~of 810 net hours in grades 4 through 12 or not less than 630 net~~  
26 ~~hours in kindergarten through grade 3; or~~

27 ~~2.3.~~ Instruction comprising the appropriate number of net  
28 hours set forth in subparagraph 1. ~~or subparagraph 2.~~ for  
29 students who, within the past year, have moved with their  
30 parents for the purpose of engaging in the farm labor or fish  
31 industries, if a plan furnishing such an extended school day or  
32 week, or a combination thereof, has been approved by the  
33 commissioner. Such plan may be approved to accommodate the needs  
34 of migrant students only or may serve all students in schools  
35 having a high percentage of migrant students. The plan described  
36 in this subparagraph is optional for any school district and is  
37 not mandated by the state.

38 (b) A "part-time student" is a student on the active  
39 membership roll of a school program or combination of school  
40 programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c) who is less than a full-time



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41 student. A student who receives instruction in a school that  
42 operates for less than the minimum term shall generate a full-  
43 time equivalent student proportional to the amount of  
44 instructional hours provided by the school divided by the  
45 minimum term requirement as defined in s. 1011.60.

46 (c)1. A "full-time equivalent student" is:

47 a. A full-time student in any one of the programs listed in  
48 s. 1011.62(1)(c); or

49 b. A combination of full-time or part-time students in any  
50 one of the programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c) which is the  
51 equivalent of one full-time student based on the following  
52 calculations:

53 (I) A full-time student in a combination of programs listed  
54 in s. 1011.62(1)(c) shall be a fraction of a full-time  
55 equivalent membership in each special program equal to the  
56 number of net hours per school year for which he or she is a  
57 member, divided by the appropriate number of hours set forth in  
58 subparagraph (a)1. ~~or subparagraph (a)2.~~ The difference between  
59 that fraction or sum of fractions and the maximum value as set  
60 forth in subsection (4) for each full-time student is presumed  
61 to be the balance of the student's time not spent in a special  
62 program and shall be recorded as time in the appropriate basic  
63 program.

64 (II) A prekindergarten student with a disability shall meet  
65 the requirements specified for kindergarten students.

66 (III) A full-time equivalent student for students in  
67 kindergarten through grade 12 in a full-time virtual instruction  
68 program under s. 1002.45 or a virtual charter school under s.  
69 1002.33 shall consist of six full-credit completions or the



70 prescribed level of content that counts toward promotion to the  
71 next grade in programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c). Credit  
72 completions may be a combination of full-credit courses or half-  
73 credit courses. Beginning in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the  
74 reported full-time equivalent students and associated funding of  
75 students enrolled in courses requiring passage of an end-of-  
76 course assessment under s. 1003.4282 to earn a standard high  
77 school diploma shall be adjusted if the student does not pass  
78 the end-of-course assessment. However, no adjustment shall be  
79 made for a student who enrolls in a segmented remedial course  
80 delivered online.

81 (IV) A full-time equivalent student for students in  
82 kindergarten through grade 12 in a part-time virtual instruction  
83 program under s. 1002.45 shall consist of six full-credit  
84 completions in programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c)1. and 3.  
85 Credit completions may be a combination of full-credit courses  
86 or half-credit courses. Beginning in the 2016-2017 fiscal year,  
87 the reported full-time equivalent students and associated  
88 funding of students enrolled in courses requiring passage of an  
89 end-of-course assessment under s. 1003.4282 to earn a standard  
90 high school diploma shall be adjusted if the student does not  
91 pass the end-of-course assessment. However, no adjustment shall  
92 be made for a student who enrolls in a segmented remedial course  
93 delivered online.

94 (V) A Florida Virtual School full-time equivalent student  
95 shall consist of six full-credit completions or the prescribed  
96 level of content that counts toward promotion to the next grade  
97 in the programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c)1. and 3. for students  
98 participating in kindergarten through grade 12 part-time virtual



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99 instruction and the programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c) for  
100 students participating in kindergarten through grade 12 full-  
101 time virtual instruction. Credit completions may be a  
102 combination of full-credit courses or half-credit courses.  
103 Beginning in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the reported full-time  
104 equivalent students and associated funding of students enrolled  
105 in courses requiring passage of an end-of-course assessment  
106 under s. 1003.4282 to earn a standard high school diploma shall  
107 be adjusted if the student does not pass the end-of-course  
108 assessment. However, no adjustment shall be made for a student  
109 who enrolls in a segmented remedial course delivered online.

110 (VI) Each successfully completed full-credit course earned  
111 through an online course delivered by a district other than the  
112 one in which the student resides shall be calculated as 1/6 FTE.

113 (VII) A full-time equivalent student for courses requiring  
114 passage of a statewide, standardized end-of-course assessment  
115 under s. 1003.4282 to earn a standard high school diploma shall  
116 be defined and reported based on the number of instructional  
117 hours as provided in this subsection until the 2016-2017 fiscal  
118 year. Beginning in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the FTE for the  
119 course shall be assessment-based and shall be equal to 1/6 FTE.  
120 The reported FTE shall be adjusted if the student does not pass  
121 the end-of-course assessment. However, no adjustment shall be  
122 made for a student who enrolls in a segmented remedial course  
123 delivered online.

124 (VIII) For students enrolled in a school district as a  
125 full-time student, the district may report 1/6 FTE for each  
126 student who passes a statewide, standardized end-of-course  
127 assessment without being enrolled in the corresponding course.



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128           2. A student in membership in a program scheduled for more  
129 or less than 180 school days or the equivalent on an hourly  
130 basis as specified by rules of the State Board of Education is a  
131 fraction of a full-time equivalent membership equal to the  
132 number of instructional hours in membership divided by the  
133 appropriate number of hours set forth in subparagraph (a)1.;

134 however, for the purposes of this subparagraph, membership in  
135 programs scheduled for more than 180 days is limited to students  
136 enrolled in:

- 137           a. Juvenile justice education programs.
- 138           b. The Florida Virtual School.
- 139           c. Virtual instruction programs and virtual charter schools  
140 for the purpose of course completion and credit recovery  
141 pursuant to ss. 1002.45 and 1003.498. Course completion applies  
142 only to a student who is reported during the second or third  
143 membership surveys and who does not complete a virtual education  
144 course by the end of the regular school year. The course must be  
145 completed no later than the deadline for amending the final  
146 student enrollment survey for that year. Credit recovery applies  
147 only to a student who has unsuccessfully completed a traditional  
148 or virtual education course during the regular school year and  
149 must re-take the course in order to be eligible to graduate with  
150 the student's class.

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152 The full-time equivalent student enrollment calculated under  
153 this subsection is subject to the requirements in subsection  
154 (4).

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156 The department shall determine and implement an equitable method



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157 of equivalent funding for ~~experimental schools and for~~ schools  
158 operating under emergency conditions, which schools have been  
159 approved by the department to operate for less than the minimum  
160 term requirement as provided in s. 1011.60 ~~school day~~.

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

163 And the title is amended as follows:

164 Delete line 3

165 and insert:

166 1011.61, F.S.; revising the term "full-time student"  
167 to delete references to membership in a double-session  
168 school or a school that uses a specified experimental  
169 calendar; clarifying how full time equivalency is  
170 calculated for students in schools that operate for  
171 less than the minimum term; amending s. 1012.56, F.S.;  
172 providing alternative requirements for