

Amendment No. 3

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	—	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	—	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	—	(Y/N)
OTHER	—	

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education Appropriations  
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Fresen offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 393-430 and insert:

7 funding for scholarships to be awarded to classroom teachers, as  
8 defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a), who have demonstrated a high level  
9 of academic achievement.

10 (3)(a) To be eligible for a scholarship, a classroom  
11 teacher must have achieved a composite score at or above the  
12 80th percentile on either the SAT or the ACT based on the  
13 National Percentile Ranks in effect when the classroom teacher  
14 took the assessment and have been evaluated as highly effective  
15 pursuant to s. 1012.34 in the school year immediately preceding  
16 the year in which the scholarship will be awarded, unless the  
17 classroom teacher is newly hired by the district school board

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18 and has not been evaluated pursuant to s. 1012.34.

19 (b) In order to demonstrate eligibility for an award, an  
20 eligible classroom teacher must submit to the school district,  
21 no later than November 1, an official record of his or her SAT  
22 or ACT score demonstrating that the classroom teacher scored at  
23 or above the 80th percentile based on the National Percentile  
24 Ranks in effect when the teacher took the assessment. Once a  
25 classroom teacher is deemed eligible by the school district,  
26 including teachers deemed eligible in the 2015-2016 fiscal year,  
27 the teacher shall remain eligible as long as he or she remains  
28 employed by the school district as a classroom teacher at the  
29 time of the award and receives an annual performance evaluation  
30 rating of highly effective pursuant to s. 1012.34.

31 (4) Annually, by December 1, each school district shall  
32 submit to the department the number of eligible classroom  
33 teachers who qualify for the scholarship.

34 (5) Annually, by February 1, the department shall disburse  
35 scholarship funds to each school district for each eligible  
36 classroom teacher to receive a scholarship as provided in the  
37 General Appropriations Act. The amount disbursed shall include a  
38 scholarship award of \$1,000, from the total amount of funds  
39 appropriated, for each eligible classroom teacher in a Title I  
40 school. Of the remaining funds, a scholarship in the amount  
41 provided in the General Appropriations Act shall be awarded to  
42 every eligible classroom teacher, including those in Title I  
43 schools. If the number of eligible classroom teachers exceeds

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44 the total appropriation authorized in the General Appropriations  
45 Act, the department shall prorate the per-teacher scholarship  
46 amount.

47 (6) Annually, by April 1, each school district shall award  
48 the scholarship to each eligible classroom teacher.

49 (7) For purposes of this section, the term "school  
50 district" includes the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind  
51 and charter school governing boards.

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Remove line 43 and insert:

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classroom teachers to the Department of Education; providing for