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An act implementing SB 2500-A, an act making supplemental appropriations to fund the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year; amending ss. 24.121, 1011.62, 1011.67, 1011.685, 1011.71, and 1012.71, F.S.; authorizing the distribution of funds for the Florida Education Finance Program pursuant to any law providing funding for the 2017-2018 fiscal year; providing for construction of the act in pari materia with laws enacted during the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section 24.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

24.121 Allocation of revenues and expenditure of funds for public education.—

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(c) A portion of such net revenues, as determined annually by the Legislature, shall be distributed to each school district and shall be made available to each public school in the district for enhancing school performance through development and implementation of a school improvement plan pursuant to s. 1001.42(18). A portion of these moneys, as determined annually in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, must be allocated to each school in an equal

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amount for each student enrolled. These moneys may be expended only on programs or projects selected by the school advisory council or by a parent advisory committee created pursuant to this paragraph. If a school does not have a school advisory council, the district advisory council must appoint a parent advisory committee composed of parents of students enrolled in that school, which is representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic community served by the school, to advise the school's principal on the programs or projects to be funded. Neither school district staff nor principals may override the recommendations of the school advisory council or the parent advisory committee. These moneys may not be used for capital improvements or for any project or program that has a duration of more than 1 year; however, a school advisory council or parent advisory committee may independently determine that a program or project formerly funded under this paragraph should receive funds in a subsequent year.

Section 2. Upon the expiration and reversion of the amendments to section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, pursuant to section 23 of chapter 2016-62, Laws of Florida, 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 or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, it shall be determined as follows:

(1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR

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OPERATION.—The following procedure shall be followed in determining the annual allocation to each district for operation:

- (a) Determination of full-time equivalent membership.—
  During each of several school weeks, including scheduled
  intersessions of a year-round school program during the fiscal
  year, a program membership survey of each school shall be made
  by each district by aggregating the full-time equivalent student
  membership of each program by school and by district. The
  department shall establish the number and interval of membership
  calculations, except that for basic and special programs such
  calculations shall not exceed nine for any fiscal year. The
  district's full-time equivalent membership shall be computed and
  currently maintained in accordance with regulations of the
  commissioner.
- (b) Determination of base student allocation.—The base student allocation for the Florida Education Finance Program for kindergarten through grade 12 shall be determined annually by the Legislature and shall be that amount prescribed in the current year's General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
- (c) Determination of programs.—Cost factors based on desired relative cost differences between the following programs shall be established in the annual General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance

  Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The cost factor for secondary career education programs and basic programs grade 9 through 12 shall be equal. The Commissioner of Education shall

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specify a matrix of services and intensity levels to be used by districts in the determination of the two weighted cost factors for exceptional students with the highest levels of need. For these students, the funding support level shall fund the exceptional students' education program, with the exception of extended school year services for students with disabilities.

- 1. Basic programs.—
- a. Kindergarten and grades 1, 2, and 3.
- b. Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.
- c. Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.
- 2. Programs for exceptional students.-
- a. Support Level IV.
- b. Support Level V.
- 3. Secondary career education programs.
- 4. English for Speakers of Other Languages.
- (d) Annual allocation calculation.
- 1. The Department of Education is authorized and directed to review all district programs and enrollment projections and calculate a maximum total weighted full-time equivalent student enrollment for each district for the K-12 FEFP.
- 2. Maximum enrollments calculated by the department shall be derived from enrollment estimates used by the Legislature to calculate the FEFP. If two or more districts enter into an agreement under the provisions of s. 1001.42(4)(d), after the final enrollment estimate is agreed upon, the amount of FTE specified in the agreement, not to exceed the estimate for the specific program as identified in paragraph (c), may be transferred from the participating districts to the district providing the program.

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- 3. As part of its calculation of each district's maximum total weighted full-time equivalent student enrollment, the department shall establish separate enrollment ceilings for each of two program groups. Group 1 shall be composed of basic programs for grades K-3, grades 4-8, and grades 9-12. Group 2 shall be composed of students in exceptional student education programs support levels IV and V, English for Speakers of Other Languages programs, and all career programs in grades 9-12.
- a. For any calculation of the FEFP, the enrollment ceiling for group 1 shall be calculated by multiplying the actual enrollment for each program in the program group by its appropriate program weight.
- b. The weighted enrollment ceiling for group 2 programs shall be calculated by multiplying the enrollment for each program by the appropriate program weight as provided in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The weighted enrollment ceiling for program group 2 shall be the sum of the weighted enrollment ceilings for each program in the program group, plus the increase in weighted full-time equivalent student membership from the prior year for clients of the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- c. If, for any calculation of the FEFP, the weighted enrollment for program group 2, derived by multiplying actual enrollments by appropriate program weights, exceeds the enrollment ceiling for that group, the following procedure shall be followed to reduce the weighted enrollment for that group to equal the enrollment ceiling:

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- (I) The weighted enrollment ceiling for each program in the program group shall be subtracted from the weighted enrollment for that program derived from actual enrollments.
- (II) If the difference calculated under sub-sub-subparagraph (I) is greater than zero for any program, a reduction proportion shall be computed for the program by dividing the absolute value of the difference by the total amount by which the weighted enrollment for the program group exceeds the weighted enrollment ceiling for the program group.
- (III) The reduction proportion calculated under sub-sub-subparagraph (II) shall be multiplied by the total amount of the program group's enrollment over the ceiling as calculated under sub-subparagraph (I).
- (IV) The prorated reduction amount calculated under subsub-subparagraph (III) shall be subtracted from the program's weighted enrollment to produce a revised program weighted enrollment.
- (V) The prorated reduction amount calculated under sub-sub-subparagraph (III) shall be divided by the appropriate program weight, and the result shall be added to the revised program weighted enrollment computed in sub-sub-subparagraph (IV).
- (e) Funding model for exceptional student education programs.—
- 1.a. The funding model uses basic, at-risk, support levels IV and V for exceptional students and career Florida Education Finance Program cost factors, and a guaranteed allocation for exceptional student education programs. Exceptional education cost factors are determined by using a matrix of services to document the services that each exceptional student will

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receive. The nature and intensity of the services indicated on the matrix shall be consistent with the services described in each exceptional student's individual educational plan. The Department of Education shall review and revise the descriptions of the services and supports included in the matrix of services for exceptional students and shall implement those revisions before the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

- b. In order to generate funds using one of the two weighted cost factors, a matrix of services must be completed at the time of the student's initial placement into an exceptional student education program and at least once every 3 years by personnel who have received approved training. Nothing listed in the matrix shall be construed as limiting the services a school district must provide in order to ensure that exceptional students are provided a free, appropriate public education.
- c. Students identified as exceptional, in accordance with chapter 6A-6, Florida Administrative Code, who do not have a matrix of services as specified in sub-subparagraph b. shall generate funds on the basis of full-time-equivalent student membership in the Florida Education Finance Program at the same funding level per student as provided for basic students. Additional funds for these exceptional students will be provided through the guaranteed allocation designated in subparagraph 2.
- 2. For students identified as exceptional who do not have a matrix of services and students who are gifted in grades K through 8, there is created a guaranteed allocation to provide these students with a free appropriate public education, in accordance with s. 1001.42(4)(1) and rules of the State Board of Education, which shall be allocated initially to each school

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district in the amount provided in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. These funds shall be supplemental to the funds appropriated for the basic funding level, and the amount allocated for each school district shall be recalculated once during the year, based on actual student membership from the October FTE survey. Upon recalculation, if the generated allocation is greater than the amount provided in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the total shall be prorated to the level of the appropriation based on each district's share of the total recalculated amount. These funds shall be used to provide special education and related services for exceptional students and students who are gifted in grades K through 8. A district's expenditure of funds from the quaranteed allocation for students in grades 9 through 12 who are gifted may not be greater than the amount expended during the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year for gifted students in grades 9 through 12.

- (f) Supplemental academic instruction; categorical fund.-
- 1. There is created a categorical fund to provide supplemental academic instruction to students in kindergarten through grade 12. This paragraph may be cited as the "Supplemental Academic Instruction Categorical Fund."
- 2. Categorical funds for supplemental academic instruction shall be allocated annually to each school district in the amount provided in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. These funds shall be in addition to

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the funds appropriated on the basis of FTE student membership in the Florida Education Finance Program and shall be included in the total potential funds of each district. These funds shall be used to provide supplemental academic instruction to students enrolled in the K-12 program. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, each school district that has one or more of the 300 lowestperforming elementary schools based on the state reading assessment shall use these funds, together with the funds provided in the district's research-based reading instruction allocation and other available funds, to provide an additional hour of instruction beyond the normal school day for each day of the entire school year for intensive reading instruction for the students in each of these schools. This additional hour of instruction must be provided by teachers or reading specialists who are effective in teaching reading or by a K-5 mentoring reading program that is supervised by a teacher who is effective at teaching reading. Students enrolled in these schools who have level 5 assessment scores may participate in the additional hour of instruction on an optional basis. Exceptional student education centers shall not be included in the 300 schools. After this requirement has been met, supplemental instruction strategies may include, but are not limited to: modified curriculum, reading instruction, after-school instruction, tutoring, mentoring, class size reduction, extended school year, intensive skills development in summer school, and other methods for improving student achievement. Supplemental instruction may be provided to a student in any manner and at any time during or beyond the regular 180-day term identified by the school as being the most effective and efficient way to best help that

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student progress from grade to grade and to graduate.

- 3. Effective with the 1999-2000 fiscal year, funding on the basis of FTE membership beyond the 180-day regular term shall be provided in the FEFP only for students enrolled in juvenile justice education programs or in education programs for juveniles placed in secure facilities or programs under s. 985.19. Funding for instruction beyond the regular 180-day school year for all other K-12 students shall be provided through the supplemental academic instruction categorical fund and other state, federal, and local fund sources with ample flexibility for schools to provide supplemental instruction to assist students in progressing from grade to grade and graduating.
- 4. The Florida State University School, as a lab school, is authorized to expend from its FEFP or Lottery Enhancement Trust Fund allocation the cost to the student of remediation in reading, writing, or mathematics for any graduate who requires remediation at a postsecondary educational institution.
- 5. Beginning in the 1999-2000 school year, dropout prevention programs as defined in ss. 1003.52, 1003.53(1)(a), (b), and (c), and 1003.54 shall be included in group 1 programs under subparagraph (d)3.
- (g) Education for speakers of other languages.—A school district or a full-time virtual instruction program is eligible to report full-time equivalent student membership in the ESOL program in the Florida Education Finance Program provided the following conditions are met:
- 1. The school district or the full-time virtual instruction program has a plan approved by the Department of Education.

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- 2. The eligible student is identified and assessed as limited English proficient based on assessment criteria.
- 3.a. An eligible student may be reported for funding in the ESOL program for a base period of 3 years. However, a student whose English competency does not meet the criteria for proficiency after 3 years in the ESOL program may be reported for a fourth, fifth, and sixth year of funding, provided his or her limited English proficiency is assessed and properly documented prior to his or her enrollment in each additional year beyond the 3-year base period.
- b. If a student exits the program and is later reclassified as limited English proficient, the student may be reported in the ESOL program for funding for an additional year, or extended annually for a period not to exceed a total of 6 years pursuant to this paragraph, based on an annual evaluation of the student's status.
- 4. An eligible student may be reported for funding in the ESOL program for membership in ESOL instruction in English and ESOL instruction or home language instruction in the basic subject areas of mathematics, science, social studies, and computer literacy.
- (h) Small, isolated high schools.—Districts which levy the maximum nonvoted discretionary millage, exclusive of millage for capital outlay purposes levied pursuant to s. 1011.71(2), may calculate full-time equivalent students for small, isolated high schools by multiplying the number of unweighted full-time equivalent students times 2.75; provided the school has attained a grade of "C" or better, pursuant to s. 1008.34, for the previous school year. For the purpose of this section, the term

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"small, isolated high school" means any high school which is located no less than 28 miles by the shortest route from another high school; which has been serving students primarily in basic studies provided by sub-subparagraphs (c)1.b. and c. and may include subparagraph (c)4.; and which has a membership of no more than 100 students, but no fewer than 28 students, in grades 9 through 12.

(i) Calculation of full-time equivalent membership with respect to dual enrollment instruction.-Students enrolled in dual enrollment instruction pursuant to s. 1007.271 may be included in calculations of full-time equivalent student memberships for basic programs for grades 9 through 12 by a district school board. Instructional time for dual enrollment may vary from 900 hours; however, the full-time equivalent student membership value shall be subject to the provisions in s. 1011.61(4). Dual enrollment full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated in an amount equal to the hours of instruction that would be necessary to earn the full-time equivalent student membership for an equivalent course if it were taught in the school district. Students in dual enrollment courses may also be calculated as the proportional shares of full-time equivalent enrollments they generate for a Florida College System institution or university conducting the dual enrollment instruction. Early admission students shall be considered dual enrollments for funding purposes. Students may be enrolled in dual enrollment instruction provided by an eligible independent college or university and may be included in calculations of full-time equivalent student memberships for basic programs for grades 9 through 12 by a district school

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board. However, those provisions of law which exempt dual enrolled and early admission students from payment of instructional materials and tuition and fees, including laboratory fees, shall not apply to students who select the option of enrolling in an eligible independent institution. An independent college or university which is located and chartered in Florida, is not for profit, is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools, and confers degrees as defined in s. 1005.02 shall be eligible for inclusion in the dual enrollment or early admission program. Students enrolled in dual enrollment instruction shall be exempt from the payment of tuition and fees, including laboratory fees. No student enrolled in college credit mathematics or English dual enrollment instruction shall be funded as a dual enrollment unless the student has successfully completed the relevant section of the entry-level examination required pursuant to s. 1008.30.

- (j) Instruction in exploratory career education.—Students in grades 7 through 12 who are enrolled for more than four semesters in exploratory career education may not be counted as full-time equivalent students for this instruction.
- (k) Study hall.—A student who is enrolled in study hall may not be included in the calculation of full-time equivalent student membership for funding under this section.
- (1) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on International Baccalaureate examination scores of students.—A value of 0.16 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled in an

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International Baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student who receives an International Baccalaureate diploma. Such value shall be added to the total full-time equivalent student membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year. Each school district shall allocate 80 percent of the funds received from International Baccalaureate bonus FTE funding to the school program whose students generate the funds and to school programs that prepare prospective students to enroll in International Baccalaureate courses. Funds shall be expended solely for the payment of allowable costs associated with the International Baccalaureate program. Allowable costs include International Baccalaureate annual school fees; International Baccalaureate examination fees; salary, benefits, and bonuses for teachers and program coordinators for the International Baccalaureate program and teachers and coordinators who prepare prospective students for the International Baccalaureate program; supplemental books; instructional supplies; instructional equipment or instructional materials for International Baccalaureate courses; other activities that identify prospective International Baccalaureate students or prepare prospective students to enroll in International Baccalaureate courses; and training or professional development for International Baccalaureate teachers. School districts shall allocate the remaining 20 percent of the funds received from International Baccalaureate bonus FTE funding for programs that assist academically disadvantaged students to prepare for more rigorous courses. The

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school district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided International Baccalaureate instruction:

- 1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by the International Baccalaureate teacher in each International Baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or higher on the International Baccalaureate examination.
- 2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each International Baccalaureate teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" who has at least one student scoring 4 or higher on the International Baccalaureate examination, regardless of the number of classes taught or of the number of students scoring a 4 or higher on the International Baccalaureate examination.

Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph may not exceed \$2,000 in any given school year. However, the maximum bonus shall be \$3,000 if at least 50 percent of the students enrolled in a teacher's course earn a score of 4 or higher on the examination in a school designated with a grade of "A," "B," or "C"; or if at least 25 percent of the students enrolled in a teacher's course earn a score of 4 or higher on the examination in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F." Bonuses awarded under this paragraph shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive. For such courses, the teacher shall earn an additional bonus of \$50 for each student who has a qualifying score up to the maximum of \$3,000 in any given school year.

(m) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on Advanced International Certificate of Education examination scores of students.—A value of 0.16 full-

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time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled in a full-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.08 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled in a half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student who receives an Advanced International Certificate of Education diploma. Such value shall be added to the total full-time equivalent student membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year. The school district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided Advanced International Certificate of Education instruction:

- 1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by the Advanced International Certificate of Education teacher in each full-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or higher on the Advanced International Certificate of Education examination. A bonus in the amount of \$25 for each student taught by the Advanced International Certificate of Education teacher in each half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or higher on the Advanced International Certificate of Education.
- 2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each Advanced International Certificate of Education teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" who has at least one student scoring E or higher on the full-credit Advanced

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International Certificate of Education examination, regardless of the number of classes taught or of the number of students scoring an E or higher on the full-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education examination.

3. Additional bonuses of \$250 each to teachers of half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education classes in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" which has at least one student scoring an E or higher on the half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education examination in that class. The maximum additional bonus for a teacher awarded in accordance with this subparagraph shall not exceed \$500 in any given school year. Teachers receiving an award under subparagraph 2. are not eligible for a bonus under this subparagraph.

Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2,000 in any given school year and shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive.

(n) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on college board advanced placement scores of students.—A value of 0.16 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student in each advanced placement course who receives a score of 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination for the prior year and added to the total full-time equivalent student membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year. Each district must allocate at least 80 percent of the funds provided to the district for advanced placement

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instruction, in accordance with this paragraph, to the high school that generates the funds. The school district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided advanced placement instruction:

- 1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by the Advanced Placement teacher in each advanced placement course who receives a score of 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination.
- 2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each Advanced Placement teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" who has at least one student scoring 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination, regardless of the number of classes taught or of the number of students scoring a 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination.

Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2,000 in any given school year. However, the maximum bonus shall be \$3,000 if at least 50 percent of the students enrolled in a teacher's course earn a score of 3 or higher on the examination in a school with a grade of "A," "B," or "C" or if at least 25 percent of the students enrolled in a teacher's course earn a score of 3 or higher on the examination in a school with a grade of "D" or "F." Bonuses awarded under this paragraph shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive. For such courses, the teacher shall earn an additional bonus of \$50 for each student who has a qualifying score up to the maximum of \$3,000 in any given school year.

(o) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent

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membership based on successful completion of a career-themed course pursuant to ss. 1003.491, 1003.492, and 1003.493, or courses with embedded CAPE industry certifications or CAPE Digital Tool certificates, and issuance of industry certification identified on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education or CAPE Digital Tool certificates pursuant to s. 1003.4203.—

- 1.a. A value of 0.025 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for CAPE Digital Tool certificates earned by students in elementary and middle school grades.
- b. A value of 0.1 or 0.2 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student who completes a course as defined in s. 1003.493(1)(b) or courses with embedded CAPE industry certifications and who is issued an industry certification identified annually on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List approved under rules adopted by the State Board of Education. A value of 0.2 full-time equivalent membership shall be calculated for each student who is issued a CAPE industry certification that has a statewide articulation agreement for college credit approved by the State Board of Education. For CAPE industry certifications that do not articulate for college credit, the Department of Education shall assign a full-time equivalent value of 0.1 for each certification. Middle grades students who earn additional FTE membership for a CAPE Digital Tool certificate pursuant to subsubparagraph a. may not use the previously funded examination to satisfy the requirements for earning an industry certification

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under this sub-subparagraph. Additional FTE membership for an elementary or middle grades student may not exceed 0.1 for certificates or certifications earned within the same fiscal year. The State Board of Education shall include the assigned values on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List under rules adopted by the state board. Such value shall be added to the total full-time equivalent student membership for grades 6 through 12 in the subsequent year. CAPE industry certifications earned through dual enrollment must be reported and funded pursuant to s. 1011.80. However, if a student earns a certification through a dual enrollment course and the certification is not a fundable certification on the postsecondary certification funding list, or the dual enrollment certification is earned as a result of an agreement between a school district and a nonpublic postsecondary institution, the bonus value shall be funded in the same manner as other nondual enrollment course industry certifications. In such cases, the school district may provide for an agreement between the high school and the technical center, or the school district and the postsecondary institution may enter into an agreement for equitable distribution of the bonus funds.

- c. A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for student completion of the courses and the embedded certifications identified on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List and approved by the commissioner pursuant to ss. 1003.4203(5)(a) and 1008.44.
- d. A value of 0.5 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications that articulate for 15 to 29 college credit

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hours, and 1.0 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications that articulate for 30 or more college credit hours pursuant to CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications approved by the commissioner pursuant to ss. 1003.4203(5)(b) and 1008.44.

- 2. Each district must allocate at least 80 percent of the funds provided for CAPE industry certification, in accordance with this paragraph, to the program that generated the funds. This allocation may not be used to supplant funds provided for basic operation of the program.
- 3. For CAPE industry certifications earned in the 2013-2014 school year and in subsequent years, the school district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided direct instruction toward the attainment of a CAPE industry certification that qualified for additional full-time equivalent membership under subparagraph 1.:
- a. A bonus of \$25 for each student taught by a teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List with a weight of 0.1.
- b. A bonus of \$50 for each student taught by a teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List with a weight of 0.2.
- c. A bonus of \$75 for each student taught by a teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List with a weight of 0.3.
  - d. A bonus of \$100 for each student taught by a teacher who

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provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List with a weight of 0.5 or 1.0.

Bonuses awarded pursuant to this paragraph shall be provided to teachers who are employed by the district in the year in which the additional FTE membership calculation is included in the calculation. Bonuses shall be calculated based upon the associated weight of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List for the year in which the certification is earned by the student. Any bonus awarded to a teacher under this paragraph may not exceed \$3,000 in any given school year and is in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive.

(p) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based upon early high school graduation.— Each school district may receive funding for each student who graduates early pursuant to s. 1003.4281. A district may earn 0.25 additional FTE for a student who graduates one semester in advance of the student's cohort and 0.5 additional FTE for a student who graduates 1 year or more in advance of the student's cohort. If the student was enrolled in the district as a full-time high school student for at least 2 years, the district shall report the additional FTE for payment in the subsequent fiscal year. If the student was enrolled in the district for less than 2 years, the district of enrollment shall report the additional FTE and shall transfer a proportionate share of the funds earned for early graduation to the district in which the student was previously enrolled. Additional FTE included in the

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2014-2015 Florida Education Finance Program for early graduation shall be reported and funded pursuant to this paragraph.

- (q) Year-round-school programs.—The Commissioner of Education is authorized to adjust student eligibility definitions, funding criteria, and reporting requirements of statutes and rules in order that year-round-school programs may achieve equivalent application of funding requirements with non-year-round-school programs.
- (r) Extended-school-year program.—It is the intent of the Legislature that students be provided additional instruction by extending the school year to 210 days or more. Districts may apply to the Commissioner of Education for funds to be used in planning and implementing an extended-school-year program.
- (s) Determination of the basic amount for current operation.—The basic amount for current operation to be included in the Florida Education Finance Program for kindergarten through grade 12 for each district shall be the product of the following:
- 1. The full-time equivalent student membership in each program, multiplied by
- 2. The cost factor for each program, adjusted for the maximum as provided by paragraph (c), multiplied by
  - 3. The base student allocation.
- (t) Computation for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program.—The State Board of Education may adopt rules establishing programs, industry certifications, and courses for which the student may earn credit toward high school graduation.
- (2) DETERMINATION OF DISTRICT COST DIFFERENTIALS.—The Commissioner of Education shall annually compute for each

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district the current year's district cost differential. The district cost differential shall be calculated by adding each district's price level index as published in the Florida Price Level Index for the most recent 3 years and dividing the resulting sum by 3. The result for each district shall be multiplied by 0.008 and to the resulting product shall be added 0.200; the sum thus obtained shall be the cost differential for that district for that year.

- (3) INSERVICE EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL TRAINING EXPENDITURE.—
  Of the amount computed in subsections (1) and (2), a percentage of the base student allocation per full-time equivalent student or other funds shall be expended for educational training programs as determined by the district school board as provided in s. 1012.98.
- (4) COMPUTATION OF DISTRICT REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT.—The Legislature shall prescribe the aggregate required local effort for all school districts collectively as an item in the General Appropriations Act for each fiscal year or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017—2018 fiscal year. The amount that each district shall provide annually toward the cost of the Florida Education Finance Program for kindergarten through grade 12 programs shall be calculated as follows:
  - (a) Estimated taxable value calculations.-
- 1.a. Not later than 2 working days before July 19, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the Commissioner of Education its most recent estimate of the taxable value for school purposes in each school district and the total for all school districts in the state for the current calendar year

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based on the latest available data obtained from the local property appraisers. The value certified shall be the taxable value for school purposes for that year, and no further adjustments shall be made, except those made pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (d), or an assessment roll change required by final judicial decisions as specified in paragraph (15)(b). Not later than July 19, the Commissioner of Education shall compute a millage rate, rounded to the next highest one one-thousandth of a mill, which, when applied to 96 percent of the estimated state total taxable value for school purposes, would generate the prescribed aggregate required local effort for that year for all districts. The Commissioner of Education shall certify to each district school board the millage rate, computed as prescribed in this subparagraph, as the minimum millage rate necessary to provide the district required local effort for that year.

b. The General Appropriations Act or any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, shall direct the computation of the statewide adjusted aggregate amount for required local effort for all school districts collectively from ad valorem taxes to ensure that no school district's revenue from required local effort millage will produce more than 90 percent of the district's total Florida Education Finance Program calculation as calculated and adopted by the Legislature, and the adjustment of the required local effort millage rate of each district that produces more than 90 percent of its total Florida Education Finance Program entitlement to a level that will produce only 90 percent of its total Florida Education Finance Program

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entitlement in the July calculation.

- 2. On the same date as the certification in subsubparagraph 1.a., the Department of Revenue shall certify to the Commissioner of Education for each district:
- a. Each year for which the property appraiser has certified the taxable value pursuant to s. 193.122(2) or (3), if applicable, since the prior certification under sub-subparagraph 1.a.
- b. For each year identified in sub-subparagraph a., the taxable value certified by the appraiser pursuant to s. 193.122(2) or (3), if applicable, since the prior certification under sub-subparagraph 1.a. This is the certification that reflects all final administrative actions of the value adjustment board.
  - (b) Equalization of required local effort.-
- 1. The Department of Revenue shall include with its certifications provided pursuant to paragraph (a) its most recent determination of the assessment level of the prior year's assessment roll for each county and for the state as a whole.
- 2. The Commissioner of Education shall adjust the required local effort millage of each district for the current year, computed pursuant to paragraph (a), as follows:
- a. The equalization factor for the prior year's assessment roll of each district shall be multiplied by 96 percent of the taxable value for school purposes shown on that roll and by the prior year's required local-effort millage, exclusive of any equalization adjustment made pursuant to this paragraph. The dollar amount so computed shall be the additional required local effort for equalization for the current year.

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- b. Such equalization factor shall be computed as the quotient of the prior year's assessment level of the state as a whole divided by the prior year's assessment level of the county, from which quotient shall be subtracted 1.
- c. The dollar amount of additional required local effort for equalization for each district shall be converted to a millage rate, based on 96 percent of the current year's taxable value for that district, and added to the required local effort millage determined pursuant to paragraph (a).
- 3. Notwithstanding the limitations imposed pursuant to s. 1011.71(1), the total required local-effort millage, including additional required local effort for equalization, shall be an amount not to exceed 10 minus the maximum millage allowed as nonvoted discretionary millage, exclusive of millage authorized pursuant to s. 1011.71(2). Nothing herein shall be construed to allow a millage in excess of that authorized in s. 9, Art. VII of the State Constitution.
- 4. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "assessment level" means the value-weighted mean assessment ratio for the county or state as a whole, as determined pursuant to s. 195.096, or as subsequently adjusted. However, for those parcels studied pursuant to s. 195.096(3)(a)1. which are receiving the assessment limitation set forth in s. 193.155, and for which the assessed value is less than the just value, the department shall use the assessed value in the numerator and the denominator of such assessment ratio. In the event a court has adjudicated that the department failed to establish an accurate estimate of an assessment level of a county and recomputation resulting in an accurate estimate based upon the evidence before the court was

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not possible, that county shall be presumed to have an assessment level equal to that of the state as a whole.

- 5. If, in the prior year, taxes were levied against an interim assessment roll pursuant to s. 193.1145, the assessment level and prior year's nonexempt assessed valuation used for the purposes of this paragraph shall be those of the interim assessment roll.
  - (c) Exclusion.-
  - 1. In those instances in which:
- a. There is litigation either attacking the authority of the property appraiser to include certain property on the tax assessment roll as taxable property or contesting the assessed value of certain property on the tax assessment roll, and
- b. The assessed value of the property in contest involves more than 6 percent of the total nonexempt assessment roll, the plaintiff shall provide to the district school board of the county in which the property is located and to the Department of Education a certified copy of the petition and receipt for the good faith payment at the time they are filed with the court.
- 2. For purposes of computing the required local effort for each district affected by such petition, the Department of Education shall exclude from the district's total nonexempt assessment roll the assessed value of the property in contest and shall add the amount of the good faith payment to the district's required local effort.
- (d) Recomputation.—Following final adjudication of any litigation on the basis of which an adjustment in taxable value was made pursuant to paragraph (c), the department shall recompute the required local effort for each district for each

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year affected by such adjustments, utilizing taxable values approved by the court, and shall adjust subsequent allocations to such districts accordingly.

- (e) Prior period funding adjustment millage.-
- 1. An additional millage to be known as the Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage shall be levied by a school district if the prior period unrealized required local effort funds are greater than zero. The Commissioner of Education shall calculate the amount of the prior period unrealized required local effort funds as specified in subparagraph 2. and the millage required to generate that amount as specified in this subparagraph. The Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage shall be the quotient of the prior period unrealized required local effort funds divided by the current year taxable value certified to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to sub-subparagraph (a) 1.a. This levy shall be in addition to the required local effort millage certified pursuant to this subsection. Such millage shall not affect the calculation of the current year's required local effort, and the funds generated by such levy shall not be included in the district's Florida Education Finance Program allocation for that fiscal year. For purposes of the millage to be included on the Notice of Proposed Taxes, the Commissioner of Education shall adjust the required local effort millage computed pursuant to paragraph (a) as adjusted by paragraph (b) for the current year for any district that levies a Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage to include all Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage. For the purpose of this paragraph, a Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage shall be levied for each year certified by the Department of Revenue pursuant to sub-

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subparagraph (a) 2.a. since the previous year certification and for which the calculation in sub-subparagraph 2.b. is greater than zero.

- 2.a. As used in this subparagraph, the term:
- (I) "Prior year" means a year certified under subsubparagraph (a) 2.a.
  - (II) "Preliminary taxable value" means:
- (A) If the prior year is the 2009-2010 fiscal year or later, the taxable value certified to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to sub-subparagraph (a)1.a.
- (B) If the prior year is the 2008-2009 fiscal year or earlier, the taxable value certified pursuant to the final calculation as specified in former paragraph (b) as that paragraph existed in the prior year.
- (III) "Final taxable value" means the district's taxable value as certified by the property appraiser pursuant to s. 193.122(2) or (3), if applicable. This is the certification that reflects all final administrative actions of the value adjustment board.
- b. For purposes of this subsection and with respect to each year certified pursuant to sub-subparagraph (a)2.a., if the district's prior year preliminary taxable value is greater than the district's prior year final taxable value, the prior period unrealized required local effort funds are the difference between the district's prior year preliminary taxable value and the district's prior year final taxable value, multiplied by the prior year district required local effort millage. If the district's prior year preliminary taxable value is less than the district's prior year final taxable value, the prior period

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unrealized required local effort funds are zero.

- c. If a district's prior period unrealized required local effort funds and prior period district required local effort millage cannot be determined because such district's final taxable value has not yet been certified pursuant to s. 193.122(2) or (3), the Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage for such fiscal year shall be levied, if not previously levied, in an amount equal to 75 percent of such district's most recent unrealized required local effort for which a Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage was determined as provided in this section. Upon certification of the final taxable value in accordance with s. 193.122(2) or (3) for a tax roll for which a 75 percent Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage was levied, the next Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage shall be adjusted to include any shortfall or surplus in the prior period unrealized required local effort funds that would have been levied, had the district's final taxable value been certified pursuant to s. 193.122(2) or (3). If this adjustment is made for a surplus, the reduction in prior period millage may not exceed the prior period funding adjustment millage calculated pursuant to subparagraph 1. and sub-subparagraphs a. and b., or pursuant to this sub-subparagraph, whichever is applicable, and any additional reduction shall be carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year.
- (5) DISCRETIONARY MILLAGE COMPRESSION SUPPLEMENT.—The Legislature shall prescribe in the General Appropriations Act, pursuant to s. 1011.71(1), or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the rate of nonvoted current operating discretionary

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millage that shall be used to calculate a discretionary millage compression supplement. If the prescribed millage generates an amount of funds per unweighted FTE for the district that is less than the state average, the district shall receive an amount per FTE that, when added to the funds per FTE generated by the designated levy, shall equal the state average.

- (6) CATEGORICAL FUNDS.-
- (a) In addition to the basic amount for current operations for the FEFP as determined in subsection (1), the Legislature may appropriate categorical funding for specified programs, activities, or purposes.
- (b) If a district school board finds and declares in a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the school board that the funds received for any of the following categorical appropriations are urgently needed to maintain school board specified academic classroom instruction, the school board may consider and approve an amendment to the school district operating budget transferring the identified amount of the categorical funds to the appropriate account for expenditure:
  - 1. Funds for student transportation.
  - 2. Funds for safe schools.
- 3. Funds for supplemental academic instruction if the required additional hour of instruction beyond the normal school day for each day of the entire school year has been provided for the students in each low-performing elementary school in the district pursuant to paragraph (1)(f).
- 4. Funds for research-based reading instruction if the required additional hour of instruction beyond the normal school day for each day of the entire school year has been provided for

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the students in each low-performing elementary school in the district pursuant to paragraph (9)(a).

- 5. Funds for instructional materials if all instructional material purchases necessary to provide updated materials that are aligned with applicable state standards and course descriptions and that meet statutory requirements of content and learning have been completed for that fiscal year, but no sooner than March 1. Funds available after March 1 may be used to purchase hardware for student instruction.
- (c) Each district school board shall include in its annual financial report to the Department of Education the amount of funds the school board transferred from each of the categorical funds identified in this subsection and the specific academic classroom instruction for which the transferred funds were expended. The Department of Education shall provide instructions and specify the format to be used in submitting this required information as a part of the district annual financial report. The Department of Education shall submit a report to the Legislature that identifies by district and by categorical fund the amount transferred and the specific academic classroom activity for which the funds were expended.
- (d) If a district school board transfers funds from its research-based reading instruction allocation, the board must also submit to the Department of Education an amendment describing the changes that the district is making to its reading plan approved pursuant to paragraph (9)(d).
  - (7) DETERMINATION OF SPARSITY SUPPLEMENT.
- (a) Annually, in an amount to be determined by the Legislature through the General Appropriations Act or through

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any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance

Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, there shall be added to
the basic amount for current operation of the FEFP qualified
districts a sparsity supplement which shall be computed as
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except that districts with a sparsity index of 1,000 or less shall be computed as having a sparsity index of 1,000, and districts having a sparsity index of 7,308 and above shall be computed as having a sparsity factor of zero. A qualified district's full-time equivalent student membership shall equal or be less than that prescribed annually by the Legislature in the appropriations act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The amount prescribed annually by the Legislature shall be no less than 17,000, but no more than 24,000.

- (b) The district sparsity index shall be computed by dividing the total number of full-time equivalent students in all programs in the district by the number of senior high school centers in the district, not in excess of three, which centers are approved as permanent centers by a survey made by the Department of Education.
  - (c) If the sparsity supplement calculated in paragraphs (a)

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and (b) for an eligible district is less than \$100 per full-time equivalent student, the district's supplement shall be increased to \$100 per FTE or to the minimum amount per FTE designated in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

- (d) Each district's allocation of sparsity supplement funds shall be adjusted in the following manner:
- 1. A maximum discretionary levy per FTE value for each district shall be calculated by dividing the value of each district's maximum discretionary levy by its FTE student count.
- 2. A state average discretionary levy value per FTE shall be calculated by dividing the total maximum discretionary levy value for all districts by the state total FTE student count.
- 3. A total potential funds per FTE for each district shall be calculated by dividing the total potential funds, not including Florida School Recognition Program funds and the minimum guarantee funds, for each district by its FTE student count.
- 4. A state average total potential funds per FTE shall be calculated by dividing the total potential funds, not including Florida School Recognition Program funds and the minimum guarantee funds, for all districts by the state total FTE student count.
- 5. For districts that have a levy value per FTE as calculated in subparagraph 1. higher than the state average calculated in subparagraph 2., a sparsity wealth adjustment shall be calculated as the product of the difference between the state average levy value per FTE calculated in subparagraph 2.

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and the district's levy value per FTE calculated in subparagraph 1. and the district's FTE student count and -1. However, no district shall have a sparsity wealth adjustment that, when applied to the total potential funds calculated in subparagraph 3., would cause the district's total potential funds per FTE to be less than the state average calculated in subparagraph 4.

- 6. Each district's sparsity supplement allocation shall be calculated by adding the amount calculated as specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) and the wealth adjustment amount calculated in this paragraph.
- (8) DECLINE IN FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS.-In those districts where there is a decline between prior year and current year unweighted FTE students, a percentage of the decline in the unweighted FTE students as determined by the Legislature shall be multiplied by the prior year calculated FEFP per unweighted FTE student and shall be added to the allocation for that district. For this purpose, the calculated FEFP shall be computed by multiplying the weighted FTE students by the base student allocation and then by the district cost differential. If a district transfers a program to another institution not under the authority of the district's school board, including a charter technical career center, the decline is to be multiplied by a factor of 0.15. However, if the funds provided for the Florida Education Finance Program in the General Appropriations Act for any fiscal year or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year are reduced by a subsequent appropriation for that fiscal year, the percent of the decline in the unweighted FTE students to be funded shall be determined

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by the Legislature and designated in the subsequent appropriation.

- (9) RESEARCH-BASED READING INSTRUCTION ALLOCATION. -
- (a) The research-based reading instruction allocation is created to provide comprehensive reading instruction to students in kindergarten through grade 12. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, in each school district that has one or more of the 300 lowestperforming elementary schools based on the state reading assessment, priority shall be given to providing an additional hour per day of intensive reading instruction beyond the normal school day for each day of the entire school year for the students in each school. Students enrolled in these schools who have level 5 assessment scores may participate in the additional hour of instruction on an optional basis. Exceptional student education centers shall not be included in the 300 schools. The intensive reading instruction delivered in this additional hour and for other students shall include: research-based reading instruction that has been proven to accelerate progress of students exhibiting a reading deficiency; differentiated instruction based on student assessment data to meet students' specific reading needs; explicit and systematic reading development in phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension, with more extensive opportunities for guided practice, error correction, and feedback; and the integration of social studies, science, and mathematics-text reading, text discussion, and writing in response to reading. For the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 fiscal years, a school district may not hire more reading coaches than were hired during the 2011-2012 fiscal year unless all students in kindergarten through grade 5 who

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demonstrate a reading deficiency, as determined by district and state assessments, including students scoring Level 1 or Level 2 on the statewide, standardized reading assessment or, upon implementation, the English Language Arts assessment, are provided an additional hour per day of intensive reading instruction beyond the normal school day for each day of the entire school year.

- (b) Funds for comprehensive, research-based reading instruction shall be allocated annually to each school district in the amount provided in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Each eligible school district shall receive the same minimum amount as specified in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and any remaining funds shall be distributed to eligible school districts based on each school district's proportionate share of K-12 base funding.
- (c) Funds allocated under this subsection must be used to provide a system of comprehensive reading instruction to students enrolled in the K-12 programs, which may include the following:
- 1. The provision of an additional hour per day of intensive reading instruction to students in the 300 lowest-performing elementary schools by teachers and reading specialists who are effective in teaching reading.
- 2. Kindergarten through grade 5 reading intervention teachers to provide intensive intervention during the school day and in the required extra hour for students identified as having

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a reading deficiency.

- 3. The provision of highly qualified reading coaches to specifically support teachers in making instructional decisions based on student data, and improve teacher delivery of effective reading instruction, intervention, and reading in the content areas based on student need.
- 4. Professional development for school district teachers in scientifically based reading instruction, including strategies to teach reading in content areas and with an emphasis on technical and informational text.
- 5. The provision of summer reading camps for all students in kindergarten through grade 2 who demonstrate a reading deficiency as determined by district and state assessments, and students in grades 3 through 5 who score at Level 1 on the statewide, standardized reading assessment or, upon implementation, the English Language Arts assessment.
- 6. The provision of supplemental instructional materials that are grounded in scientifically based reading research.
- 7. The provision of intensive interventions for students in kindergarten through grade 12 who have been identified as having a reading deficiency or who are reading below grade level as determined by the statewide, standardized assessment.
- (d) Annually, by a date determined by the Department of Education but before May 1, school districts shall submit a K-12 comprehensive reading plan for the specific use of the research-based reading instruction allocation in the format prescribed by the department for review and approval by the Just Read, Florida! Office created pursuant to s. 1001.215. The plan annually submitted by school districts shall be deemed approved

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unless the department rejects the plan on or before June 1. If a school district and the Just Read, Florida! Office cannot reach agreement on the contents of the plan, the school district may appeal to the State Board of Education for resolution. School districts shall be allowed reasonable flexibility in designing their plans and shall be encouraged to offer reading intervention through innovative methods, including career academies. The plan format shall be developed with input from school district personnel, including teachers and principals, and shall allow courses in core, career, and alternative programs that deliver intensive reading remediation through integrated curricula, provided that the teacher is deemed highly qualified to teach reading or working toward that status. No later than July 1 annually, the department shall release the school district's allocation of appropriated funds to those districts having approved plans. A school district that spends 100 percent of this allocation on its approved plan shall be deemed to have been in compliance with the plan. The department may withhold funds upon a determination that reading instruction allocation funds are not being used to implement the approved plan. The department shall monitor and track the implementation of each district plan, including conducting site visits and collecting specific data on expenditures and reading improvement results. By February 1 of each year, the department shall report its findings to the Legislature.

(10) CALCULATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOCATION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE EDUCATION PROGRAMS.—The total K-12 weighted full-time equivalent student membership in juvenile justice education programs in each school district shall be multiplied by the

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amount of the state average class-size-reduction factor multiplied by the district's cost differential. An amount equal to the sum of this calculation shall be allocated in the FEFP to each school district to supplement other sources of funding for students in juvenile justice education programs.

- (11) VIRTUAL EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION.—The Legislature may annually provide in the Florida Education Finance Program a virtual education contribution. The amount of the virtual education contribution shall be the difference between the amount per FTE established in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year for virtual education and the amount per FTE for each district and the Florida Virtual School, which may be calculated by taking the sum of the base FEFP allocation, the discretionary local effort, the statefunded discretionary contribution, the discretionary millage compression supplement, the research-based reading instruction allocation, and the instructional materials allocation, and then dividing by the total unweighted FTE. This difference shall be multiplied by the virtual education unweighted FTE for programs and options identified in s. 1002.455(3) and the Florida Virtual School and its franchises to equal the virtual education contribution and shall be included as a separate allocation in the funding formula.
  - (12) FLORIDA DIGITAL CLASSROOMS ALLOCATION.-
- (a) The Florida digital classrooms allocation is created to support school district and school efforts and strategies to improve outcomes related to student performance by integrating technology in classroom teaching and learning. The outcomes must

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be measurable and may also be unique to the needs of individual schools and school districts within the general parameters established by the Department of Education.

- (b) Each district school board shall adopt a district digital classrooms plan that meets the unique needs of students, schools, and personnel and submit the plan for approval to the Department of Education. In addition, each district school board must, at a minimum, seek input from the district's instructional, curriculum, and information technology staff to develop the district digital classrooms plan. The district's plan must be within the general parameters established in the Florida digital classrooms plan pursuant to s. 1001.20. In addition, if the district participates in federal technology initiatives and grant programs, the district digital classrooms plan must include a plan for meeting requirements of such initiatives and grant programs. Funds allocated under this subsection must be used to support implementation of district digital classrooms plans. By October 1, 2014, and by March 1 of each year thereafter, on a date determined by the department, each district school board shall submit to the department, in a format prescribed by the department, a digital classrooms plan. At a minimum, such plan must include, and be annually updated to reflect, the following:
- 1. Measurable student performance outcomes. Outcomes related to student performance, including outcomes for students with disabilities, must be tied to the efforts and strategies to improve outcomes related to student performance by integrating technology in classroom teaching and learning. Results of the outcomes shall be reported at least annually for the current

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school year and subsequent 3 years and be accompanied by an independent evaluation and validation of the reported results.

- 2. Digital learning and technology infrastructure purchases and operational activities. Such purchases and activities must be tied to the measurable outcomes under subparagraph 1., including, but not limited to, connectivity, broadband access, wireless capacity, Internet speed, and data security, all of which must meet or exceed minimum requirements and protocols established by the department. For each year that the district uses funds for infrastructure, a third-party, independent evaluation of the district's technology inventory and infrastructure needs must accompany the district's plan.
- 3. Professional development purchases and operational activities. Such purchases and activities must be tied to the measurable outcomes under subparagraph 1., including, but not limited to, using technology in the classroom and improving digital literacy and competency.
- 4. Digital tool purchases and operational activities. Such purchases and activities must be tied to the measurable outcomes under subparagraph 1., including, but not limited to, competency-based credentials that measure and demonstrate digital competency and certifications; third-party assessments that demonstrate acquired knowledge and use of digital applications; and devices that meet or exceed minimum requirements and protocols established by the department.
- 5. Online assessment-related purchases and operational activities. Such purchases and activities must be tied to the measurable outcomes under subparagraph 1., including, but not limited to, expanding the capacity to administer assessments and

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compatibility with minimum assessment protocols and requirements established by the department.

(c) The Legislature shall annually provide in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year the FEFP allocation for implementation of the Florida digital classrooms plan to be calculated in an amount up to 1 percent of the base student allocation multiplied by the total K-12 fulltime equivalent student enrollment included in the FEFP calculations for the legislative appropriation or as provided in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Each school district shall be provided a minimum of \$250,000, with the remaining balance of the allocation to be distributed based on each district's proportion of the total K-12 full-time equivalent student enrollment. Distribution of funds for the Florida digital classrooms allocation shall begin following submittal of each district's digital classrooms plan, which must include formal verification of the superintendent's approval of the digital classrooms plan of each charter school in the district, and approval of the plan by the department. Prior to the distribution of the Florida digital classrooms allocation funds, each district school superintendent shall certify to the Commissioner of Education that the district school board has approved a comprehensive district digital classrooms plan that supports the fidelity of implementation of the Florida digital classrooms allocation. District allocations shall be recalculated during the fiscal year consistent with the periodic recalculation of the FEFP. School districts shall

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provide a proportionate share of the digital classrooms allocation to each charter school in the district, as required for categorical programs in s. 1002.33(17)(b). A school district may use a competitive process to distribute funds for the Florida digital classrooms allocation to the schools within the school district.

- (d) To facilitate the implementation of the district digital classrooms plans and charter school digital classrooms plans, the commissioner shall support statewide, coordinated partnerships and efforts of this state's education practitioners in the field, including, but not limited to, superintendents, principals, and teachers, to identify and share best practices, corrective actions, and other identified needs.
- (e) Beginning in the 2015-2016 fiscal year and each year thereafter, each district school board shall report to the department its use of funds provided through the Florida digital classrooms allocation and student performance outcomes in accordance with the district's digital classrooms plan. The department may contract with an independent third-party entity to conduct an annual independent verification of the district's use of Florida digital classrooms allocation funds in accordance with the district's digital classrooms plan. In the event an independent third-party verification is not conducted, the Auditor General shall, during scheduled operational audits of the school districts, verify compliance of the use of Florida digital classrooms allocation funds in accordance with the district's digital classrooms plan. No later than October 1 of each year, beginning in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the commissioner shall provide to the Governor, the President of the

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Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a summary of each district's use of funds, student performance outcomes, and progress toward meeting statutory requirements and timelines.

- (f) Each school district shall provide teachers, administrators, students, and parents with access to:
- 1. Instructional materials in digital or electronic format, as defined in s. 1006.29.
- 2. Digital materials, including those digital materials that enable students to earn certificates and industry certifications pursuant to ss. 1003.4203 and 1008.44.
- 3. Teaching and learning tools and resources, including the ability for teachers and administrators to manage, assess, and monitor student performance data.
- connected student supplement is created to provide supplemental funding for school districts to support the education of students connected with federally owned military installations, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) real property, and Indian lands. To be eligible for this supplement, the district must be eligible for federal Impact Aid Program funds under s. 8003 of Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. The supplement shall be allocated annually to each eligible school district in the amount provided in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The supplement shall be the sum of the student allocation and an exempt property allocation.
  - (a) The student allocation shall be calculated based on the

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number of students reported for federal Impact Aid Program funds, including students with disabilities, who meet one of the following criteria:

- 1. The student has a parent who is on active duty in the uniformed services or is an accredited foreign government official and military officer. Students with disabilities shall also be reported separately for this category.
- 2. The student resides on eligible federally owned Indian land. Students with disabilities shall also be reported separately for this category.
- 3. The student resides with a civilian parent who lives or works on eligible federal property connected with a military installation or NASA. The number of these students shall be multiplied by a factor of 0.5.
- (b) The total number of federally connected students calculated under paragraph (a) shall be multiplied by a percentage of the base student allocation as provided in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The total of the number of students with disabilities as reported separately under subparagraphs (a)1. and 2. shall be multiplied by an additional percentage of the base student allocation as provided in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The base amount and the amount for students with disabilities shall be summed to provide the student allocation.
- (c) The exempt property allocation shall be equal to the tax-exempt value of federal impact aid lands reserved as

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military installations, real property owned by NASA, or eligible federally owned Indian lands located in the district, as of January 1 of the previous year, multiplied by the millage authorized and levied under s. 1011.71(2).

- (14) QUALITY ASSURANCE GUARANTEE. The Legislature may annually in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year determine a percentage increase in funds per K-12 unweighted FTE as a minimum guarantee to each school district. The guarantee shall be calculated from prior year base funding per unweighted FTE student which shall include the adjusted FTE dollars as provided in subsection (15), quality guarantee funds, and actual nonvoted discretionary local effort from taxes. From the base funding per unweighted FTE, the increase shall be calculated for the current year. The current year funds from which the quarantee shall be determined shall include the adjusted FTE dollars as provided in subsection (15) and potential nonvoted discretionary local effort from taxes. A comparison of current year funds per unweighted FTE to prior year funds per unweighted FTE shall be computed. For those school districts which have less than the legislatively assigned percentage increase, funds shall be provided to guarantee the assigned percentage increase in funds per unweighted FTE student. Should appropriated funds be less than the sum of this calculated amount for all districts, the commissioner shall prorate each district's allocation. This provision shall be implemented to the extent specifically funded.
- (15) TOTAL ALLOCATION OF STATE FUNDS TO EACH DISTRICT FOR CURRENT OPERATION.—The total annual state allocation to each

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district for current operation for the FEFP shall be distributed periodically in the manner prescribed in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

- (a) If the funds appropriated for current operation of the FEFP are not sufficient to pay the state requirement in full, the department shall prorate the available state funds to each district in the following manner:
- 1. Determine the percentage of proration by dividing the sum of the total amount for current operation, as provided in this paragraph for all districts collectively, and the total district required local effort into the sum of the state funds available for current operation and the total district required local effort.
- 2. Multiply the percentage so determined by the sum of the total amount for current operation as provided in this paragraph and the required local effort for each individual district.
- 3. From the product of such multiplication, subtract the required local effort of each district; and the remainder shall be the amount of state funds allocated to the district for current operation. However, no calculation subsequent to the appropriation shall result in negative state funds for any district.
- (b) The amount thus obtained shall be the net annual allocation to each school district. However, if it is determined that any school district received an underallocation or overallocation for any prior year because of an arithmetical error, assessment roll change required by final judicial decision, full-time equivalent student membership error, or any

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allocation error revealed in an audit report, the allocation to that district shall be appropriately adjusted. Beginning with the 2011-2012 fiscal year, if a special program cost factor is less than the basic program cost factor, an audit adjustment may not result in the reclassification of the special program FTE to the basic program FTE. If the Department of Education audit adjustment recommendation is based upon controverted findings of fact, the Commissioner of Education is authorized to establish the amount of the adjustment based on the best interests of the state.

- (c) The amount thus obtained shall represent the net annual state allocation to each district; however, notwithstanding any of the provisions herein, each district shall be guaranteed a minimum level of funding in the amount and manner prescribed in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
- (16) COMPUTATION OF PRIOR YEAR DISTRICT REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT.—Calculations required in this section shall be based on 95 percent of the taxable value for school purposes for fiscal years prior to the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
- Section 3. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of section 1011.67, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
  - 1011.67 Funds for instructional materials.-
- (1) The department is authorized to allocate and distribute to each district an amount as prescribed annually by the Legislature for instructional materials for student membership in basic and special programs in grades K-12, which will provide for growth and maintenance needs. For purposes of this

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subsection, unweighted full-time equivalent students enrolled in the lab schools in state universities are to be included as school district students and reported as such to the department. The annual allocation shall be determined as follows:

- (a) The growth allocation for each school district shall be calculated as follows:
- 1. Subtract from that district's projected full-time equivalent membership of students in basic and special programs in grades K-12 used in determining the initial allocation of the Florida Education Finance Program, the prior year's full-time equivalent membership of students in basic and special programs in grades K-12 for that district.
- 2. Multiply any such increase in full-time equivalent student membership by the allocation for a set of instructional materials, as determined by the department, or as provided for in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
- 3. The amount thus determined shall be that district's initial allocation for growth for the school year. However, the department shall recompute and adjust the initial allocation based on actual full-time equivalent student membership data for that year.
- (b) The maintenance of the instructional materials allocation for each school district shall be calculated by multiplying each district's prior year full-time equivalent membership of students in basic and special programs in grades K-12 by the allocation for maintenance of a set of instructional materials as provided for in the General Appropriations Act or

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in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The amount thus determined shall be that district's initial allocation for maintenance for the school year; however, the department shall recompute and adjust the initial allocation based on such actual full-time equivalent student membership data for that year.

Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 1011.685, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.685 Class size reduction; operating categorical fund.-

(1) There is created an operating categorical fund for implementing the class size reduction provisions of s. 1, Art. IX of the State Constitution. These funds shall be allocated to each school district in the amount prescribed by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Section 5. Subsections (1), (3), and (9) of section 1011.71, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1011.71 District school tax.-

(1) If the district school tax is not provided in the General Appropriations Act or the substantive bill implementing the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, each district school board desiring to participate in the state allocation of funds for current operation as prescribed by s. 1011.62(15) shall levy on the taxable value for school purposes of the district, exclusive of millage voted under s. 9(b) or s. 12, Art. VII of the State Constitution, a millage rate not to exceed the amount certified by the

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commissioner as the minimum millage rate necessary to provide the district required local effort for the current year, pursuant to s. 1011.62(4)(a)1. In addition to the required local effort millage levy, each district school board may levy a nonvoted current operating discretionary millage. The Legislature shall prescribe annually in the appropriations act the maximum amount of millage a district may levy.

- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), if the revenue from 1.5 mills is insufficient to meet the payments due under a leasepurchase agreement entered into before June 30, 2009, by a district school board pursuant to paragraph (2)(e), or to meet other critical district fixed capital outlay needs, the board, in addition to the 1.5 mills, may levy up to 0.25 mills for fixed capital outlay in lieu of levying an equivalent amount of the discretionary mills for operations as provided in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Millage levied pursuant to this subsection is subject to the provisions of s. 200.065 and, combined with the 1.5 mills authorized in subsection (2), may not exceed 1.75 mills. If the district chooses to use up to 0.25 mills for fixed capital outlay, the compression adjustment pursuant to s. 1011.62(5) shall be calculated for the standard discretionary millage that is not eligible for transfer to capital outlay.
- (9) In addition to the maximum millage levied under this section and the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, a school district may levy, by local referendum or in a general election, additional millage for

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school operational purposes up to an amount that, when combined with nonvoted millage levied under this section, does not exceed the 10-mill limit established in s. 9(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution. Any such levy shall be for a maximum of 4 years and shall be counted as part of the 10-mill limit established in s. 9(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution. Millage elections conducted under the authority granted pursuant to this section are subject to s. 1011.73. Funds generated by such additional millage do not become a part of the calculation of the Florida Education Finance Program total potential funds in 2001-2002 or any subsequent year and must not be incorporated in the calculation of any hold-harmless or other component of the Florida Education Finance Program formula in any year. If an increase in required local effort, when added to existing millage levied under the 10-mill limit, would result in a combined millage in excess of the 10-mill limit, any millage levied pursuant to this subsection shall be considered to be required local effort to the extent that the district millage would otherwise exceed the 10-mill limit.

Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 1012.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.71 The Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance  $\operatorname{Program.}-$ 

(2) The Legislature, in the General Appropriations Act or in any law providing funding for the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, shall determine funding for the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program. The funds appropriated are for classroom teachers to purchase, on behalf of the school district or charter school, classroom

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materials and supplies for the public school students assigned to them and may not be used to purchase equipment. The funds appropriated shall be used to supplement the materials and supplies otherwise available to classroom teachers. From the funds appropriated for the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program, the Commissioner of Education shall calculate an amount for each school district based upon each school district's proportionate share of the state's total unweighted FTE student enrollment and shall disburse the funds to the school districts by July 15.

Section 7. If any law amended by this act was also amended by a law enacted during the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature, such laws shall be construed as if enacted during the same session of the Legislature, and full effect shall be given to each if possible.

Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017; or, if this act fails to become a law until after that date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to July 1, 2017.