

By Senator Thurston

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to equity in school-level funding;
3 amending s. 1011.69, F.S.; revising the types of funds
4 school districts may withhold before allocating
5 certain Title I funds to eligible schools; providing
6 an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
11 1011.69, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1011.69 Equity in School-Level Funding Act.—

13 (5) After providing Title I, Part A, Basic funds to schools
14 above the 75 percent poverty threshold, school districts shall
15 provide any remaining Title I, Part A, Basic funds directly to
16 all eligible schools as provided in this subsection. For
17 purposes of this subsection, an eligible school is a school that
18 is eligible to receive Title I funds, including a charter
19 school. The threshold for identifying eligible schools may not
20 exceed the threshold established by a school district for the
21 2016-2017 school year or the statewide percentage of
22 economically disadvantaged students, as determined annually.

23 (a) Prior to the allocation of Title I funds to eligible
24 schools, a school district may withhold funds only as follows:

25 1. One percent for parent involvement, in addition to the
26 one percent the district must reserve under federal law for
27 allocations to eligible schools for parent involvement;

28 2. A necessary and reasonable amount for administration,
29 which includes the district's indirect cost rate, not to exceed

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- 30 a total of 8 percent; and
- 31 3. A reasonable and necessary amount to provide:
- 32 a. Homeless programs;
- 33 b. Delinquent and neglected programs;
- 34 c. Prekindergarten programs and activities;
- 35 d. Private school equitable services; ~~and~~
- 36 e. Transportation for foster care children to their school
- 37 of origin or choice programs; and
- 38 f. Local educational agency-wide activities that provide
- 39 opportunities for students to acquire the knowledge and skills
- 40 contained in the Florida Standards Assessments and to meet
- 41 challenging state performance standards.
- 42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.