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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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03/26/2019	.	
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The Committee on Education (Diaz) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 34 - 52

and insert:

(2) DETERMINATION OF DISTRICT COST DIFFERENTIALS.—

(a) Through the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the Commissioner of Education shall annually compute for each 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



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12 result for each district shall be multiplied by 0.008 and to the
13 resulting product shall be added 0.200; the sum thus obtained
14 shall be the cost differential for that district for that year.

15 (b) Beginning in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the district
16 cost differential shall be calculated by multiplying the most
17 recent 3-year average wage level index for each school district
18 by 0.008 and then adding 0.200 to the product. The data for the
19 most recent 3 years must include, but is not limited to, county-
20 level wage index data and occupational-level wage index data.
21 During the development of the wage level index, the Department
22 of Education shall consult with informed stakeholders, including
23 school districts, industry representatives, the Department of
24 Economic Opportunity, and academic and private sector experts in
25 econometric modeling and data. The Department of Education shall
26 develop and calculate the wage level index by January 1, 2020.

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

29 And the title is amended as follows:

30 Delete lines 6 - 9

31 and insert:

32 from the Florida Education Finance Program beginning
33 in a specified school year; requiring the Department
34 of Education to consult with specified individuals and
35 entities during the development of the wage level
36 index; requiring the department to complete the
37 development and calculation of the wage level index by
38 a specified date for application beginning in the
39 2020-2021 fiscal year; amending s. 213.053, F.S.;