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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school safety funding; amending s.
3 1011.62, F.S.; specifying distribution requirements
4 for certain safe schools allocation funds for the
5 2019-2020 fiscal year; requiring each district school
6 superintendent to remit specified unused funds from
7 the 2018-2019 fiscal year to the Department of
8 Education; authorizing the department to redistribute
9 such funds to certain school districts for a specific
10 purpose; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (15) of section 1011.62, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual
17 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
18 district for operation of schools is not determined in the
19 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
20 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
21 follows:

22 (15) SAFE SCHOOLS ALLOCATION.—A safe schools allocation is
23 created to provide funding to assist school districts in their
24 compliance with s. 1006.07, with priority given to implementing
25 the district's school resource officer program pursuant to s.
26 1006.12. From the total appropriated to the safe schools
27 allocation, each school district shall receive a minimum ~~safe~~
28 ~~schools~~ allocation as specified ~~in an amount provided~~ in the
29 General Appropriations Act. Of the remaining balance of the safe

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30 schools allocation, two-thirds shall be allocated to school
31 districts based on the most recent official Florida Crime Index
32 provided by the Department of Law Enforcement and one-third
33 shall be allocated based on each school district's proportionate
34 share of the state's total unweighted full-time equivalent
35 student enrollment. Any ~~additional~~ funds appropriated to this
36 allocation in the 2019-2020 ~~2018-2019~~ fiscal year for ~~to~~ the
37 school resource officer program established pursuant to s.
38 1006.12 shall be used exclusively for employing or contracting
39 for additional school resource officers and shall be distributed
40 among all school districts, regardless of whether the school
41 district chooses to participate in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian
42 Program. The funding shall be distributed to the school
43 districts based on each school district's proportionate share of
44 the state's total unweighted full-time equivalent student
45 enrollment, which shall be in addition to the number of officers
46 employed or contracted for in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

47 Section 2. Each district school superintendent shall remit
48 any funds from the 2018-2019 fiscal year which were appropriated
49 to the district for participation in the Coach Aaron Feis
50 Guardian Program established pursuant to s. 30.15(1)(k), Florida
51 Statutes, and which remain unused as of July 1, 2019, to the
52 Department of Education. The department may redistribute such
53 funds to any school district that has not previously
54 participated in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program, upon
55 request by that school district, for the purpose of implementing
56 school safety programs in accordance with s. 1006.07, Florida
57 Statutes.

58 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.