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Senator Pizzo moved the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (749698) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Between lines 611 and 612  
5 insert:

6           Section 20. Paragraph (b) of subsection (17) of section  
7 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is republished to read:

8           1002.33 Charter schools.—

9           (17) FUNDING.—Students enrolled in a charter school,  
10 regardless of the sponsorship, shall be funded as if they are in  
11 a basic program or a special program, the same as students



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12 enrolled in other public schools in the school district. Funding  
13 for a charter lab school shall be as provided in s. 1002.32.

14 (b) The basis for the agreement for funding students  
15 enrolled in a charter school shall be the sum of the school  
16 district's operating funds from the Florida Education Finance  
17 Program as provided in s. 1011.62 and the General Appropriations  
18 Act, including gross state and local funds, discretionary  
19 lottery funds, and funds from the school district's current  
20 operating discretionary millage levy; divided by total funded  
21 weighted full-time equivalent students in the school district;  
22 multiplied by the weighted full-time equivalent students for the  
23 charter school. Charter schools whose students or programs meet  
24 the eligibility criteria in law are entitled to their  
25 proportionate share of categorical program funds included in the  
26 total funds available in the Florida Education Finance Program  
27 by the Legislature, including transportation, the research-based  
28 reading allocation, and the Florida digital classrooms  
29 allocation. Total funding for each charter school shall be  
30 recalculated during the year to reflect the revised calculations  
31 under the Florida Education Finance Program by the state and the  
32 actual weighted full-time equivalent students reported by the  
33 charter school during the full-time equivalent student survey  
34 periods designated by the Commissioner of Education. For charter  
35 schools operated by a not-for-profit or municipal entity, any  
36 unrestricted current and capital assets identified in the  
37 charter school's annual financial audit may be used for other  
38 charter schools operated by the not-for-profit or municipal  
39 entity within the school district. Unrestricted current assets  
40 shall be used in accordance with s. 1011.62, and any



41 unrestricted capital assets shall be used in accordance with s.  
42 1013.62(2).

43 Section 21. Subsection (9) of section 1011.71, Florida  
44 Statutes, is republished to read:

45 1011.71 District school tax.—

46 (9) In addition to the maximum millage levied under this  
47 section and the General Appropriations Act, a school district  
48 may levy, by local referendum or in a general election,  
49 additional millage for school operational purposes up to an  
50 amount that, when combined with nonvoted millage levied under  
51 this section, does not exceed the 10-mill limit established in  
52 s. 9(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution. Any such levy shall  
53 be for a maximum of 4 years and shall be counted as part of the  
54 10-mill limit established in s. 9(b), Art. VII of the State  
55 Constitution. Millage elections conducted under the authority  
56 granted pursuant to this section are subject to s. 1011.73.  
57 Funds generated by such additional millage do not become a part  
58 of the calculation of the Florida Education Finance Program  
59 total potential funds in 2001-2002 or any subsequent year and  
60 must not be incorporated in the calculation of any hold-harmless  
61 or other component of the Florida Education Finance Program  
62 formula in any year. If an increase in required local effort,  
63 when added to existing millage levied under the 10-mill limit,  
64 would result in a combined millage in excess of the 10-mill  
65 limit, any millage levied pursuant to this subsection shall be  
66 considered to be required local effort to the extent that the  
67 district millage would otherwise exceed the 10-mill limit.

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70 And the title is amended as follows:

71       Between lines 720 and 721

72 insert:

73       republishing ss. 1002.33(17)(b) and 1011.71(9), F.S.,  
74       relating to charter schools and district school tax,  
75       respectively;