By Senator Jones

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Teach to Lead Program; amending s. 220.11, F.S.; requiring additional tax funds to be allocated and applied to the Florida Education Finance Program to be used for specified purposes; creating the Teach to Lead Program for specified purposes; providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 220.11, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to read:

220.11 Tax imposed.-

- (2) (b) All revenues collected by the tax imposed under this section which exceed the net collections in fiscal year 2020-2021 shall be allocated and applied to the Florida Education

 Finance Program and must increase, rather than supplant, funding for the program The tax rate imposed in paragraph (a) shall be adjusted as provided in s. 220.1105.
- (c) To help increase Florida's ranking in education funding, the funds allocated to the Florida Education Finance Program under this subsection must be used to create and fund the Teach to Lead Program. The Teach to Lead Program must:
- 1. Transform teacher effectiveness in public schools by creating more opportunities for teacher leadership and professionalism.
- 2. Improve student achievement, equity, and excellence in public schools by expanding existing efforts and creating models

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to steer systemic improvements to benefit student learning.

- 3. Increase teacher involvement and input when developing policies and implementing new practices.
- 4. Increase pathways and opportunities for teachers to exercise leadership.

Section 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021, but only if SB___ or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.