

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to part-time public school enrollment;
 3 creating s. 1002.44, F.S.; authorizing certain
 4 students to take up to three courses per school year
 5 at any public school, subject to space, availability,
 6 and course prerequisites; providing construction;
 7 providing for funding; amending s. 1011.61, F.S.;
 8 revising the definition of the term "part-time
 9 student"; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; requiring program
 10 membership surveys of each school made by each
 11 district by aggregating the full-time equivalent
 12 student membership of each program by school and by
 13 district to include part-time students; providing an
 14 effective date.

15
 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

17
 18 Section 1. Section 1002.44, Florida Statutes, is created
 19 to read:

20 1002.44 Part-time public school enrollment.—
 21 (1) Any student who meets the regular attendance
 22 requirement of s. 1003.21 by attending a school or program
 23 specified in s. 1003.01(13)(b)-(e) may take up to three courses
 24 each school year at any public school in this state, subject to
 25 space, availability, and any course prerequisites. This

26 subsection does not change the regular school attendance
27 requirements of such schools or programs.

28 (2) Part-time public school enrollment as described in
29 subsection (1) does not count toward the attendance requirements
30 of programs specified in s. 1003.01(13)(b)-(e).

31 (3) Part-time students enrolled under this section must be
32 reported for and generate funding pursuant to s. 1011.62.

33 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
34 1011.61, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

35 1011.61 Definitions.—Notwithstanding the provisions of s.
36 1000.21, the following terms are defined as follows for the
37 purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program:

38 (1) A "full-time equivalent student" in each program of
39 the district is defined in terms of full-time students and part-
40 time students as follows:

41 (b) A "part-time student" is a student on the active
42 membership roll of a school program or combination of school
43 programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c) who is less than a full-time
44 student, including students attending a school program or
45 combination of school programs pursuant to s. 1002.44. A student
46 who receives instruction in a school that operates for less than
47 the minimum term shall generate full-time equivalent student
48 membership proportional to the amount of instructional hours
49 provided by the school divided by the minimum term requirement
50 as provided in s. 1011.60(2).

51
52 The department shall determine and implement an equitable method
53 of equivalent funding for schools operating under emergency
54 conditions, which schools have been approved by the department
55 to operate for less than the minimum term as provided in s.
56 1011.60(2).

57 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
58 1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

59 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual
60 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
61 district for operation of schools is not determined in the
62 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
63 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
64 follows:

65 (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR
66 OPERATION.—The following procedure shall be followed in
67 determining the annual allocation to each district for
68 operation:

69 (a) *Determination of full-time equivalent membership.*—
70 During each of several school weeks, including scheduled
71 intersessions of a year-round school program during the fiscal
72 year, a program membership survey of each school shall be made
73 by each district by aggregating the full-time equivalent student
74 membership, including part-time students, of each program by
75 school and by district. The department shall establish the

HB 1607

2021

76 | number and interval of membership calculations, except that for
77 | basic and special programs such calculations shall not exceed
78 | nine for any fiscal year. The district's full-time equivalent
79 | membership shall be computed and currently maintained in
80 | accordance with regulations of the commissioner.

81 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.