

By Senator Rodriguez

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Florida Teachers Classroom  
3       Supply Assistance Program; amending s. 1012.71, F.S.;  
4       authorizing Florida Teachers Classroom Supply  
5       Assistance Program funds to be used to purchase  
6       certain classroom equipment and personal protective  
7       equipment; conforming provisions to changes made by  
8       the act; providing an effective date.

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

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12       Section 1. Subsections (2) and (5) of section 1012.71,  
13       Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

14       1012.71 The Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance  
15       Program.—

16       (2) The Legislature, in the General Appropriations Act,  
17       shall determine funding for the Florida Teachers Classroom  
18       Supply Assistance Program. The funds appropriated are for  
19       classroom teachers to purchase, on behalf of the school district  
20       or charter school, classroom materials and supplies for the  
21       public school students assigned to them and may ~~not~~ be used to  
22       purchase classroom equipment to supplement the learning  
23       experience of students or supplies of personal protective  
24       equipment as defined in s. 817.418. The funds appropriated shall  
25       be used to supplement the materials, ~~and~~ supplies, including  
26       personal protective equipment, and classroom equipment otherwise  
27       available to classroom teachers. From the funds appropriated for  
28       the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program, the  
29       Commissioner of Education shall calculate an amount for each

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30 school district based upon each school district's proportionate  
31 share of the state's total unweighted FTE student enrollment and  
32 shall disburse the funds to the school districts by July 15.

33 (5) The statement must be signed and dated by each  
34 classroom teacher before receipt of the Florida Teachers  
35 Classroom Supply Assistance Program funds and shall include the  
36 wording: "I, ...(name of teacher)..., am employed by the  
37 ....County District School Board or by the ....Charter School as  
38 a full-time classroom teacher. I acknowledge that Florida  
39 Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program funds are  
40 appropriated by the Legislature for the sole purpose of  
41 purchasing classroom materials, ~~and~~ supplies, including personal  
42 protective equipment, and classroom equipment to be used in the  
43 instruction of students assigned to me. In accepting custody of  
44 these funds, I agree to keep the receipts for all expenditures  
45 for no less than 4 years. I understand that if I do not keep the  
46 receipts, it will be my personal responsibility to pay any  
47 federal taxes due on these funds. I also agree to return any  
48 unexpended funds to the district school board at the end of the  
49 regular school year for deposit into the school advisory council  
50 account of the school where I was employed at the time I  
51 received the funds or for deposit into the Florida Teachers  
52 Classroom Supply Assistance Program account of the school  
53 district in which the charter school is sponsored, as  
54 applicable."

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.