

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to International Baccalaureate teacher
 3 bonuses; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising the
 4 requirements for the calculation of additional full-
 5 time equivalent membership and certain bonuses based
 6 on International Baccalaureate examination scores of
 7 students to include students who earn equivalent
 8 scores as determined by the Department of Education;
 9 requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
 10 Government Accountability to conduct a specified
 11 study; providing requirements for such study;
 12 requiring the office to submit a report on the study
 13 to the Legislature by a specified date; providing an
 14 effective date.

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

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 18 Section 1. Paragraph (1) of subsection (1) of section
 19 1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

30 (1) *Calculation of additional full-time equivalent*
31 *membership based on International Baccalaureate examination*
32 *scores of students.*—A value of 0.16 full-time equivalent student
33 membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled in an
34 International Baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or
35 higher, or the equivalent as determined by the Department of
36 Education, on a subject examination. A value of 0.3 full-time
37 equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each
38 student who receives an International Baccalaureate diploma.
39 Such value shall be added to the total full-time equivalent
40 student membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in
41 the subsequent fiscal year. Each school district shall allocate
42 80 percent of the funds received from International
43 Baccalaureate bonus FTE funding to the school program whose
44 students generate the funds and to school programs that prepare
45 prospective students to enroll in International Baccalaureate
46 courses. Funds shall be expended solely for the payment of
47 allowable costs associated with the International Baccalaureate
48 program. Allowable costs include International Baccalaureate
49 annual school fees; International Baccalaureate examination
50 fees; salary, benefits, and bonuses for teachers and program

51 coordinators for the International Baccalaureate program and
52 teachers and coordinators who prepare prospective students for
53 the International Baccalaureate program; supplemental books;
54 instructional supplies; instructional equipment or instructional
55 materials for International Baccalaureate courses; other
56 activities that identify prospective International Baccalaureate
57 students or prepare prospective students to enroll in
58 International Baccalaureate courses; and training or
59 professional development for International Baccalaureate
60 teachers. School districts shall allocate the remaining 20
61 percent of the funds received from International Baccalaureate
62 bonus FTE funding for programs that assist academically
63 disadvantaged students to prepare for more rigorous courses. The
64 school district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who
65 provided International Baccalaureate instruction:

66 1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by
67 the International Baccalaureate teacher in each International
68 Baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or higher, or the
69 equivalent as determined by the department, on the International
70 Baccalaureate examination.

71 2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each International
72 Baccalaureate teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D"
73 or "F" who has at least one student scoring 4 or higher, or the
74 equivalent as determined by the department, on the International
75 Baccalaureate examination, regardless of the number of classes

76 | taught or of the number of students scoring a 4 or higher, or
 77 | the equivalent as determined by the department, on the
 78 | International Baccalaureate examination.

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 80 | Bonuses awarded under this paragraph shall be in addition to any
 81 | regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled
 82 | to receive. For such courses, the teacher shall earn an
 83 | additional bonus of \$50 for each student who has a qualifying
 84 | score.

85 | Section 2. (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
 86 | Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall study weighted per
 87 | student funding awarded to school districts based on student
 88 | examination performance in the Advanced International
 89 | Certificate of Education (AICE), International Baccalaureate
 90 | (IB), and Advanced Placement (AP) programs pursuant to s.
 91 | 1011.62, Florida Statutes. The study must include, but need not
 92 | be limited to:

93 | (a) The history and financial impact of weighted funding
 94 | tied to student examination performance.

95 | (b) The per-semester costs to school districts to offer
 96 | and maintain any programs or courses that are eligible for
 97 | weighted funding, including, but not limited to, salary costs,
 98 | program enrollment costs or fees, equipment costs, and testing
 99 | costs.

100 | (c) The expenditure of weighted funding at the school and

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101 district level, specifically detailing the recipient category of
102 such expenditures, including, but not limited to, teacher
103 bonuses and general revenue.

104 (d) The equivalency of AICE, IB, and AP examination scores
105 to generate weighted funding.

106 (2) OPPAGA shall submit a report on its findings to the
107 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
108 Representatives by December 1, 2025.

109 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.