

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to International Baccalaureate bonus
 3 funding; 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 providing an effective date.

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

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 13 **Section 1. Paragraph (1) of subsection (1) of section**
 14 **1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

15 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual
 16 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
 17 district for operation of schools is not determined in the
 18 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
 19 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
 20 follows:

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

25 (1) *Calculation of additional full-time equivalent*

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

51 students or prepare prospective students to enroll in
52 International Baccalaureate courses; and training or
53 professional learning for International Baccalaureate teachers.
54 School districts shall allocate the remaining 20 percent of the
55 funds received from International Baccalaureate bonus FTE
56 funding for programs that assist academically disadvantaged
57 students to prepare for more rigorous courses. The school
58 district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided
59 International Baccalaureate instruction:

60 1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by
61 the International Baccalaureate teacher in each International
62 Baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or higher, or a
63 "C" or higher, on the International Baccalaureate examination.

64 2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each International
65 Baccalaureate teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D"
66 or "F" who has at least one student scoring 4 or higher, or a
67 "C" or higher, on the International Baccalaureate examination,
68 regardless of the number of classes taught or of the number of
69 students scoring a 4 or higher, or a "C" or higher, on the
70 International Baccalaureate examination.

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72 Bonuses awarded under this paragraph shall be in addition to any
73 regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled
74 to receive. For such courses, the teacher shall earn an
75 additional bonus of \$50 for each student who has a qualifying

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77 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.