Senate

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION House

Comm: RCS 03/11/2025

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Burton) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each district for operation of schools is not determined in the annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing

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the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as follows:

- (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR OPERATION. - The following procedure shall be followed in determining the annual allocation to each district for operation:
- (1) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on International Baccalaureate examination scores of students.—A value of 0.16 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled in an International Baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or higher on a subject examination, or a grade of "C" or higher in Theory of Knowledge. A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student who receives an International Baccalaureate diploma. Such value shall be added to the total full-time equivalent student membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year. Each school district shall allocate 80 percent of the funds received from International Baccalaureate bonus FTE funding to the school program whose students generate the funds and to school programs that prepare prospective students to enroll in International Baccalaureate courses. Funds shall be expended solely for the payment of allowable costs associated with the International Baccalaureate program. Allowable costs include International Baccalaureate annual school fees; International Baccalaureate examination fees; salary, benefits, and bonuses for teachers and program coordinators for the International Baccalaureate program and teachers and coordinators who prepare prospective students for the International Baccalaureate

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program; supplemental books; instructional supplies; instructional equipment or instructional materials for International Baccalaureate courses; other activities that identify prospective International Baccalaureate students or prepare prospective students to enroll in International Baccalaureate courses; and training or professional learning for International Baccalaureate teachers. School districts shall allocate the remaining 20 percent of the funds received from International Baccalaureate bonus FTE funding for programs that assist academically disadvantaged students to prepare for more rigorous courses. The school district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided International Baccalaureate instruction:

- 1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by the International Baccalaureate teacher in each International Baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or higher on the International Baccalaureate examination, or a grade of "C" or higher in Theory of Knowledge.
- 2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each International Baccalaureate teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" who has at least one student scoring 4 or higher on the International Baccalaureate examination, or a grade of "C" or higher in Theory of Knowledge, regardless of the number of classes taught or of the number of students scoring a 4 or higher on the International Baccalaureate examination, or a grade of "C" or higher in Theory of Knowledge.

67 Bonuses awarded under this paragraph shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled 68



69 to receive. For such courses, the teacher shall earn an 70 additional bonus of \$50 for each student who has a qualifying 71 score.

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

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to International Baccalaureate bonus funding; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising the requirements for the calculation of additional fulltime equivalent membership and certain bonuses based on International Baccalaureate examination scores of students to include students who earn a minimum grade in a specified course; providing an effective date.