

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Burton

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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 a minimum grade  
8 in a specified course; 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. Paragraph (1) of subsection (1) of section  
13 1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual  
15 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
16 district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
17 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
18 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
19 follows:

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

24 (1) *Calculation of additional full-time equivalent*  
25 *membership based on International Baccalaureate examination*  
26 *scores of students.*—A value of 0.16 full-time equivalent student  
27 membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled in an  
28 International Baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or  
29 higher on a subject examination, or a grade of "C" or higher in

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30 Theory of Knowledge. A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student  
31 membership shall be calculated for each student who receives an  
32 International Baccalaureate diploma. Such value shall be added  
33 to the total full-time equivalent student membership in basic  
34 programs for grades 9 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year.  
35 Each school district shall allocate 80 percent of the funds  
36 received from International Baccalaureate bonus FTE funding to  
37 the school program whose students generate the funds and to  
38 school programs that prepare prospective students to enroll in  
39 International Baccalaureate courses. Funds shall be expended  
40 solely for the payment of allowable costs associated with the  
41 International Baccalaureate program. Allowable costs include  
42 International Baccalaureate annual school fees; International  
43 Baccalaureate examination fees; salary, benefits, and bonuses  
44 for teachers and program coordinators for the International  
45 Baccalaureate program and teachers and coordinators who prepare  
46 prospective students for the International Baccalaureate  
47 program; supplemental books; instructional supplies;  
48 instructional equipment or instructional materials for  
49 International Baccalaureate courses; other activities that  
50 identify prospective International Baccalaureate students or  
51 prepare prospective students to enroll in International  
52 Baccalaureate courses; and training or professional learning for  
53 International Baccalaureate teachers. School districts shall  
54 allocate the remaining 20 percent of the funds received from  
55 International Baccalaureate bonus FTE funding for programs that  
56 assist academically disadvantaged students to prepare for more  
57 rigorous courses. The school district shall distribute to each  
58 classroom teacher who provided International Baccalaureate

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59 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 on the  
63 International Baccalaureate examination, or a grade of "C" or  
64 higher in Theory of Knowledge.

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

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

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