

By the Committee on Appropriations

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to Pre-K-12 education; amending s.
1002.411, F.S.; revising conditions under which a
specified scholarship account's funds revert to the
state; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; providing a
supplement for districts that have a decline in
enrollment; requiring that fiscally constrained
districts receive a higher calculation than non-
fiscally constrained districts; providing an effective
date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section
1002.411, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.411 New Worlds Scholarship Accounts.—

(5) ACCOUNT FUNDING AND PAYMENT.—

(f) A student's scholarship account must be closed and any
remaining funds shall revert to the state after:

1. Denial or revocation of scholarship eligibility by the
commissioner for fraud or abuse, including, but not limited to,
the student or student's parent accepting any payment, refund,
or rebate, in any manner, from a provider of any services
received pursuant to subsection (2); or

2. December 31, 2026 ~~One consecutive fiscal year in which
an account has been inactive.~~

Section 2. Subsection (20) is added to section 1011.62,
Florida Statutes, to read:

1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual

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

(20) DECLINING ENROLLMENT SUPPLEMENT.—In those districts where there is a decline between prior year and current year unweighted FTE students, the percentage of the decline in the unweighted FTE students, as specified in the General Appropriations Act, shall be multiplied by the current year base amount for the Florida Education Finance Program, as determined in paragraph (1)(n), per unweighted FTE student and shall be added to the allocation for that district. The percentage used for districts that are fiscally constrained must be greater than the percentage used for non-fiscally constrained districts.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.