

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Gantt offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 568-629 and insert:

(19) FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ~~EDUCATIONAL ENROLLMENT~~
STABILIZATION PROGRAM.—

(a) The family empowerment scholarship ~~educational~~
~~enrollment~~ stabilization program is created to provide
supplemental state funds as needed if the number of weighted
full-time equivalent Family Empowerment Scholarship students in
a school district is greater than the number of such students
provided in the General Appropriations Act and the school
district's amount of funds per weighted full-time equivalent

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14 student is less than the amount of such funds provided in the
15 General Appropriations Act to maintain the stability of the
16 operations of ~~public~~ schools in each school district and to
17 protect districts, including charter schools, and students
18 within the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program from financial
19 instability as a result of changes in full-time equivalent
20 student enrollment throughout the school year.

21 (b) The Legislature may ~~shall~~ annually appropriate funds
22 in the General Appropriations Act to the Department of Education
23 for this program in an amount necessary to fully fund the number
24 of eligible students in the Florida education system and
25 maintain a projected minimum balance of \$250 million at the
26 beginning of the upcoming fiscal year. The Department of
27 Financial Services ~~Education~~ shall use funds as appropriated to
28 ensure that based on each recalculation of the Florida Education
29 Finance Program pursuant to paragraph (1)(a), a school
30 district's funds per unweighted full-time equivalent student are
31 not less than the greater of either the school district's funds
32 per unweighted full-time equivalent student as appropriated in
33 the General Appropriations Act or the school district's funds
34 per unweighted full-time equivalent student as recalculated
35 based upon the receipt of the certified taxable value for school
36 purposes pursuant to s. 1011.62(4).

37 (c) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351,
38 the unexpended balance of funds appropriated pursuant to this

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39 subsection which is not disbursed by June 30 of the fiscal year
40 in which the funds are appropriated may be carried forward for
41 up to 5 ~~10~~ years after the effective date of the original
42 appropriation.

43 (d) The Department of Financial Services must provide
44 recommendations to the Department of Education and the
45 Legislature of recommended policy and statutory changes to
46 restructure operations and funding to resolve the need of the
47 stabilization period within the 5 years authorized under
48 paragraph (c).

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51 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

52 Remove lines 12-14 and insert:
53 specified purpose; requiring the Department of
54 Financial Services, rather than the Department of
55 Education, to ensure specified funding meets certain
56 requirements for school districts; revising the number
57 of years specified funds may be carried forward;
58 requiring the Department of Financial Services to
59 provide specified recommendations to the Department of
60 Education and the Legislature; providing for the
61 future

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