

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Harris offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 570-629 and insert:

5 (a) The family empowerment scholarship ~~educational~~
6 ~~enrollment~~ stabilization program is created to provide
7 supplemental state funds as needed if the number of weighted
8 full-time equivalent Family Empowerment Scholarship students in
9 a school district is greater than the number of such students
10 provided in the General Appropriations Act and the school
11 district's amount of funds per weighted full-time equivalent
12 student is less than the amount of such funds provided in the
13 General Appropriations Act to maintain the stability of the

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14 operations of ~~public~~ schools in each school district and to
15 protect districts, including charter schools, and students
16 within the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program from financial
17 instability as a result of changes in full-time equivalent
18 student enrollment throughout the school year.

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

35 (c) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351,
36 the unexpended balance of funds appropriated pursuant to this
37 subsection which is not disbursed by June 30 of the fiscal year
38 in which the funds are appropriated may be carried forward for

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39 up to 5 ~~10~~ years after the effective date of the original
40 appropriation.

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

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

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

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