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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Bean) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 29 and 30  
insert:

Section 2. Paragraph (e) 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  
the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as



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12 follows:

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

17 (e) *Funding model for exceptional student education*  
18 *programs.*—

19 1.a. The funding model uses basic, at-risk, support levels  
20 IV and V for exceptional students and career Florida Education  
21 Finance Program cost factors, and a guaranteed allocation for  
22 exceptional student education programs. Exceptional education  
23 cost factors are determined by using a matrix of services to  
24 document the services that each exceptional student will  
25 receive. The nature and intensity of the services indicated on  
26 the matrix shall be consistent with the services described in  
27 each exceptional student's individual educational plan. The  
28 Department of Education shall review and revise the descriptions  
29 of the services and supports included in the matrix of services  
30 for exceptional students and shall implement those revisions  
31 before the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. Beginning  
32 with the 2016-2017 school year, a school district shall add  
33 three special consideration points to the calculation of a  
34 matrix of services for a student who is deaf and enrolled in an  
35 auditory-oral education program as defined in s. 1002.391.

36 b. In order to generate funds using one of the two weighted  
37 cost factors, a matrix of services must be completed at the time  
38 of the student's initial placement into an exceptional student  
39 education program and at least once every 3 years by personnel  
40 who have received approved training. Nothing listed in the



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41 matrix shall be construed as limiting the services a school  
42 district must provide in order to ensure that exceptional  
43 students are provided a free, appropriate public education.

44 c. Students identified as exceptional, in accordance with  
45 chapter 6A-6, Florida Administrative Code, who do not have a  
46 matrix of services as specified in sub-subparagraph b. shall  
47 generate funds on the basis of full-time-equivalent student  
48 membership in the Florida Education Finance Program at the same  
49 funding level per student as provided for basic students.  
50 Additional funds for these exceptional students will be provided  
51 through the guaranteed allocation designated in subparagraph 2.

52 2. For students identified as exceptional who do not have a  
53 matrix of services and students who are gifted in grades K  
54 through 8, there is created a guaranteed allocation to provide  
55 these students with a free appropriate public education, in  
56 accordance with s. 1001.42(4)(1) and rules of the State Board of  
57 Education, which shall be allocated annually to each school  
58 district in the amount provided in the General Appropriations  
59 Act. These funds shall be in addition to the funds appropriated  
60 on the basis of FTE student membership in the Florida Education  
61 Finance Program, and the amount allocated for each school  
62 district shall not be recalculated during the year. These funds  
63 shall be used to provide special education and related services  
64 for exceptional students and students who are gifted in grades K  
65 through 8. Beginning with the 2007-2008 fiscal year, a  
66 district's expenditure of funds from the guaranteed allocation  
67 for students in grades 9 through 12 who are gifted may not be  
68 greater than the amount expended during the 2006-2007 fiscal  
69 year for gifted students in grades 9 through 12.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2 - 5

and insert:

An act relating to education; amending s. 39.202,  
F.S.; authorizing certain employees or agents of the  
Department of Education to have access to certain  
reports and records; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.;  
requiring a school district to add additional points  
to the calculation of a matrix of services for certain  
students beginning in a specified school year;  
amending