

CHAPTER 2021-84

House Bill No. 827

An act relating to school district funding; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; requiring school districts to allocate a certain amount of specified funds to certain programs that prepare prospective students to enroll in Advanced International Certificate of Education courses; requiring such funds to be spent on specified costs; requiring school districts to distribute specified bonuses to certain classroom teachers providing International General Certificate of Secondary Education instruction; requiring bonuses based on a student's specified score on the Advanced International Certificate of Education examination to be paid to all Advanced International Certificate of Education teachers instead of only full-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education teachers; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (m) 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 follows:

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

(m) *Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on Advanced International Certificate of Education examination scores of students.*—A value of 0.16 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled in a full-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.08 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled in a half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student who receives an Advanced International Certificate of Education diploma. Such value shall be added to the total full-time equivalent student membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year. Each school district shall allocate at least 80 percent of the funds received from the Advanced International Certificate of Education bonus FTE funding, in accordance with this paragraph, to the school program that generated the funds and to school programs administered by the University of Cambridge Local

Examinations Syndicate that prepare prospective students to enroll in Advanced International Certificate of Education courses. These funds shall be expended solely for the payment of costs associated with the application and registration process; program fees and site licenses; training, professional development, salaries, benefits, and bonuses for instructional personnel and program coordinators; examination and diploma fees; membership fees; supplemental books; instructional supplies, materials, and equipment; and other activities that identify prospective Advanced International Certificate of Education students or prepare prospective students to enroll in Advanced International Certificate of Education courses. The school district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided Advanced International Certificate of Education or International General Certificate of Secondary Education (pre-AICE) instruction:

1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by the Advanced International Certificate of Education teacher in each ~~full-credit~~ Advanced International Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or higher on the Advanced International Certificate of Education examination. A bonus in the amount of \$25 for each student taught by the pre-AICE ~~Advanced International Certificate of Education~~ teacher in each pre-AICE ~~half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education~~ course who receives a score of E or higher on the pre-AICE ~~Advanced International Certificate of Education~~ examination.

2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each Advanced International Certificate of Education teacher in a school designated with a grade of “D” or “F” who has at least one student scoring E or higher on the ~~full-credit~~ Advanced International Certificate of Education examination, regardless of the number of classes taught or of the number of students scoring an E or higher on the ~~full-credit~~ Advanced International Certificate of Education examination.

3. Additional bonuses of \$250 each to teachers of pre-AICE ~~half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education~~ classes in a school designated with a grade of “D” or “F” which has at least one student scoring an E or higher on the pre-AICE ~~half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education~~ examination in that class. Teachers receiving an award under subparagraph 2. are not eligible for a bonus under this subparagraph.

Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

Approved by the Governor June 11, 2021.

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