

# Florida

## Department of Education

**Bill Number:** SB 2802, Enrolled

**Bill Title:** An Act Implementing the 2007-08 General Appropriations Act

**Bill Sponsor:** Fiscal Policy and Calendar Committee

**Effective Date:** Except as otherwise expressly provided, July 1, 2007; if act fails to become a law after that date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively

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### **Executive Summary:**

SB 2802 is the Appropriations Implementing Bill. The following sections relate to education:

- Section 2. Incorporates by reference the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) calculations used by the Legislature for the 2007-08 fiscal year
- Section 13. Authorizes the Executive Office of the Governor to transfer funds appropriated for "Special Categories-Transfer to Department of Management Services-Human Resources Services Purchased Per Statewide Contact" between departments in order to align budget authority.
- Section 16. Requires the Department of Management Services to annually publish a master leasing report; all state agencies must provide information for the report.
- Section 18. Establishes the policy for real estate consulting and tenant brokering for leasing of space by the state.
- Section 25. Permits agencies to make cash awards to state employees, not in excess of \$100, for appreciation and recognition of satisfactory service.
- Section 36. Authorizes up to \$250,000 to support the school-to-career transition programs available through statewide organizations in the hospitality services field.
- Section 37. Amends s. 1013.64(3)(d), F.S., to clarify the distribution of Public Education Capital Outlay funds to school districts.
- Section 45. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1695, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation is directed to establish a Teachers' Down Payment Assistance Pilot Program in order to assist in the recruitment and retention of teachers. Earmarked in the Specific Appropriation is \$1,000,000 for the Teachers' Down Payment Pilot Program.
- Section 46. A portion of the provision implementing Specific Appropriation 2814 (Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles) states that the Official Florida Driver Handbook distributed by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to other governmental entities, including secondary public schools, must use those books provided by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.