

2010-2011 Safe Schools Appropriation Conference Report on House Bill 5001

The Legislature appropriates Safe Schools funds as a part of the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) in the annual Appropriations Act. FEFP funds go directly to school districts according to a formula based on the number of full-time equivalent students and additional factors that may be specified by proviso. The law governing how these funds are to be allocated and used for 2010-11 reads as follows *[formatting added]*:

From the funds in Specific Appropriations 6 and 78, \$67,133,784 is for Safe Schools activities and shall be allocated as follows:

\$65,263 shall be distributed to each district, and the remaining balance shall be allocated as follows:

- two-thirds based on the latest official Florida Crime Index provided by the Department of Law Enforcement and
- one-third based on each district's share of the state's total unweighted student enrollment.

Safe Schools activities include:

- (1) after school programs for middle school students;
- (2) other improvements to enhance the learning environment, including implementation of conflict resolution strategies;
- (3) alternative school programs for adjudicated youth;
- (4) suicide prevention programs; and
- (5) other improvements to make the school a safe place to learn.

Each district shall determine, based on a review of its existing programs and priorities, how much of its total allocation to use for each authorized Safe Schools activity. Each school district shall report to the Department of Education the amount of funds expended for each of the five activities.

-----Proviso Language, Specific Appropriation 78, page 24,
Chapter 2010-152, Laws of Florida
http://laws.flrules.org/files/Ch_2010-152.pdf