

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/HB 645 (CS/SB 680)
INTRODUCER: Committee on Finance and Tax and Senator Dockery
SUBJECT: Growth Management
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Education Pre-k - 12
DATE: May 4, 2007

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 388735 to Senate Amendment 965760 to CS/HB 645

House Amendment 2 – 033591 to Senate Amendment 710484 (body with title) to CS/HB 645

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 changes the requirement for threshold eligibility from three times the state average growth to a minimum of 3.5 percent of the average growth in student FTE.

House Amendment 2 establishes a multiplier for extremely high growth districts using a sliding scale approach as follows:

- 1.25 multiplier factor for districts with average growth between four and less than 4.5 percent;
- 1.5 multiplier factor for districts with average growth between 4.5 and less than five percent;
- 1.75 multiplier factor for districts with average growth between five and less than six percent; and
- 2.0 multiplier factor for districts with average growth of at least six percent.

These amendments appear to exclude from eligibility Hillsborough, Manatee, and Orange counties. As such, the following counties remain eligible: Clay, Flagler, Hernando, Lake, Osceola, Pasco, Polk, St. Johns, and St. Lucie. The amendments reduce funding for Polk, Lake, and Pasco counties. Also, it is expected that Clay, Flagler, Hernando, Osceola, St. Johns, and St. Lucie counties will receive greater funding, based on the multiplier amendment.