



Legislation Text

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MOTION TO APPLY FOR THE 2016-17 STUDENTS ATTIRED FOR EDUCATION (SAFE) ACT INITIATIVE FUND AND CERTIFY THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER SCHOOLS SAFE UNIFORM POLICY

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

1. In 2016, Governor Scott signed into law Senate Bill 672 which established the Students Attired for Education (SAFE) Act. The SAFE Act provides funding for school districts and charter schools to establish and implement a standard student attire policy to promote safe and supportive learning environments and improve school safety and discipline.
2. Florida Statute 1011.78 provides qualifying criteria for school districts and charter schools to be eligible to apply for the SAFE incentive fund:
 - a. Implement and submit the schools' Standard Student Attire Policy consistent with the following guidelines:
 1. The policy must apply to all students in kindergarten through grade eight in the school district or charter school, regardless of individual school grade configurations.
 2. Prohibits certain types or styles of clothing and require solid-colored clothing and fabrics for pants, skirts, shorts, or similar clothing, and short- or long-sleeved shirts with collars.
 3. Allow reasonable accommodations based on a student's religion, disability, or medical conditions.
 - b. The District Superintendent or Charter School Leader certify, no later than September 1st, 2016, that the governing board of the charter school sponsored by the district has implemented the approved SAFE policy for the 2016-17 school year.
3. Charter schools that meet the aforementioned criteria are eligible to receive an incentive funding award of \$10 per students in grades Kindergarten through grade eight until the appropriated funds are depleted. If eligible, our charter schools could receive approximately \$42,000 in revenue allocation.
4. The City of Pembroke Pines Principals have reviewed the Pembroke Pines Charter Schools (PPCS) uniform policy currently in place and have determined that the PPCS uniform policy meets the requirements to be eligible for the SAFE incentive fund.
5. Request Commission to approve the motion to apply for the 2016-17 Students Attired for Education (SAFE) Act Incentive Fund and certify that the City of Pembroke Pines Charter Schools have a SAFE uniform policy implemented for the 2016-17 school year.

Item has been reviewed by the Commission Auditor and approved for the Agenda.

FINANCIAL IMPACT DETAIL:

- a) **Initial Cost:** If approved, the City of Pembroke Pines Charter Schools would receive approximately \$42,000 in revenue allocation.
- b) **Amount budgeted for this item in Account No:** If approved, a revenue account will be created and a Budget Adjustment will be completed to increase revenues.
- c) **Source of funding for difference, if not fully budgeted:** Not Applicable
- d) **5 year projection of the operational cost of the project:** Not Applicable
- e) **Detail of additional staff requirements:** Not Applicable