

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

Offered by _____ of _____

Amend SCS/Senate Bill No. 239, Page 6, Section 168.021, Line 170,

by inserting after all of said line the following:

"Section 1. 1. There is hereby established a joint interim committee of the general assembly to function during the legislative interim between the first and second regular sessions of the ninety-seventh general assembly to examine the current elementary and secondary education foundation formula.

2. The joint interim committee shall do the following:

(1) Study the impact of cuts to the foundation formula on hold harmless school districts;

(2) Study how other states fund elementary and secondary education and how they have addressed elementary and secondary education budgets during difficult fiscal times; and

(3) Identify ways in which the foundation formula might be improved.

3. The joint interim committee shall report its recommendations to the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives by January 8, 2014.

4. The joint interim committee shall be composed of ten members, three majority party members, and two minority party members of the senate, to be appointed by the president pro

1 tempore of the senate, and three majority party members and two
2 minority party members of the house of representatives, to be
3 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

4 5. The joint interim committee may solicit input and
5 information necessary to fulfill its obligations, including, but
6 not limited to, soliciting input and information from any state
7 department or agency the joint interim committee deems relevant,
8 political subdivisions of this state, and the general public.

9 6. The staffs of senate appropriations, senate research,
10 house appropriations, house research, the joint committee on
11 education and the committee on legislative research shall provide
12 such legal, research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting
13 services as the joint interim committee may require in the
14 performance of its duties.

15 7. The actual and necessary expenses of the joint interim
16 committee, its members, and any staff assigned to the joint
17 interim committee incurred by the joint interim committee shall
18 be paid by the joint contingent fund."; and

19 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.