

By Commissioner Sundberg

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE X, s. 15, Fla. Const.; establishing the
3 Education Enhancement Trust Fund for the
4 deposit of proceeds from the lotteries operated
5 by the state; requiring the State Board of
6 Education, or its successor, to appropriate
7 moneys from the trust fund; providing allowable
8 uses of moneys from the trust fund.

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10 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
11 that:

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13 Section 1. Section 15 of Article X of the Florida
14 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

15 ARTICLE X

16 MISCELLANEOUS

17 SECTION 15. State operated lotteries.--

18 (a) Lotteries may be operated by the state.

19 (b) ~~If any subsection or subsections of the amendment~~
20 ~~to the Florida Constitution are held unconstitutional for~~
21 ~~containing more than one subject, this amendment shall be~~
22 ~~limited to subsection (a) above.~~

23 (c) ~~This amendment shall be implemented as follows:~~

24 (1) ~~Schedule--On the effective date of this amendment,~~
25 The lotteries shall be known as the Florida Education
26 Lotteries. Net proceeds derived from the lotteries shall be
27 deposited to a state trust fund, to be designated The ~~State~~
28 Education Enhancement Lotteries Trust Fund, to be distributed
29 appropriated by the State Board of Education, or its
30 successor, for the following purposes:~~legislature.~~

1 (1) One half of the annual proceeds derived from the
2 lotteries shall be allocated for grants, scholarships, or
3 loans for tuition, books, and other costs associated with
4 attending public colleges, universities, vocational or
5 technical institutions, or adult education programs located
6 within the state, to citizens of the state, who graduate from
7 Florida high schools and demonstrate a commitment to succeed
8 academically; and

9 (2) The balance of the proceeds derived from the
10 lotteries shall be allocated for the enhancement of the
11 quality of the basic education guaranteed to all citizens of
12 the state under Article IX, Section 1, by:

13 a. Providing and integrating in the classroom a state
14 distance learning network and any and all hardware, software,
15 on-line systems, and networking technologies needed to access
16 the distance learning network and other on-line information
17 systems, and any other equipment or material necessary for the
18 effective use of this technology in the classroom;

19 b. Funding professional development programs designed
20 to increase the ability of teachers, instructors, and
21 professors at all levels of public education to incorporate
22 interactive learning environments, the distance learning
23 network, computers, and other electronic instructional
24 technology in the classroom;

25 c. Automating public school libraries, media centers,
26 and applied technology laboratories to ensure access to
27 statewide information data bases and other information
28 networks;

29 d. Funding developmental prekindergarten education
30 programs administered by public school districts for children
31 at risk of future school failure;

1 e. Providing funds for assistive technology for
2 students with special needs;

3 f. Promoting the development of programs that
4 demonstrate improvement of student performance against valid
5 national and international achievement standards;

6 g. Providing incentives to teachers at all levels of
7 education who develop and implement innovative teaching
8 techniques that demonstrate improvement of student
9 performance; and

10 h. Establishing a shortfall reserve, not to exceed 5
11 percent of the previous years' disbursements, to ensure the
12 availability of funding for scholarships, grants, and loans
13 authorized by paragraph (1).~~The schedule may be amended by~~
14 ~~general law.~~