

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education Appropriations
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Lee offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 16-51 and insert:

7 Section 1. (1) The Department of Education shall
8 establish the 5-year Literacy Jump Start Pilot Project in St.
9 Lucie County to assist low-income, at-risk children in
10 developing emergent literacy skills. The pilot project shall be
11 implemented in one or more municipalities in St. Lucie County,
12 which are selected by the department in consultation with the
13 Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County. A municipality
14 within which locally or federally subsidized housing is located
15 is eligible for participation in the pilot project. The
16 department shall seek partnerships with local nonprofit
17 organizations and the business community in implementing the
18 pilot project.

19 (2) As used in this section, the term "emergent literacy"
20 means a variety of early behaviors and skills associated with

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21 successful reading and writing development. These fundamental
22 skills, which develop during the first 5 years of life,
23 contribute to a child's foundations for literacy and learning
24 and future success in school and life.

25 (3) To participate in the pilot project, a child must be:

26 (a) Two or 3 years of age.

27 (b) Eligible for a federally subsidized child care
28 program.

29 (c) A member of a family that is economically
30 disadvantaged and resides in locally or federally subsidized
31 housing. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "economically
32 disadvantaged" means having a family income that does not exceed
33 150 percent of the federal poverty level.

34 (4) The Department of Education shall establish
35 performance standards and outcome measures that address the age-
36 appropriate progress of children in developing emergent literacy
37 behaviors and skills. An instructor in the pilot project must
38 have successfully completed an emergent literacy training course
39 approved by the department.

40 (5) The emergent literacy instruction shall be conducted
41 in a subsidized housing unit in order to provide easy access for
42 participating children and families.

43 (6) The Department of Education shall allocate funds for
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49 Remove lines 3-11 and insert:
50 Project; requiring the Department of Education to establish the
51 pilot project in St. Lucie County to assist low-income, at-risk
52 children in developing emergent literacy skills; providing
53 eligibility requirements for participation; requiring the office
54 to establish performance standards and outcome measures for
55 participating children; requiring emergent literacy training for
56 instructors; requiring the department to allocate funds for the
57 pilot project;

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