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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to education; amending s. 1002.67,
3 F.S.; requiring certain assessment results to be
4 provided to parents within a specified timeframe;
5 requiring the Office of Early Learning to aggregate
6 specified assessment results to be distributed to
7 certain entities and posted on the office's website
8 within a specified timeframe; amending s. 1002.71,
9 F.S.; authorizing certain students to reenroll in the
10 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program;
11 specifying that the program be offered by a provider
12 that has met certain criteria; providing for funding
13 for such students; requiring the office to establish
14 criteria and procedures for the reenrollment of such
15 students; providing an effective date.

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17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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19 Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (e) are added to subsection
20 (3) of section 1002.67, Florida Statutes, to read:

21 1002.67 Performance standards; curricula and
22 accountability.—

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24 (d) Each private prekindergarten provider and public school
25 shall provide the results of the pre- and post-assessment to
26 parents within 10 days after the administration of the
27 assessment, including any resources that might be helpful for
28 students.

29 (e) The office shall, within 30 days after the

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30 administration of the pre- and post-assessment:

31 1. Report the results of the pre- and post-assessment at
32 the aggregate level.

33 2. Distribute the aggregated pre- and post-assessment
34 results to the respective early learning coalitions and school
35 districts.

36 3. Display the aggregated pre- and post-assessment results
37 on the office's website.

38 Section 2. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (4) of
39 section 1002.71, Florida Statutes, to read:

40 1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.-

41 (4) Notwithstanding s. 1002.53(3) and subsection (2):

42 (c)1. Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, a child who
43 has completed a school-year prekindergarten program or summer
44 prekindergarten program but is determined by the office to be at
45 risk of not attaining the performance standards established
46 pursuant to s. 1002.67(1) may reenroll in a school-year program
47 during the subsequent school year at the request of the child's
48 parent. The school-year program must be offered by a provider
49 that has met the minimum readiness rate adopted pursuant to s.
50 1002.69(6). The child shall be reported for funding purposes as
51 a full-time equivalent student in the school-year program for
52 which he or she is enrolled.

53 2. By December 1, 2018, to implement the reenrollment of
54 eligible students pursuant to subparagraph 1., the office shall:

55 a. Establish the eligibility criteria for determining if a
56 student is at risk of not attaining the performance standards
57 established pursuant to s. 1002.67(1).

58 b. Prepare an estimate of the potential number of students

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59 participating in the program in the 2018-2019 school year by
60 county and by early learning coalition who may be eligible to
61 reenroll in the program.

62 c. Establish the procedures for the reenrollment of
63 eligible students in the prekindergarten program and inform
64 parents of this option.

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66 A child may reenroll only once in a prekindergarten program
67 under this section. A child who reenrolls in a prekindergarten
68 program under this subsection may not subsequently withdraw from
69 the program and reenroll, unless the child is granted a good
70 cause exemption under this subsection. The Office of Early
71 Learning shall establish criteria specifying whether a good
72 cause exists for a child to withdraw from a program under
73 paragraph (a), whether a child has substantially completed a
74 program under paragraph (b), and whether an extreme hardship
75 exists which is beyond the child's or parent's control under
76 paragraph (b).

77 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.