

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2019 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Education

HB 1027 — Office of Early Learning

by Rep. Aloupis and others (SB 1456 by Senator Perry)

The bill establishes professional development standards and career pathways for early childhood teachers and school readiness program providers. Specifically, the bill requires the Office of Early Learning to:

- Integrate early learning professional development pathways into existing preservice and inservice training requirements.
- Develop professional development training and course standards for school readiness program providers.
- Identify both formal and informal early learning career pathways with stackable credentials and certifications to provide early childhood teachers access to specialized professional development that:
 - o Strengthens knowledge and teaching practices;
 - o Aligns to established professional standards and core competencies;
 - o Provides a progression of attainable, competency-based stackable credentials and certifications; and
 - o Improves outcomes for children to increase kindergarten readiness and early grade success.
- Align, to the greatest extent possible, the established credentials and certifications with reading instruction training developed by the Just Read, Florida! Office and the Lastinger Center at the University of Florida for K-12 teachers, reading coaches, and school principals.

The bill requires the Office of Early Learning to adopt rules to administer the provisions of the act.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2019.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 115-0