

Committee on Education

CS/CS/SB 156 — Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program

by Appropriations Committee; Education Committee; and Senators Perry, Stewart, and Diaz

The bill extends the scheduled expiration of the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program (program) within the Department of Education (DOE) until June 30, 2022. The bill revises school district eligibility for program participation by requiring specified elementary schools that have established a music education program to maintain a program that complies with the DOE's standards.

The bill requires the University of Florida's College of Education, in collaboration with Florida International University's School of Music, to evaluate the effectiveness of the program by measuring student academic performance and the success of the program. In addition, the bill requires the results of the program evaluation be shared with the Florida Center for Partnerships for Arts-Integrated Teaching.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-0