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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to education; authorizing a pilot program to promote school readiness for preschool children; requiring an evaluation and study; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. The Commissioner of Education may create a pilot program to promote school readiness for children ages 2 to 5. The program must be provided through an existing early childhood program such as the prekindergarten early intervention program, the Head Start program, the Title I program, a subsidized child care program, or a private child care program. The pilot program shall provide education for parents of preschool students in order to foster parental support for their children's success in school and in life.

Section 2. The Department of Education shall conduct an annual evaluation of the program to assess the children's progress and a longitudinal study to document the achievement of the students in elementary school.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

HOUSE SUMMARY

Authorizes the Commissioner of Education to create a pilot program to promote school readiness. Provides for an annual evaluation and a longitudinal study of the program.