Bill No. CS for SB 1034 Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Senators Gutman and Meek moved the following amendment: 11 12 13 Senate Amendment (with title amendment) On page 2, between lines 15 and 16, 14 15 16 insert: 17 Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of 18 section 232.01, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended 19 to read: 20 232.01 School attendance.--(1)(a)1. All children who have attained the age of 6 21 22 years or who will have attained the age of 6 years by February 1 of any school year or who are older than 6 years of age but 23 24 who have not attained the age of 16 years, except as 25 hereinafter provided, are required to attend school regularly 26 during the entire school term. 27 2.a. Children who will have attained the age of 5 years on or before September 1 of the school year are eligible 28 29 for admission to public kindergartens during that school year 30 under rules prescribed by the school board. b. Beginning in the 1999-2000 school year, children 31 1 4:18 PM 04/26/99 s1034c1c-3410a

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who will have attained the age of 5 years after September 1 1 2 but before October 1 of the school year are eligible to take 3 the assessment of readiness for kindergarten which is included 4 in the statewide assessment program. Beginning in the 2000-2001 school year, children who will have attained the age 5 of 5 years after September 1 but before November 1 of the б 7 school year are eligible to take the assessment of readiness for kindergarten which is included in the statewide assessment 8 program. Beginning in the 2001-2002 school year, children who 9 10 will have attained the age of 5 years after September 1 but 11 before December 1 of the school year are eligible to take the 12 assessment of readiness for kindergarten which is included in the statewide assessment program. Beginning in the 2002-2003 13 school year, children who will have attained the age of 5 14 15 years after September 1 but before January 1 of the school 16 year are eligible to take the assessment of readiness for 17 kindergarten which is included in the statewide assessment 18 program. Upon written request of a child's parent or guardian, the school district must provide at least one opportunity for 19 the child to take the assessment of readiness for 20 21 kindergarten. Any child who is determined to be ready for entrance into kindergarten, according to rules of the 22 Commissioner of Education, is eligible for admission to public 23 kindergartens during that school year. Any child who is 24 determined not to be ready for entrance into kindergarten, 25 according to rules of the commissioner, is subject to the 26 27 admission requirements of sub-subparagraph a. The commissioner may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this 28 29 sub-subparagraph. 30 3. Children who will have attained the age of 3 years 31 on or before September 1 of the school year are eligible for 2

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admission to prekindergarten early intervention programs 1 2 during that school year as provided in s. 230.2305 or a 3 preschool program as provided in s. 228.061. 4 (b) Any child who has attained the age of 6 years on 5 or before September 1 of the school year and who has been 6 enrolled in a public school or who has attained the age of 6 7 years on or before September 1 and has satisfactorily completed the requirements for kindergarten in a nonpublic 8 school from which the district school board accepts transfer 9 10 of academic credit, or who has been enrolled in a public 11 kindergarten under the provisions of sub-subparagraph (a)2.b., 12 or who otherwise meets the criteria for admission or transfer 13 in a manner similar to that applicable to other grades, shall 14 progress according to the district's pupil progression plan. 15 However, nothing in this section shall authorize the state or 16 any school district to oversee or exercise control over the 17 curricula or academic programs of nonpublic schools or home education programs. 18 19 20 (Redesignate subsequent sections.) 21 22 ======= TITLE AMENDMENT========== 23 24 And the title is amended as follows: 25 On page 1, line 8, after the semicolon 26 27 insert: 28 amending s. 232.01, F.S.; revising provisions relating to eligibility for enrollment in 29 30 public kindergartens; authorizing the enrollment of certain children who are 31 3

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