A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to public schools; creating 3 pilot programs to provide for planning among schools in a common feeder system; providing an 4 5 effective date. 6 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 8 9 The Legislature establishes pilot programs in three school districts to provide feeder-pattern transition 10 programs for children entering elementary school. The program 11 12 shall foster a smooth transition from early education and 13 child care programs to kindergarten, and from kindergarten to 14 first grade, for all the children of the districts in which the pilot program is located. A pilot program shall be 15 16 established in one rural school district, one urban school 17 district, and one suburban school district. Section 2. The goal of the pilot programs is to 18 19 prepare children to enter school with confidence and to 20 succeed in kindergarten and first grade. To achieve this goal, the following elements must be part of the feeder-pattern 21 22 transition program: (1) The child care centers and preschool programs that 23 24 serve each elementary school must plan and coordinate 25 activities within the feeder pattern for that school. 26 (2) Private preschool and kindergarten providers must 27 be invited to participate. 28 (3) The program must provide an orientation program for children at each ascending level, from preschool and child 29 care programs to kindergarten and from kindergarten to first 30

grade.

1	(4) A method for data exchange among programs and
2	schools at the different levels must be established.
3	(5) There must be joint planning and staff development
4	of service providers, including public schools, for the
5	activities of the program.
6	(6) Providers of kindergarten and first grade programs
7	must agree on goals and strategies that create a smooth
8	transition for children from the playful orientation of
9	kindergarten to the more structured activities of first grade.
10	Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
11	law.
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