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Representative(s) Wise offered the following:

**Amendment to Amendment (374995) (with title amendment)**

On page 16, between lines 7 and 8,

and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 11. Section 229.05371, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

229.05371 ~~Pilot program~~ Scholarships to public or private school of choice for students with disabilities.--

(1) SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM.--There is established a ~~pilot~~ program, which is separate and distinct from the Opportunity Scholarship Program, ~~in the Sarasota school district,~~ to provide scholarships to a public or private school of choice for students with disabilities whose academic progress in at least two areas has not met expected levels for the previous year, as determined by the student's individual education plan. Student participation in the ~~pilot~~ program is limited to 5 percent of the students with disabilities in the school district during the first year, 10 percent of students with disabilities during the second year, ~~and~~ 20 percent of

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1 students with disabilities during the third year, and no caps  
2 in subsequent years. The following applies to the ~~pilot~~  
3 program:

4 (a) To be eligible to participate in the ~~pilot~~  
5 program, a private school must meet all requirements of s.  
6 229.0537(4), except for the accreditation requirements of s.  
7 229.0537(4)(f). For purposes of the ~~pilot~~ program,  
8 notification under s. 229.0537(4)(b) must be separate from the  
9 notification under the Opportunity Scholarship Program.

10 (b) The school district ~~that participates in the pilot~~  
11 ~~program~~ must comply with the requirements in s.  
12 229.0537(3)(a)2., (c), and (d).

13 (c) The amount of the scholarship in the ~~pilot~~ program  
14 shall be equal to the amount the student would have received  
15 under the Florida Education Finance Program in the public  
16 school to which he or she is assigned.

17 (d) To be eligible for a scholarship under the ~~pilot~~  
18 program, a student or parent must:

19 1. Comply with the eligibility criteria in s.  
20 229.0537(2)(b) and all provisions of s. 229.0537 which apply  
21 to students with disabilities;

22 2. For the school year immediately prior to the year  
23 in which the scholarship will be in effect, have documented  
24 the student's failure to meet specific performance levels  
25 identified in the individual education plan; or, absent  
26 specific performance levels identified in the individual  
27 education plan, the student must have performed below grade  
28 level on state or local assessments and the parent must  
29 believe that the student is not progressing adequately toward  
30 the goals in the individual education plan; and

31 3. Have requested the scholarship prior to the time at

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1 which the number of valid requests exceeds the district's cap  
2 for the year in which the scholarship will be awarded.

3 (2) The provisions of s. 229.0537(6) and (8) shall  
4 apply to the ~~pilot~~ program authorized in this section. This  
5 ~~pilot~~ program is not intended to affect the eligibility of the  
6 state or school district to receive federal funds for students  
7 with disabilities.

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11 And the title is amended as follows:

12 On page 18, line 8, of the amendment

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after "appropriation;" insert:  
15 amending s. 229.05371, F.S.; converting a pilot  
16 program for scholarships for students with  
17 disabilities to statewide application;

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