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Senator Campbell moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 4, between lines 21 and 22,

insert:

(5) ELIGIBLE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS.--An eligible nonpublic school must:

(a) Demonstrate fiscal soundness by being in operation for one school year or provide the Department of Education with a statement by a certified public accountant confirming that the nonpublic school desiring to participate is insured and the owner or owners have sufficient capital or credit to operate the school for the upcoming year serving the number of students anticipated with expected revenues from tuition and other sources that may be reasonably expected. In lieu of such a statement, a surety bond or letter of credit for the amount equal to the scholarship funds for any quarter may be filed with the department.

(b) Notify the Department of Education of its intent to participate in the program under this section by May 1 of

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1 the school year preceding the school year in which it intends  
2 to participate. The notice must specify the grade levels and  
3 services that the nonpublic school has available for students  
4 who are participating in the scholarship program.

5 (c) Comply with the antidiscrimination provisions of  
6 42 U.S.C. s. 2000d.

7 (d) Meet state and local health and safety laws and  
8 codes.

9 (e) Be academically accountable to the parent or  
10 guardian for meeting the educational needs of the student.

11 (f) Employ or contract with teachers who hold  
12 baccalaureate or higher degrees; or have at least 3 years of  
13 teaching experience in public or private schools; or have  
14 special skills, knowledge, or expertise that qualifies them to  
15 provide instruction in subjects taught.

16 (g) Comply with all state laws relating to general  
17 regulation of nonpublic schools.

18 (h) Adhere to the tenets of its published disciplinary  
19 procedures prior to the expulsion of a scholarship student.

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21 (Redesignate subsequent subsections.)

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24 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

25 And the title is amended as follows:

26 On page 1, line 13, after the first semicolon,

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28 insert:

29 establishing criteria for nonpublic school  
30 eligibility;

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