

Bill No. CS for CS for SB 1586

Amendment No. Barcode 601318

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Senator Pruitt moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 120, between lines 10 and 11,

insert:

Section 104. Effective upon becoming a law, paragraph (b) of subsection (2), paragraph (b) of subsection (4), and paragraph (2) of subsection (6) of section 229.05371, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

229.05371 The John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program.--There is established a program that is separate and distinct from the Opportunity Scholarship Program and is named the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program, pursuant to this section.

(2) SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY.--The parent of a public school student with a disability who is dissatisfied with the student's progress may request and receive from the state a John M. McKay Scholarship for the child to enroll in and attend a private school in accordance with this section if:

(b) The parent has obtained acceptance for admission

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1 of the student to a private school that is eligible for the
 2 program under subsection (4) and has notified, ~~in writing,~~ the
 3 school district of the request for a scholarship at least 60
 4 days prior to the date of the first scholarship payment. The
 5 parental notification shall be through a communication
 6 directly to the district or through the Florida Department of
 7 Education to the district in a manner that creates a written
 8 or electronic record of the notification and the date of
 9 receipt of the notification.

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 11 This section does not apply to a student who is enrolled in a
 12 school operating for the purpose of providing educational
 13 services to youth in Department of Juvenile Justice commitment
 14 programs. For purposes of continuity of educational choice,
 15 the scholarship shall remain in force until the student
 16 returns to a public school or graduates from high school.
 17 However, at any time, the student's parent may remove the
 18 student from the private school and place the student in
 19 another private school that is eligible for the program under
 20 subsection (4) or in a public school as provided in subsection
 21 (3).

22 (4) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY.--To be eligible to
 23 participate in the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students
 24 with Disabilities Program, a private school must be a Florida
 25 private school, may be sectarian or nonsectarian, and must:

26 (b) Notify the Department of Education of its intent
 27 to participate in the program under this section ~~by May 1 of~~
 28 ~~the school year preceding the school year in which it intends~~
 29 ~~to participate.~~ The notice must specify the grade levels and
 30 services that the private school has available for students
 31 with disabilities who are participating in the scholarship

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1 program.

2 (6) SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING AND PAYMENT.--

3 (a)1. The maximum scholarship granted for an eligible
4 student with disabilities shall be a calculated amount
5 equivalent to the base student allocation in the Florida
6 Education Finance Program multiplied by the appropriate cost
7 factor for the educational program that would have been
8 provided for the student in the district school to which he or
9 she was assigned, multiplied by the district cost
10 differential.

11 2. In addition, a share of the guaranteed allocation
12 for exceptional students shall be determined and added to the
13 calculated amount. The calculation shall be based on the
14 methodology and the data used to calculate the guaranteed
15 allocation for exceptional students for each district in
16 chapter 2000-166, Laws of Florida. Except as provided in
17 subparagraph 3., the calculation shall be based on the
18 student's grade, matrix level of services, and the difference
19 between the 2000-2001 basic program and the appropriate level
20 of services cost factor, multiplied by the 2000-2001 base
21 student allocation and the 2000-2001 district cost
22 differential for the sending district. Also, the calculated
23 amount shall include the per-student share of supplemental
24 academic instruction funds, instructional materials funds,
25 technology funds, and other categorical funds as provided for
26 such purposes in the General Appropriations Act.

27 3. Until the school district completes the matrix
28 required by paragraph (3)(b), the calculation must be based on
29 the matrix that assigns the student to support level I of
30 service as it existed prior to the 2000-2001 school year. When
31 the school district completes the matrix, the amount of the

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1 payment must be adjusted as needed.

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3 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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7 And the title is amended as follows:

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On page 4, line 10, after the semicolon

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10 insert:

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amending s. 229.05371, F.S.; specifying

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notification requirements for parents of

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students receiving John M. McKay Scholarships;

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eliminating a date for notification by private

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schools; amending s. 229.05371, F.S.; providing

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for an alternative calculation of the matrix

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level for a scholarship for a limited time;

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