Bill No. SB 2502 Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ Barcode 491382 CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Senator Clary moved the following amendment: 11 12 13 Senate Amendment (with title amendment) 14 On page 21, between lines 16 and 17, 15 16 insert: 17 Section 16. In order to implement proviso language in 18 Specific Appropriation 2235 of the 2002-2003 General 19 Appropriations Act, section 402.3017, Florida Statutes, is 20 amended to read: 21 402.3017 Teacher Education and Compensation Helps 22 (TEACH) scholarship program.--23 (1) The Legislature finds that the level of early 24 child care teacher education and training is a key predictor for determining program quality. The Legislature also finds 25 26 that low wages for child care workers prevent many from 27 obtaining increased training and education and contribute to high turnover rates. The Legislature therefore intends to 28 29 help fund a program which links teacher training and education 30 to compensation and commitment to the field of early childhood 31 education.

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(2) The Department of Children and Family Services is 1 2 authorized to contract for the administration of the Teacher 3 Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH) scholarship program, 4 which provides educational scholarships to caregivers and administrators of early childhood programs, family day care 5 6 homes, and large family child care homes. 7 (3) The department shall adopt rules as necessary to 8 implement this section. 9 (4) For the 2002-2003 fiscal year only, the Agency for 10 Workforce Innovation shall administer this section. This subsection expires July 1, 2003. 11 12 13 (Redesignate subsequent sections.) 14 15 16 17 And the title is amended as follows: On page 2, line 9, following the first semicolon 18 19 20 insert: amending s. 402.3017, F.S.; providing for 21 administration of the Teacher Education and 22 23 Compensation Helps scholarship program; 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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