Florida Senate - 2003

By Senator Constantine

22-1023-03 A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to education; creating the Care to Learn Program; providing purpose; requiring 3 4 public schools to provide to parents, within a 5 specified time after the parent's child enrolls 6 in the school, certain information about the 7 child's educational program; providing an effective date. 8 9 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 Section 1. Care to Learn Program; creation; purpose; 13 requirements. --14 (1) The Care to Learn Program is created for the purpose of promoting parental involvement and empowering 15 16 parents in all aspects of their children's educational 17 programs and service choices. (2) Within 30 days after a student enrolls in a public 18 19 school, the school shall provide the child's parents with the 20 following information: 21 (a) What the parent should expect from the school and 22 the school district with respect to the student's being a 23 customer; 24 (b) A copy of the school's parent and community 25 involvement policy; 26 (c) Opportunities for the parent to volunteer in the 27 school; 28 (d) The role of the parents in the school advisory 29 council; 30 (e) Academic standards, class requirements, and promotion requirements that the student is expected to meet; 31 1

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1 (f) Tips for parents to help their children read; (g) Supplemental services, both public and private, 2 3 which are available to students who are not progressing on 4 grade level; 5 How course selection affects student progression (h) 6 and performance on the FCAT; 7 How various accommodations for students who have (i) 8 disabilities can affect student progression and graduation and 9 available accommodations for the FCAT, etc.; 10 (j) The standards a student is expected to meet during 11 the school year; and 12 (k) Information on public and private school choice 13 options. 14 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003. 15 16 17 SENATE SUMMARY Creates the Care to Learn Program. Provides the purpose of the program. Requires each public school to provide to parents, within 30 days after their child enrolls in the school, certain information about the child's educational 18 19 20 program and service choices. 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 2

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