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Senator Margolis moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 11, lines 11-25, delete those lines

and insert:

(6)(a) A parent may enroll his or her child with any private prekindergarten provider that is eligible to deliver the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program under this part, subject to available space. Each private prekindergarten provider must, when registering with the early learning coalition and at least once each year in accordance with requirements established by the Agency for Workforce Innovation, certify to the coalition the number of students to be admitted by the provider for each prekindergarten program. A private prekindergarten provider must admit each child enrolling in a prekindergarten program on a first-come, first-served basis in the order in which the children apply, subject to available space as reflected by the provider's certified number of students to be admitted. However, if a private prekindergarten provider reasonably believes that a

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1 child has a disability or is developmentally delayed, the  
 2 provider may refer the child to the early learning coalition.  
 3 If the coalition determines that the child is expected to  
 4 qualify for prekindergarten programs administered by the  
 5 department or the school district for children with  
 6 disabilities or developmental delays under the federal  
 7 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or similar state  
 8 or federal requirements, the coalition shall inform the  
 9 child's parent about these programs and shall waive the  
 10 requirement that the private prekindergarten provider admit  
 11 the child. An early learning coalition may not limit the  
 12 number of students admitted by any private prekindergarten  
 13 provider for enrollment in the program. However, this  
 14 paragraph does not authorize an early learning coalition to  
 15 allow a provider to exceed any staff-to-children ratio, square  
 16 footage per child, or other requirement imposed under ss.  
 17 402.301-402.319 as a result of admissions in the  
 18 prekindergarten program.

19       (b) A parent may enroll his or her child with any  
 20 public school within the school district which is eligible to  
 21 deliver the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program under  
 22 this part, subject to available space. Each public school  
 23 must, when registering with the early learning coalition and  
 24 at least once each year in accordance with requirements  
 25 established by the Agency for Workforce Innovation, certify to  
 26 the coalition the number of students to be admitted by the  
 27 school for each prekindergarten program. A public school must  
 28 admit each child enrolling in a prekindergarten program on a  
 29 first-come, first-served basis in the order in which the  
 30 children apply, subject to available space as reflected by the  
 31 school's certified number of students to be admitted. Each

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5 And the title is amended as follows:

6           On page 1, line 14, after the semicolon

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8 and insert:

9           requiring providers and schools to admit  
10           children to the program in the order in which  
11           they apply and authorizing early learning  
12           coalitions to waive this requirement under  
13           certain circumstances;

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