

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Education Appropriations Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to educational choice; creating s.  
7 1002.385, F.S.; establishing the Reading Compact  
8 Scholarship Program to provide students with reading  
9 deficiencies the option to attend a public or private  
10 school of choice; providing eligibility requirements for  
11 receipt of a Reading Compact Scholarship to attend a  
12 private school and restricting eligibility therefor;  
13 providing for the term of a scholarship; providing school  
14 district obligation to notify parents of available  
15 options; providing Department of Education obligations,  
16 including establishment of a process for notification of  
17 violations, subsequent investigation, and certification of  
18 compliance by private schools and selection of a research  
19 organization to analyze student performance data;  
20 providing Commissioner of Education authority and  
21 obligations, including the denial, suspension, or  
22 revocation of a private school's participation in the  
23 scholarship program and procedures and timelines therefor;

24 providing private school eligibility requirements and  
 25 obligations, including compliance with specified laws and  
 26 academic accountability to the parent; providing parent  
 27 and student responsibilities for scholarship program  
 28 participation, including compliance with private school's  
 29 published policies, participation in student academic  
 30 assessment, and restrictive endorsement of scholarship  
 31 warrants; prohibiting power of attorney for endorsing a  
 32 scholarship warrant; providing funding and payment  
 33 requirements, including calculation of scholarship amount,  
 34 payment process, and Department of Financial Services  
 35 review; providing for immunity; authorizing waiver of  
 36 deadlines; providing scope of authority; requiring  
 37 adoption of rules; creating s. 1002.421, F.S., relating to  
 38 rights and obligations of private schools participating in  
 39 state school choice scholarship programs; providing  
 40 requirements for participation in a scholarship program,  
 41 including compliance with specified state, local, and  
 42 federal laws and demonstration of fiscal soundness;  
 43 requiring restrictive endorsement of checks and  
 44 prohibiting a school from acting as attorney in fact;  
 45 requiring employment of qualified teachers and background  
 46 screening of individuals with direct student contact;  
 47 requiring adoption of rules; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.;  
 48 providing an educational choice, to conform; providing an  
 49 effective date.

51 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 1002.385, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1002.385 Reading Compact Scholarship Program.--

(1) READING COMPACT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.--The Reading Compact Scholarship Program is established to offer the parent of a student who has not attained reading proficiency beyond Level 1 an educational choice to further the student's progress in reading. The scholarship program shall provide students who have scored Level 1 on FCAT Reading for 2 of the previous 3 years the option to attend a public or private school of choice.

(2) READING COMPACT SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY.--The parent of a public school student may request and receive from the state a Reading Compact Scholarship for the student to enroll in and attend a private school in accordance with the provisions of this section if:

(a) The student scored Level 1 on FCAT Reading for 2 of the previous 3 years. However, a student who scored Level 1 on grade 10 FCAT Reading is not eligible for a Reading Compact Scholarship.

(b) The parent has obtained acceptance for admission of the student to a private school eligible to participate in the scholarship program pursuant to subsection (8) and has requested from the Department of Education a Reading Compact Scholarship no later than 60 days prior to the date of the first scholarship payment. The parental request must be through a communication directly to the department in a manner that creates a written or electronic record of the request and the date of receipt of the

80 request.

81 (3) READING COMPACT SCHOLARSHIP PROHIBITIONS.--A student  
 82 is not eligible for a Reading Compact Scholarship if he or she  
 83 is:

84 (a) Enrolled in a school operating for the purpose of  
 85 providing educational services to youth in Department of  
 86 Juvenile Justice commitment programs.

87 (b) Receiving a scholarship from an eligible nonprofit  
 88 scholarship-funding organization under s. 220.187.

89 (c) Already receiving an educational scholarship pursuant  
 90 to this chapter.

91 (d) Participating in a home education program as defined  
 92 in s. 1002.01(1).

93 (e) Participating in a private tutoring program pursuant  
 94 to s. 1002.43.

95 (f) Participating in a virtual school, correspondence  
 96 school, or distance learning program that receives state funding  
 97 pursuant to the student's participation.

98 (4) TERM OF READING COMPACT SCHOLARSHIP.--

99 (a) For purposes of continuity of educational choice, a  
 100 Reading Compact Scholarship shall remain in force until the  
 101 student returns to a public school or graduates from high  
 102 school.

103 (b) Upon reasonable notice to the department and the  
 104 school district, the student's parent may remove the student  
 105 from the private school and place the student in a public  
 106 school, as provided in paragraph (5)(a).

107        (c) Upon reasonable notice to the department, the  
 108 student's parent may move the student from one participating  
 109 private school to another participating private school.

110        (5) SCHOOL DISTRICT OBLIGATIONS; PARENTAL OPTIONS.--

111        (a)1. A school district shall timely notify the parent of  
 112 each eligible student of all options available pursuant to this  
 113 section and offer that student's parent an opportunity to enroll  
 114 the student in another public school within the school district.

115        2. The parent is not required to accept the offer of  
 116 enrolling the student in another public school in lieu of  
 117 requesting a Reading Compact Scholarship to a private school.  
 118 However, if the parent chooses the public school option, the  
 119 student may continue attending a public school chosen by the  
 120 parent until the student graduates from high school.

121        3. If the parent chooses a public school consistent with  
 122 the district school board's choice plan under s. 1002.31, the  
 123 school district shall provide transportation to the public  
 124 school selected by the parent. The parent is responsible for  
 125 providing transportation to a public school chosen that is not  
 126 consistent with the district school board's choice plan under s.  
 127 1002.31.

128        (b) If the parent chooses the private school option and  
 129 the student is accepted by the private school pending the  
 130 availability of a space for the student, the parent of the  
 131 student must notify the department no later than 60 days prior  
 132 to the first scholarship payment and before entering the private  
 133 school in order to be eligible for the scholarship when a space  
 134 becomes available for the student in the private school.

135 (c) The parent of a student may choose, as an alternative,  
 136 to enroll the student in and transport the student to a public  
 137 school in an adjacent school district that has available space,  
 138 and that school district shall accept the student and report the  
 139 student for purposes of the school district's funding under the  
 140 Florida Education Finance Program.

141 (d) For a student in the school district who participates  
 142 in the Reading Compact Scholarship Program whose parent requests  
 143 that the student take the statewide assessments under s.  
 144 1008.22, the school district shall provide locations and times  
 145 to take all statewide assessments.

146 (6) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OBLIGATIONS.--The department  
 147 shall:

148 (a) Establish a toll-free hotline that provides parents  
 149 and private schools with information on participation in the  
 150 Reading Compact Scholarship Program.

151 (b) Establish a process by which individuals may notify  
 152 the department of any violation by a parent, private school, or  
 153 school district of state laws relating to program participation.  
 154 The department shall conduct an investigation of any written  
 155 complaint of a violation of this section, or make a referral to  
 156 the appropriate agency for an investigation, if the complaint is  
 157 signed by the complainant and is legally sufficient. A complaint  
 158 is legally sufficient if it contains ultimate facts that show  
 159 that a violation of this section or any rule adopted by the  
 160 State Board of Education has occurred. In order to determine  
 161 legal sufficiency, the department may require supporting  
 162 information or documentation from the complainant.

163        (c) Require an annual, notarized, sworn compliance  
164 statement by participating private schools certifying compliance  
165 with state laws and shall retain such records.

166        (d) Cross-check the list of participating scholarship  
167 students with the public school enrollment lists prior to the  
168 first scholarship payment to avoid duplication.

169        (e) Identify all nationally norm-referenced tests that are  
170 comparable to the norm-referenced test portions of the Florida  
171 Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).

172        (f) Select an independent private research organization to  
173 which participating private schools must report the scores of  
174 participating students on the nationally norm-referenced tests  
175 administered by the private school. The independent private  
176 research organization must annually report to the department on  
177 the year-to-year improvements of participating students. The  
178 independent private research organization must analyze and  
179 report student performance data in a manner that protects the  
180 rights of students and parents as mandated in 20 U.S.C. s.  
181 1232g, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and must  
182 not disaggregate data to a level that will disclose the academic  
183 level of individuals or of individual schools. To the extent  
184 possible, the independent private research organization must  
185 accumulate historical performance data on students from the  
186 department and private schools to describe baseline performance  
187 and to conduct longitudinal studies. To minimize costs and  
188 reduce time required for third-party analysis and evaluation,  
189 the department shall conduct analyses of matched students from  
190 public school assessment data and calculate control group

191 learning gains using an agreed-upon methodology outlined in the  
 192 contract with the third-party evaluator. The sharing of student  
 193 data must be in accordance with the requirements of 20 U.S.C. s.  
 194 1232g, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and shall  
 195 be for the sole purpose of conducting the evaluation. All  
 196 parties must preserve the confidentiality of such information as  
 197 otherwise required by state and federal law.

198 (7) COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION AUTHORITY AND OBLIGATIONS.--

199 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall deny, suspend, or  
 200 revoke a private school's participation in the scholarship  
 201 program if it is determined that the private school has failed  
 202 to comply with the provisions of this section. However, in  
 203 instances in which the noncompliance is correctable within a  
 204 reasonable amount of time and in which the health, safety, and  
 205 welfare of the students are not threatened, the commissioner may  
 206 issue a notice of noncompliance which shall provide the private  
 207 school with a timeframe within which to provide evidence of  
 208 compliance prior to taking action to suspend or revoke the  
 209 private school's participation in the scholarship program.

210 (b) The commissioner's determination is subject to the  
 211 following:

212 1. If the commissioner intends to deny, suspend, or revoke  
 213 a private school's participation in the scholarship program, the  
 214 department shall notify the private school of such proposed  
 215 action in writing by certified mail and regular mail to the  
 216 private school's address of record with the department. The  
 217 notification shall include the reasons for the proposed action

218 and notice of the timelines and procedures set forth in this  
 219 paragraph.

220 2. The private school that is adversely affected by the  
 221 proposed action shall have 15 days from the receipt of the  
 222 notice of proposed action to file with the department's agency  
 223 clerk a request for a proceeding pursuant to ss. 120.569 and  
 224 120.57. If the private school is entitled to a hearing under s.  
 225 120.57(1), the department shall forward the request to the  
 226 Division of Administrative Hearings.

227 3. Upon receipt of a request referred pursuant to this  
 228 paragraph, the director of the Division of Administrative  
 229 Hearings shall expedite the hearing and assign an administrative  
 230 law judge who shall commence a hearing within 30 days after the  
 231 receipt of the formal written request by the division and enter  
 232 a recommended order within 30 days after the hearing or within  
 233 30 days after receipt of the hearing transcript, whichever is  
 234 later. Each party shall be allowed 10 days in which to submit  
 235 written exceptions to the recommended order. A final order shall  
 236 be entered by the agency within 30 days after the entry of a  
 237 recommended order. The provisions of this subparagraph may be  
 238 waived upon stipulation by all parties.

239 (c) The commissioner may immediately suspend payment if it  
 240 is determined that there is probable cause to believe that there  
 241 is:

242 1. An imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare  
 243 of the students; or

244 2. Fraudulent activity on the part of the private school.  
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246 The commissioner's order suspending payment pursuant to this  
 247 paragraph may be appealed pursuant to the same procedures and  
 248 timelines as the notice of proposed action set forth in  
 249 paragraph (b).

250 (8) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.--To be  
 251 eligible to participate in the Reading Compact Scholarship  
 252 Program, a private school may be sectarian or nonsectarian and  
 253 must:

254 (a) Comply with all applicable requirements for private  
 255 schools participating in state school choice programs pursuant  
 256 to s. 1002.421.

257 (b) Provide the department all documentation required for  
 258 the student's participation, including the private school's and  
 259 student's fee schedules, at least 30 days before the first  
 260 quarterly scholarship payment is made for the student.

261 (c) Be academically accountable to the parent for meeting  
 262 the educational needs of the student by:

263 1. At a minimum, annually providing to the parent a  
 264 written explanation of the student's progress.

265 2. Annually administering or making provision for students  
 266 participating in the scholarship program to take one of the  
 267 nationally norm-referenced tests identified by the department.  
 268 Students with disabilities for whom standardized testing is not  
 269 appropriate are exempt from this requirement. A participating  
 270 private school must report a student's scores to the parent and  
 271 to the independent private research organization selected by the  
 272 department pursuant to paragraph (6)(f).

273 3. Cooperating with the scholarship student whose parent  
 274 chooses to participate in the statewide assessments pursuant to  
 275 s. 1008.22.

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 277 The inability of a private school to meet the requirements of  
 278 this subsection shall constitute a basis for the ineligibility  
 279 of the private school to participate in the scholarship program  
 280 as determined by the department.

281 (9) PARENT AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROGRAM  
 282 PARTICIPATION.--A parent who applies for a Reading Compact  
 283 Scholarship is exercising his or her parental option to place  
 284 his or her child in a private school.

285 (a) The parent must select the private school and apply  
 286 for the admission of his or her child.

287 (b) The parent must have requested the scholarship at  
 288 least 60 days prior to the date of the first scholarship  
 289 payment.

290 (c) Any student participating in the Reading Compact  
 291 Scholarship Program must remain in attendance throughout the  
 292 school year, unless excused by the school for illness or other  
 293 good cause.

294 (d) Each parent and each student has an obligation to the  
 295 private school to comply with the private school's published  
 296 policies.

297 (e) The parent shall ensure that the student participating  
 298 in the scholarship program takes the norm-referenced assessment  
 299 offered by the private school. The parent may also choose to  
 300 have the student participate in the statewide assessments

301 pursuant to s. 1008.22. If the parent requests that the student  
 302 participating in the scholarship program take statewide  
 303 assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22, the parent is responsible  
 304 for transporting the student to the assessment site designated  
 305 by the school district.

306 (f) Upon receipt of a scholarship warrant, the parent to  
 307 whom the warrant is made must restrictively endorse the warrant  
 308 to the private school for deposit into the account of the  
 309 private school. The parent may not designate any entity or  
 310 individual associated with the participating private school as  
 311 the parent's attorney in fact to sign a scholarship warrant. A  
 312 participant who fails to comply with this paragraph forfeits the  
 313 scholarship.

314 (10) READING COMPACT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING AND PAYMENT.--

315 (a) The maximum Reading Compact Scholarship granted for an  
 316 eligible student shall be a calculated amount equivalent to the  
 317 base student allocation in the Florida Education Finance Program  
 318 multiplied by the appropriate cost factor for the educational  
 319 program that would have been provided for the student in the  
 320 district school to which he or she was assigned, multiplied by  
 321 the district cost differential. In addition, the calculated  
 322 amount shall include the per-student share of instructional  
 323 materials funds, technology funds, and other categorical funds  
 324 as provided for this purpose in the General Appropriations Act.  
 325 For a student who attended the Florida School for the Deaf and  
 326 the Blind, the Reading Compact Scholarship shall be calculated  
 327 based on the school district in which the student's parent  
 328 resides at the time of the scholarship request.

329       (b) The amount of the Reading Compact Scholarship shall be  
 330 the calculated amount or the amount of the private school's  
 331 tuition and fees, whichever is less. Fees eligible shall include  
 332 textbook fees, lab fees, and other fees related to instruction,  
 333 including transportation.

334       (c) The school district shall report all students who are  
 335 attending a private school under this scholarship program. The  
 336 students attending private schools on Reading Compact  
 337 Scholarships shall be reported separately from those students  
 338 reported for purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program.

339       (d) A public or private school that provides services to  
 340 students with disabilities shall receive the weighted funding  
 341 for such services at the appropriate funding level consistent  
 342 with the provisions of s. 1011.62(1)(e).

343       (e) For purposes of calculating the Reading Compact  
 344 Scholarship, a student shall be eligible for the amount of the  
 345 appropriate basic cost factor if:

346       1. The student currently participates in a Group 1 program  
 347 funded at the basic cost factor and is not subsequently  
 348 identified as having a disability; or

349       2. The student currently participates in a Group 2 program  
 350 and the parent has chosen a private school that does not provide  
 351 the additional services funded by a Group 2 program.

352       (f) Following notification on July 1, September 1,  
 353 December 1, or February 1 of the number of scholarship program  
 354 participants, the department shall transfer, from General  
 355 Revenue funds only, the calculated amount from the Florida  
 356 Education Finance Program and authorized categorical accounts to

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357 a separate account for the Reading Compact Scholarship Program  
358 for quarterly disbursement to the parents of participating  
359 students. When a student enters the scholarship program, the  
360 department must receive all documentation required for the  
361 student's participation, including the private school's and  
362 student's fee schedules, at least 30 days before the first  
363 quarterly scholarship payment is made for the student.

364 (g) The Chief Financial Officer shall make Reading Compact  
365 Scholarship payments in four equal amounts no later than  
366 September 1, November 1, February 1, and April 1 of each  
367 academic year in which the Reading Compact Scholarship is in  
368 force. The initial payment shall be made after department  
369 verification of admission acceptance, and subsequent payments  
370 shall be made upon verification of continued enrollment and  
371 attendance at the private school. Payment must be by individual  
372 warrant made payable to the student's parent and mailed by the  
373 department to the private school of the parent's choice, and the  
374 parent shall restrictively endorse the warrant to the private  
375 school.

376 (h) Subsequent to each scholarship payment, the Department  
377 of Financial Services shall randomly review endorsed warrants to  
378 confirm compliance with endorsement requirements. The Department  
379 of Financial Services shall immediately report inconsistencies  
380 or irregularities to the department.

381 (11) LIABILITY.--No liability shall arise on the part of  
382 the state based on the award or use of a Reading Compact  
383 Scholarship.

384       (12) WAIVER.--In the event of an act of God, the State  
 385 Board of Education shall have the authority to waive any  
 386 deadlines to effectuate the purposes of the scholarship program.

387       (13) SCOPE OF AUTHORITY.--The inclusion of eligible  
 388 private schools within options available to Florida public  
 389 school students does not expand the regulatory authority of the  
 390 state, its officers, or any school district to impose any  
 391 additional regulation of private schools beyond those reasonably  
 392 necessary to enforce requirements expressly set forth in this  
 393 section.

394       (14) RULES.--The State Board of Education shall adopt rules  
 395 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this  
 396 section. Rules shall include penalties for noncompliance with  
 397 subsections (8) and (9).

398       Section 2. Section 1002.421, Florida Statutes, is created  
 399 to read:

400       1002.421 Rights and obligations of private schools  
 401 participating in state school choice scholarship  
 402 programs.--Requirements of this section are in addition to  
 403 private school requirements outlined in s. 1002.42, specific  
 404 requirements identified within respective scholarship program  
 405 laws, and other provisions of Florida law that apply to private  
 406 schools.

407       (1) A Florida private school participating in the  
 408 Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program established  
 409 pursuant to s. 220.187 or an educational scholarship program  
 410 established pursuant to this chapter must comply with all  
 411 requirements of this section.

412        (2) A private school participating in a scholarship  
 413 program must be a Florida private school as defined in s.  
 414 1002.01(2) and must:

415        (a) Be a registered Florida private school in accordance  
 416 with s. 1002.42.

417        (b) Comply with antidiscrimination provisions of 42 U.S.C.  
 418 s. 2000d.

419        (c) Notify the department of its intent to participate in  
 420 a scholarship program.

421        (d) Notify the department of any change in the school's  
 422 name, school director, mailing address, or physical location  
 423 within 15 days after the change.

424        (e) Complete student enrollment and attendance  
 425 verification requirements, including use of an on-line  
 426 attendance verification form, prior to scholarship payment.

427        (f) Annually complete and submit to the department a  
 428 notarized scholarship compliance statement certifying compliance  
 429 with state laws relating to private school participation in the  
 430 scholarship program.

431        (g) Demonstrate fiscal soundness and accountability by:

432        1. Being in operation for at least 3 school years or  
 433 obtaining a surety bond or letter of credit for the amount equal  
 434 to the scholarship funds for any quarter and filing the surety  
 435 bond or letter of credit with the department.

436        2. Requiring the parent of each scholarship student to  
 437 personally restrictively endorse the scholarship warrant to the  
 438 school. The school may not act as attorney in fact for the  
 439 parent of a scholarship student under the authority of a power

440 of attorney executed by such parent, or under any other  
 441 authority, to endorse scholarship warrants on behalf of such  
 442 parent.

443 (h) Meet applicable state and local health, safety, and  
 444 welfare laws, codes, and rules, including:

445 1. Fire safety.

446 2. Building safety.

447 (i) Employ or contract with teachers who hold  
 448 baccalaureate or higher degrees, have at least 3 years of  
 449 teaching experience in public or private schools, or have  
 450 special skills, knowledge, or expertise that qualifies them to  
 451 provide instruction in subjects taught.

452 (j) Require each individual with direct student contact  
 453 with a scholarship student to be of good moral character, to be  
 454 subject to the level 1 background screening as provided under  
 455 chapter 435, to be denied employment or terminated if required  
 456 under s. 435.06, and not to be ineligible to teach in a public  
 457 school because his or her educator certificate is suspended or  
 458 revoked. For purposes of this paragraph:

459 1. An "individual with direct student contact" means any  
 460 individual who has unsupervised access to a scholarship student  
 461 for whom the private school is responsible.

462 2. The costs of fingerprinting and the background check  
 463 shall not be borne by the state.

464 3. Continued employment of an individual after  
 465 notification that the individual has failed the level 1  
 466 background screening shall cause a private school to be  
 467 ineligible for participation in a scholarship program.

468       4. An individual holding a valid Florida teaching  
 469 certificate who has been fingerprinted pursuant to s. 1012.32  
 470 shall not be required to comply with the provisions of this  
 471 paragraph.

472       (3) The inability of a private school to meet the  
 473 requirements of this section shall constitute a basis for the  
 474 ineligibility of the private school to participate in a  
 475 scholarship program as determined by the department.

476       (4)(a) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules  
 477 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this  
 478 section.

479       (b) The inclusion of eligible private schools within  
 480 options available to Florida public school students does not  
 481 expand the regulatory authority of the state, its officers, or  
 482 any school district to impose any additional regulation of  
 483 private schools beyond those reasonably necessary to enforce  
 484 requirements expressly set forth in this section.

485       Section 3. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (6) of  
 486 section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

487       1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.--Parents of public  
 488 school students must receive accurate and timely information  
 489 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed  
 490 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12  
 491 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory  
 492 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

493       (6) EDUCATIONAL CHOICE.--

494       (a) Public school choices.--Parents of public school  
 495 students may seek whatever public school choice options that are

496 applicable to their students and are available to students in  
 497 their school districts. These options may include controlled  
 498 open enrollment, lab schools, charter schools, charter technical  
 499 career centers, magnet schools, alternative schools, special  
 500 programs, advanced placement, dual enrollment, International  
 501 Baccalaureate, early admissions, credit by examination or  
 502 demonstration of competency, the New World School of the Arts,  
 503 the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and the Florida  
 504 Virtual School. These options may also include the public school  
 505 choice options of the Opportunity Scholarship Program, ~~and~~ the  
 506 McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program, and  
 507 the Reading Compact Scholarship Program.

508 (b) Private school choices.--Parents of public school  
 509 students may seek private school choice options under certain  
 510 programs.

511 1. Under the Opportunity Scholarship Program, the parent  
 512 of a student in a failing public school may request and receive  
 513 an opportunity scholarship for the student to attend a private  
 514 school in accordance with the provisions of s. 1002.38.

515 2. Under the McKay Scholarships for Students with  
 516 Disabilities Program, the parent of a public school student with  
 517 a disability who is dissatisfied with the student's progress may  
 518 request and receive a McKay Scholarship for the student to  
 519 attend a private school in accordance with the provisions of s.  
 520 1002.39.

521 3. Under the corporate income tax credit scholarship  
 522 program, the parent of a student who qualifies for free or  
 523 reduced-price school lunch may seek a scholarship from an

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524 | eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization in  
525 | accordance with the provisions of s. 220.187.

526 |       4. Under the Reading Compact Scholarship Program, the  
527 | parent of a student with reading deficiencies may request and  
528 | receive a Reading Compact Scholarship for the student to attend  
529 | a private school in accordance with the provisions of s.  
530 | 1002.385.

531 |       Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.