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The Committee on Education (Webster) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(6) EDUCATIONAL CHOICE.--

(a) Public school choices.--Parents of public school students may seek whatever public school choice options that are applicable to their students and are available to students in their school districts. These options may include controlled open enrollment, lab schools, charter schools,

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1 charter technical career centers, magnet schools, alternative
 2 schools, special programs, advanced placement, dual
 3 enrollment, International Baccalaureate, International General
 4 Certificate of Secondary Education (pre-AICE), Advanced
 5 International Certificate of Education, early admissions,
 6 credit by examination or demonstration of competency, the New
 7 World School of the Arts, the Florida School for the Deaf and
 8 the Blind, and the Florida Virtual School. These options may
 9 also include the public school choice options of the
 10 Opportunity Scholarship Program and the McKay Scholarships for
 11 Students with Disabilities Program.

12 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
 13 1002.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1002.23 Family and School Partnership for Student
 15 Achievement Act.--

16 (2) To facilitate meaningful parent and family
 17 involvement, the Department of Education shall develop
 18 guidelines for a parent guide to successful student
 19 achievement which describes what parents need to know about
 20 their child's educational progress and how they can help their
 21 child to succeed in school. The guidelines shall include, but
 22 need not be limited to:

23 (d) Opportunities for parents to learn about rigorous
 24 academic programs that may be available for their child, such
 25 as honors programs, dual enrollment, advanced placement,
 26 International Baccalaureate, International General Certificate
 27 of Secondary Education (pre-AICE), Advanced International
 28 Certificate of Education, Florida Virtual High School courses,
 29 and accelerated access to postsecondary education;

30 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1007.22, Florida
 31 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1 1007.22 Articulation; postsecondary institution
2 coordination and collaboration.--

3 (2) The levels of postsecondary education shall
4 collaborate in further developing and providing articulated
5 programs in which students can proceed toward their
6 educational objectives as rapidly as their circumstances
7 permit. Time-shortened educational programs, as well as the
8 use of acceleration mechanisms, shall include, but not be
9 limited to, the International Baccalaureate, Advanced
10 International Certificate of Education, credit by examination
11 or demonstration of competency, advanced placement, early
12 admissions, and dual enrollment.

13 Section 4. Subsection (10) of section 1007.261,
14 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 1007.261 State universities; admissions of
16 students.--Each university board of trustees is authorized to
17 adopt rules governing the admission of students, subject to
18 this section and rules of the State Board of Education.

19 (10) A Florida resident who is denied admission as an
20 undergraduate to a state university for failure to meet the
21 high school grade point average requirement may appeal the
22 decision to the university and request a recalculation of the
23 grade point average including in the revised calculation the
24 grades earned in up to three credits of advanced fine arts
25 courses. The university shall provide the student with a
26 description of the appeals process at the same time as
27 notification of the admissions decision. The university shall
28 recalculate the student's grade point average using the
29 additional courses and advise the student of any changes in
30 the student's admission status. For purposes of this section,
31 fine arts courses include courses in music, drama, painting,

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1 sculpture, speech, debate, or a course in any art form that
 2 requires manual dexterity. Advanced level fine arts courses
 3 include fine arts courses identified in the course code
 4 directory as Advanced Placement, pre-International
 5 Baccalaureate, ~~or~~ International Baccalaureate, International
 6 General Certificate of Secondary Education (pre-AICE), or
 7 Advanced International Certificate of Education, or fine arts
 8 courses taken in the third or fourth year of a fine arts
 9 curriculum.

10 Section 5. Subsection (9) of section 1007.27, Florida
 11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.--

13 (9) The Advanced International Certificate of
 14 Education Program and the International General Certificate of
 15 Secondary Education (pre-AICE) Program shall be the curricula
 16 ~~curriculum~~ in which eligible secondary students are enrolled
 17 in programs of study ~~a program of studies~~ offered through the
 18 Advanced International Certificate of Education Program or the
 19 International General Certificate of Secondary Education
 20 (pre-AICE) Program administered by the University of Cambridge
 21 Local Examinations Syndicate. The State Board of Education
 22 shall establish rules which specify the cutoff scores and
 23 Advanced International Certificate of Education examinations
 24 which will be used to grant postsecondary credit at community
 25 colleges and universities. Any such rules, which have the
 26 effect of raising the required cutoff score or of changing the
 27 Advanced International Certification of Education examinations
 28 which will be used to grant postsecondary credit, shall apply
 29 to students taking Advanced International Certificate of
 30 Education examinations after such rules are adopted by the
 31 State Board of Education. Students shall be awarded a maximum

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1 of 30 semester credit hours pursuant to this subsection. The
 2 specific course for which a student receives such credit shall
 3 be determined by the community college or university that
 4 accepts the student for admission. Students enrolled in either
 5 program of study pursuant to this subsection shall be exempt
 6 from the payment of any fees for administration of the
 7 examinations regardless of whether ~~or not~~ the student achieves
 8 a passing score on the examination.

9 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
 10 1009.531, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
 12 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.--

13 (3) For purposes of calculating the grade point
 14 average to be used in determining initial eligibility for a
 15 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, the department shall
 16 assign additional weights to grades earned in the following
 17 courses:

18 (a) Courses identified in the course code directory as
 19 Advanced Placement, pre-International Baccalaureate, ~~or~~
 20 International Baccalaureate, International General Certificate
 21 of Secondary Education (pre-AICE), or Advanced International
 22 Certificate of Education.

23 The department may assign additional weights to
 24 courses, other than those described in paragraphs (a) and (b),
 25 that are identified by the Department of Education as
 26 containing rigorous academic curriculum and performance
 27 standards. The additional weight assigned to a course pursuant
 28 to this subsection shall not exceed 0.5 per course. The
 29 weighted system shall be developed and distributed to all high
 30 schools in the state prior to January 1, 1998. The department
 31 may determine a student's eligibility status during the senior

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1 year before graduation and may inform the student of the award
2 at that time.

3 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 1009.534, Florida
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.--

6 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Academic
7 Scholars award if the student meets the general eligibility
8 requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
9 Program and the student:

10 (a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as
11 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or its equivalent, in high
12 school courses that are designated by the State Board of
13 Education as college-preparatory academic courses; and has
14 attained at least the score identified by rules of the State
15 Board of Education on the combined verbal and quantitative
16 parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic
17 Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test
18 of the College Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on
19 the ACT Assessment Program; or

20 (b) Has attended a home education program according to
21 s. 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed the
22 International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the
23 International Baccalaureate Diploma or has completed the
24 Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum but
25 failed to earn the Advanced International Certificate of
26 Education Diploma, and has attained at least the score
27 identified by rules of the State Board of Education on the
28 combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic
29 Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the
30 recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance
31 Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment

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1 Program; or

2 (c) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate
3 Diploma from the International Baccalaureate Office or an
4 Advanced International Certificate of Education Diploma from
5 the University of Cambridge International Examinations Office
6 ; or

7 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
8 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
9 scholar or finalist; or

10 (e) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic
11 Recognition Program as a scholar recipient.

12 A student must complete a program of community service
13 work, as approved by the district school board or the
14 administrators of a nonpublic school, which shall include a
15 minimum of 75 hours of service work and require the student to
16 identify a social problem that interests him or her, develop a
17 plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the
18 problem, and, through papers or other presentations, evaluate
19 and reflect upon his or her experience.

20 Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 1009.535, Florida
21 Statutes, is amended to read:

22 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.--

23 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Medallion
24 Scholars award if the student meets the general eligibility
25 requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
26 Program and the student:

27 (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0
28 as calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or the equivalent, in
29 high school courses that are designated by the State Board of
30 Education as college-preparatory academic courses; and has
31 attained at least the score identified by rules of the State

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1 Board of Education on the combined verbal and quantitative
 2 parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic
 3 Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test
 4 of the College Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on
 5 the ACT Assessment Program; or

6 (b) Has attended a home education program according to
 7 s. 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed the
 8 International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the
 9 International Baccalaureate Diploma or has completed the
 10 Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum but
 11 failed to earn the Advanced International Certificate of
 12 Education Diploma, and has attained at least the score
 13 identified by rules of the State Board of Education on the
 14 combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic
 15 Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the
 16 recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance
 17 Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment
 18 Program; or

19 (c) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
 20 program of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
 21 scholar or finalist but has not completed a program of
 22 community service as provided in s. 1009.534; or

23 (d) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic
 24 Recognition Program as a scholar, but has not completed a
 25 program of community service as provided in s. 1009.534.

26 Section 9. Paragraph (m) of subsection (1) of section
 27 1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended, paragraphs (n), (o),
 28 (p), (q), and (r) of said subsection are redesignated as
 29 paragraphs (o), (p), (q), (r), and (s), respectively, and a
 30 new paragraph (n) is added to said subsection, to read:

31 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.--If the annual

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1 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
 2 district for operation of schools is not determined in the
 3 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
 4 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
 5 follows:

6 (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR
 7 OPERATION.--The following procedure shall be followed in
 8 determining the annual allocation to each district for
 9 operation:

10 (m) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent
 11 membership based on Advanced International Certificate of
 12 Education examination scores of students.--A value of 0.24
 13 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated
 14 for each student enrolled in a full-credit Advanced
 15 International Certificate of Education course who receives a
 16 score of E 2 or higher on a subject examination. A value of
 17 0.12 full-time equivalent student membership shall be
 18 calculated for each student enrolled in a half-credit Advanced
 19 International Certificate of Education course who receives a
 20 score of E 1 or higher on a subject examination. A value of
 21 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership shall be
 22 calculated for each student who receives ~~received~~ an Advanced
 23 International Certificate of Education diploma. Such value
 24 shall be added to the total full-time equivalent student
 25 membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in the
 26 subsequent fiscal year. The school district shall distribute
 27 to each classroom teacher who provided Advanced International
 28 Certificate of Education instruction:

29 1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student
 30 taught by the Advanced International Certificate of Education
 31 teacher in each full-credit Advanced International Certificate

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1 of Education course who receives a score of E 2 or higher on
 2 the Advanced International Certificate of Education
 3 examination. A bonus in the amount of \$25 for each student
 4 taught by the Advanced International Certificate of Education
 5 teacher in each half-credit Advanced International Certificate
 6 of Education course who receives a score of E 1 or higher on
 7 the Advanced International Certificate of Education
 8 examination.

9 2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each Advanced
 10 International Certificate of Education teacher in a school
 11 designated performance grade category "D" or "F" who has at
 12 least one student scoring E 2 or higher on the full-credit
 13 Advanced International Certificate of Education examination,
 14 regardless of the number of classes taught or of the number of
 15 students scoring an E a-2 or higher on the full-credit
 16 Advanced International Certificate of Education examination.

17 3. Additional bonuses of \$250 each to teachers of
 18 half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education
 19 classes in a school designated performance grade category "D"
 20 or " F" which has at least one student scoring an E a-1 or
 21 higher on the half-credit Advanced International Certificate
 22 of Education examination in that class. The maximum additional
 23 bonus for a teacher awarded in accordance with this
 24 subparagraph shall not exceed \$500 in any given school year.
 25 Teachers receiving an award under subparagraph 2. are not
 26 eligible for a bonus under this subparagraph.

27 Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this
 28 paragraph shall not exceed \$2,000 in any given school year and
 29 shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the
 30 teacher received or is scheduled to receive.

31 (n) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent

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1 membership based on International General Certificate of
2 Secondary Education examination scores of students.--A value
3 of 0.12 full-time equivalent student membership shall be
4 calculated for each student enrolled in an International
5 General Certificate of Secondary Education (pre-AICE) course
6 who receives a score of E or higher on a subject examination.
7 A value of 0.15 full-time equivalent student membership shall
8 be calculated for each student who receives an International
9 Certificate of Education diploma. Such value shall be added to
10 the total full-time equivalent student membership in basic
11 programs for grades 9 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal
12 year.

13 Section 10. For the purpose of incorporating the
14 amendment to section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, in a reference
15 thereto, subsection (2) of section 1011.69, Florida Statutes,
16 is reenacted to read:

17 1011.69 Equity in School-Level Funding Act.--

18 (2) Beginning in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, district
19 school boards shall allocate to schools within the district an
20 average of 90 percent of the funds generated by all schools
21 and guarantee that each school receives at least 80 percent of
22 the funds generated by that school based upon the Florida
23 Education Finance Program as provided in s. 1011.62 and the
24 General Appropriations Act, including gross state and local
25 funds, discretionary lottery funds, and funds from the school
26 district's current operating discretionary millage levy. Total
27 funding for each school shall be recalculated during the year
28 to reflect the revised calculations under the Florida
29 Education Finance Program by the state and the actual weighted
30 full-time equivalent students reported by the school during
31 the full-time equivalent student survey periods designated by

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1 the Commissioner of Education. If the district school board is
 2 providing programs or services to students funded by federal
 3 funds, any eligible students enrolled in the schools in the
 4 district shall be provided federal funds. Only academic
 5 performance-based charter school districts, pursuant to s.
 6 1003.62, are exempt from the provisions of this section.

7 Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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11 And the title is amended as follows:

12 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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14 and insert:

15 A bill to be entitled

16 An act relating to International Certificate of
 17 Education programs; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.;
 18 adding programs to list of public school choice
 19 options; amending s. 1002.23, F.S.; adding
 20 programs to list of rigorous academic programs
 21 included in parent guide; amending s. 1007.22,
 22 F.S.; adding Advanced International Certificate
 23 of Education programs to acceleration
 24 mechanisms requiring postsecondary institution
 25 collaboration; amending s. 1007.261, F.S.;
 26 revising list of courses designated as advanced
 27 level fine arts courses; amending s. 1007.27,
 28 F.S.; providing an exemption from examination
 29 fees for students enrolled in the International
 30 General Certificate of Secondary Education
 31 Program; amending s. 1009.531, F.S.; providing

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1 additional course weights for Florida Bright
2 Futures Scholarship Program eligibility
3 determination; amending s. 1009.534, F.S.;
4 revising Florida Academic Scholars award
5 eligibility requirements to include students
6 completing or receiving an Advanced
7 International Certificate of Education
8 curriculum or diploma; amending s. 1009.535,
9 F.S.; revising Florida Medallion Scholars award
10 eligibility requirements to include students
11 completing an Advanced International
12 Certificate of Education curriculum; amending
13 s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising test score
14 requirements necessary to generate funding to
15 match current test scoring scale; providing
16 formula for calculating additional full-time
17 equivalent membership based on International
18 General Certificate of Secondary Education
19 examination scores and program completion;
20 reenacting s. 1011.69(2), F.S., relating to
21 equity in school-level funding, to incorporate
22 the amendment to s. 1011.62, F.S., in a
23 reference thereto; providing an effective date.

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