

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education  
 3           Program; amending s. 402.3057, F.S.; exempting certain  
 4           Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program personnel from  
 5           refingerprinting or rescreening; amending s. 1002.67,  
 6           F.S.; requiring curriculum selected or designed by a  
 7           private prekindergarten provider or a public school to  
 8           include certain assessments of a student's progress;  
 9           amending s. 1002.69, F.S.; deleting a restriction with  
 10          respect to the minimum kindergarten readiness rate adopted  
 11          by the State Board of Education as satisfactory for a  
 12          private prekindergarten provider or a public school;  
 13          providing an effective date.

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

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 17           Section 1.   Section 402.3057, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 18   to read:

19           402.3057   Persons not required to be refingerprinted or  
 20   rescreened.--Any provision of law to the contrary  
 21   notwithstanding, human resource personnel who have been  
 22   fingerprinted or screened pursuant to chapters 393, 394, 397,  
 23   402, and 409, and teachers and noninstructional personnel who  
 24   have been fingerprinted pursuant to chapter 1012 or requirements  
 25   of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, who have not  
 26   been unemployed for more than 90 days thereafter, and who under  
 27   the penalty of perjury attest to the completion of such  
 28   fingerprinting or screening and to compliance with the

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29 provisions of this section and the standards for good moral  
30 character as contained in such provisions as ss. 110.1127(3),  
31 393.0655(1), 394.457(6), 397.451, 402.305(2), and 409.175(6),  
32 shall not be required to be refingerprinted or rescreened in  
33 order to comply with any caretaker screening or fingerprinting  
34 requirements.

35 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
36 1002.67, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

37 1002.67 Performance standards; curricula and  
38 accountability.--

39 (2)(a) Each private prekindergarten provider and public  
40 school may select or design the curriculum that the provider or  
41 school uses to implement the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education  
42 Program, except as otherwise required for a provider or school  
43 that is placed on probation under paragraph (3)(c). The  
44 curriculum selected or designed pursuant to this paragraph must  
45 include a curriculum-based preassessment and postassessment for  
46 the purpose of determining a student's progress during the  
47 program year.

48 Section 3. Subsection (6) of section 1002.69, Florida  
49 Statutes, is amended to read:

50 1002.69 Statewide kindergarten screening; kindergarten  
51 readiness rates.--

52 (6)~~(a)~~ The State Board of Education shall periodically  
53 adopt a minimum kindergarten readiness rate that, if achieved by  
54 a private prekindergarten provider or public school, would  
55 demonstrate the provider's or school's satisfactory delivery of  
56 the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.

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57        ~~(b) The minimum rate must not exceed the rate at which~~  
58 ~~more than 15 percent of the kindergarten readiness rates of all~~  
59 ~~private prekindergarten providers and public schools delivering~~  
60 ~~the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program in the state~~  
61 ~~would fall below the minimum rate.~~

62        Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.