

By Senator Wilson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Voluntary
3 Prekindergarten Education Program; amending s.
4 1002.55, F.S.; revising the number of
5 instructional hours that are required for a
6 school-year prekindergarten program delivered
7 by a private kindergarten provider; amending s.
8 1002.63, F.S.; revising the number of
9 instructional hours that are required for a
10 school-year prekindergarten program delivered
11 by a public school; amending s. 1002.71, F.S.;
12 revising the number of instructional hours that
13 are required in order for a student in a
14 school-year prekindergarten program delivered
15 by a public school or a private prekindergarten
16 provider to be considered a full-time
17 equivalent student in the Voluntary
18 Prekindergarten Education Program; providing an
19 effective date.

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

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23 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1002.55, Florida
24 Statutes, is amended to read:

25 1002.55 School-year prekindergarten program delivered
26 by private prekindergarten providers.--

27 (2) Each school-year prekindergarten program delivered
28 by a private prekindergarten provider must comprise up to 720
29 ~~at least 540~~ instructional hours or the same number of
30 instructional hours as is provided to a student in
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1 kindergarten and first grade, if the provider provides
2 instruction in kindergarten and first grade.

3 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 1002.63, Florida
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 1002.63 School-year prekindergarten program delivered
6 by public schools.--

7 (2) Each school-year prekindergarten program delivered
8 by a public school must comprise at least the same number of
9 ~~540~~ instructional hours as the school provides for a student
10 in kindergarten and first grade.

11 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1002.71, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.--

14 (2) A full-time equivalent student in the Voluntary
15 Prekindergarten Education Program shall be calculated as
16 follows:

17 (a) For a student in a school-year prekindergarten
18 program delivered by a private prekindergarten provider: up to
19 720 ~~540~~ instructional hours or the same number of
20 instructional hours as is provided to a student in
21 kindergarten and first grade, if the provider provides
22 instruction in kindergarten and first grade.

23 (b) For a student in a summer prekindergarten program
24 delivered by a public school or private prekindergarten
25 provider: 300 instructional hours.

26 (c) For a student in a school-year prekindergarten
27 program delivered by a public school: the same number of ~~540~~
28 instructional hours as the school provides for a student in
29 kindergarten and first grade.

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1 Except as provided in subsection (4), a student may not be
2 reported for funding purposes as more than one full-time
3 equivalent student.

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

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7 SENATE SUMMARY

8 Revises the number of instructional hours that are
9 required for a school-year prekindergarten program
10 delivered by a private kindergarten provider. Revises the
11 number of instructional hours that are required for a
12 school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a public
13 school. Revises the number of instructional hours that
14 are required for a student in a school-year
15 prekindergarten program delivered by a public school or a
16 private prekindergarten provider to be considered a
17 full-time equivalent student in the Voluntary
18 Prekindergarten Education Program.

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