

By Senator Miller

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to foreign language instruction in elementary schools; requiring the implementation of districtwide programs of Spanish instruction for grades K through 2; providing requirements for the programs; allowing the use of certain funding sources; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Districtwide Spanish instruction in K through 2; requirements; funding.--By the 2007-2008 school year, each school district shall implement a districtwide foreign language program to provide students in kindergarten through grade 2 with instruction in the Spanish language which is designed to result in the student's communicating competently in Spanish at his or her grade level. Each student in the program must be provided with a minimum of 20 to 45 minutes of instruction, 5 days a week, from a certified Spanish-language specialist. The Spanish instructor and the classroom teacher must collaborate during the periods of instruction. The school district may use grant funds or private funds, as well as state funding, to support the program.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires the implementation of districtwide programs of Spanish instruction for grades kindergarten through 2. Provides requirements for the programs. Allows the school district to use grant funds or private funds, as well as state funds, to support the program.