By Senator Fasano

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1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to the John M. McKay

3   Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

4   Program; amending s. 1002.39, F.S.; authorizing

5   a John M. McKay Scholarship to fund a

6   home-based early intervention program for a

7   child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder;

8   providing program requirements; specifying uses

9   for scholarship funds; authorizing a John M.

10   McKay Scholarship to fund certain

11   community-based services for a public school

12   student with an Autism Spectrum Disorder;

13   providing an exemption from an attendance

14   requirement; providing an effective date.

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

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18   Section 1. Present subsection (13) of section 1002.39,

19   Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (14) and a new

20   subsection (13) is added to that section, to read:

21   1002.39 The John M. McKay Scholarships for Students

22   with Disabilities Program.--There is established a program

23   that is separate and distinct from the Opportunity Scholarship

24   Program and is named the John M. McKay Scholarships for

25   Students with Disabilities Program.

26   (13) EARLY INTENSIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION.--

27   (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section,

28   the parent of a child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder may

29   receive a John M. McKay Scholarship to fund a home-based Early

30   Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI) Program for the

31   child.

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 1          (b)  The EIBI Program must be:
 2          1.  Recommended by a physician or the Early Steps
 3   Family Support Team for EIBI as the most effective treatment
 4   option for the child.
 5          2.  Planned and regularly supervised by a person who
 6   is, at minimum, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).
 7          3.  Provided in the family home with a weekly schedule
 8   of educational activities.
 9          (c)  A John M. McKay Scholarship may be used to pay for
10   or reimburse the following:
11          1.  Assessment, program planning, staff and parent
12   training, and supervision by the BCBA.
13          2.  Direct intervention with the child by the BCBA.
14          3.  Services of a person who possesses an associate
15   degree or higher and who has completed 15 hours of training in
16   the EIBI Program.
17          4.  Training manuals and books and teaching and
18   learning materials essential for establishing and maintaining
19   the EIBI Program.
20          (d)  A student with an Autism Spectrum Disorder who is
21   at least 14 but not more than 22 years of age and in the
22   public school system is eligible for a John M. McKay
23   Scholarship to pay for services provided by a community-based
24   organization for or related to career or life skills
25   preparation. Such student may not be required to have spent
26   the prior school year in attendance at a Florida public school
27   for receipt of a scholarship.
28          (e)  The term "Autism Spectrum Disorder" means one of
29   the five specific diagnoses enumerated in the DSM-IV for
30   Pervasive Developmental Disorders which are: Autistic
31   Disorder; Asperger's Disorder; Pervasive Developmental
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 1 Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDDNOS); Childhood

 2 Disintegrative Disorder; and Rett's Disorder.

 3   Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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 6   SENATE SUMMARY

 7   Authorizes a John M. McKay Scholarship to fund a
     home-based early intervention program for a child with an
 8   Autism Spectrum Disorder. Provides requirements for the
     Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention Program.
 9   Specifies uses for scholarship funds. Authorizes a John
     M. McKay scholarship to fund certain community-based
10   services for a public school student with an Autism
     Spectrum Disorder. Provides an exemption from an
11   attendance requirement. Provides a definition of "Autism
     Spectrum Disorder."

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