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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the K-8 Virtual School Program; amending s. 1002.415, F.S.; expanding student eligibility for the program; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 1002.415, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.415 K-8 Virtual School Program.--Subject to annual legislative appropriation, a kindergarten through grade 8 virtual school program is established within the Department of Education for the purpose of making academic instruction available to full-time students in kindergarten through grade 8 using on-line and distance learning technology. The department shall use an application process to select schools to deliver program instruction.

(5) STUDENT ELIGIBILITY.--

(a) Enrollment in each participating school is open to any K-8 student in this state if the student meets at least one of the following conditions:

1. Complied during the prior school year with the regular school attendance requirements of chapter 1003 ~~Spent the prior school year in attendance at a public school in this state and was enrolled and reported by a public school district for funding during the preceding October and February for purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program surveys;~~

2. Was enrolled during the prior school year in a K-8 virtual school funded pursuant to this section or from funds provided in the 2005 General Appropriations Act;

1 3. Is eligible to enroll in kindergarten or the first
2 grade; or

3 4. Has a sibling who is currently enrolled in a
4 participating K-8 virtual school and was enrolled at the end
5 of the prior school year.

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