

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

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

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 8 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
 9 1002.415, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10 1002.415 K-8 Virtual School Program.--Subject to annual
 11 legislative appropriation, a kindergarten through grade 8
 12 virtual school program is established within the Department of
 13 Education for the purpose of making academic instruction
 14 available to full-time students in kindergarten through grade 8
 15 using on-line and distance learning technology. The department
 16 shall use an application process to select schools to deliver
 17 program instruction.

18 (5) STUDENT ELIGIBILITY.--

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

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

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

31 3. Is eligible to enroll in kindergarten or the first
32 grade; or

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

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