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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: WD	.	
4/2/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Finance and Tax (Storms) recommended the
2 following **amendment**:

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4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between line(s) 272 and 273,
6 insert:

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8 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section
9 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.--Parents of public
11 school students must receive accurate and timely information
12 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed of
13 ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
14 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory rights
15 including, but not limited to, the following:

16 (6) EDUCATIONAL CHOICE.--



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17 (b) Private school choices.--Parents of public school
18 students may seek private school choice options under certain
19 programs.

20 1. Under the Opportunity Scholarship Program, the parent of
21 a student in a failing public school may request and receive an
22 opportunity scholarship for the student to attend a private
23 school in accordance with the provisions of s. 1002.38.

24 2. Under the McKay Scholarships for Students with
25 Disabilities Program, the parent of a public school student with
26 a disability who is dissatisfied with the student's progress may
27 request and receive a McKay Scholarship for the student to attend
28 a private school in accordance with the provisions of s. 1002.39.

29 3. Under the corporate income tax credit scholarship
30 program, the parent of a student who qualifies for free or
31 reduced-price school lunch may seek a scholarship from an
32 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization in accordance
33 with the provisions of s. 220.187.

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35 For a child in foster care, the court may enter an order that
36 permits the Department of Children and Family Services or its
37 subcontracted providers to seek a scholarship on behalf of such
38 child pursuant to this section in the absence of parental consent
39 or contrary to a parent's expressed wishes, if doing so is in the
40 best interest of the child or if the child wishes.

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42 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

43 And the title is amended as follows:

44 On line(s) 22, after the semicolon,
45 insert:



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46 | amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; authorizing a court to enter an
47 | order that permits the Department of Children and Family
48 | Services or its subcontracted providers to seek a
49 | scholarship on behalf of an eligible student under certain
50 | circumstances;