

By Senator Wilson

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
3 Program; amending s. 1002.55, F.S.; revising the number of
4 instructional hours that are required for a school-year
5 prekindergarten program delivered by a private
6 kindergarten provider; amending s. 1002.63, F.S.; revising
7 the number of instructional hours that are required for a
8 school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a public
9 school; amending s. 1002.71, F.S.; revising the number of
10 instructional hours that are required in order for a
11 student in a school-year prekindergarten program delivered
12 by a public school or a private prekindergarten provider
13 to be considered a full-time equivalent student in the
14 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; providing an
15 effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1002.55, Florida
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 1002.55 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by
22 private prekindergarten providers.--

23 (2) Each school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a
24 private prekindergarten provider must comprise up to 720 ~~at least~~
25 ~~540~~ instructional hours or the same number of instructional hours
26 as is provided to a student in kindergarten and first grade, if
27 the provider provides instruction in kindergarten and first
28 grade.

29 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 1002.63, Florida

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30 Statutes, is amended to read:

31 1002.63 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by
32 public schools.--

33 (2) Each school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a
34 public school must comprise at least the same number of 540
35 instructional hours as the school provides for a student in
36 kindergarten and first grade.

37 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1002.71, Florida
38 Statutes, is amended to read:

39 1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.--

40 (2) A full-time equivalent student in the Voluntary
41 Prekindergarten Education Program shall be calculated as follows:

42 (a) For a student in a school-year prekindergarten program
43 delivered by a private prekindergarten provider: up to 720 540
44 instructional hours or the same number of instructional hours as
45 is provided to a student in kindergarten and first grade, if the
46 provider provides instruction in kindergarten and first grade.

47 (b) For a student in a summer prekindergarten program
48 delivered by a public school or private prekindergarten provider:
49 300 instructional hours.

50 (c) For a student in a school-year prekindergarten program
51 delivered by a public school: the same number of 540
52 instructional hours as the school provides for a student in
53 kindergarten and first grade.

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55 Except as provided in subsection (4), a student may not be
56 reported for funding purposes as more than one full-time
57 equivalent student.

58 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.