

By Senator Wilson

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1 A bill to be entitled

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

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

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

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

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

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30 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 1002.63, Florida  
31 Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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

40 1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.—

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

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

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

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

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

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59 equivalent student.

60 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.