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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Judiciary (Fasano) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 298 and 299  
insert:

(5) HOME EDUCATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENT.-Upon the request of a foster parent, the department shall permit a child who is living in a foster home to be enrolled in or change his or her school setting to a home education program, pursuant to s. 1002.41, or a public or private school scholarship program, pursuant to s.1002.39 or s. 220.187, if such a enrollment or change in school setting is incorporated into the child's case plan and approved by the court. If the child has a surrogate



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13 parent appointed pursuant to paragraph (3)(b), the surrogate  
14 parent must approve the program before it is incorporated into  
15 the child's case plan. However, in order for a home education  
16 program to be approved, the foster parent must:

17 (a) Provide a notarized statement by the school district to  
18 verify that the parent has successfully conducted and completed  
19 3 consecutive years of a home education program; and

20 (b) Select a certified teacher, psychologist, mental health  
21 professional, nurse, or doctor who is licensed by the state and  
22 is willing to meet with the child at least once a month and  
23 provide a written report to the court which addresses the well-  
24 being of the child. The licensed professional must be approved  
25 by the community-based care agency and the court and  
26 incorporated into the child's case plan.

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

29 And the title is amended as follows:

30 Delete line 9

31 and insert:

32 having a disability; providing for a child who is  
33 living in a foster home to be enrolled in or change  
34 his or her school setting to a home education program  
35 or a public or private school scholarship program  
36 under certain circumstances; providing conditions for  
37 a foster parent to meet before receiving approval for  
38 such enrollment or change in school setting; amending  
39 s. 39.202, F.S.;