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Senator Storms moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 412 - 481

and insert:

districts shall assist such ~~homeless~~ children in meeting ~~to~~  
~~meet~~ the requirements of subsection (4) and s. 1003.22, as well  
as local requirements for documentation.

(4) Before admitting a child to kindergarten, the principal  
shall require evidence that the child has attained the age at  
which he or she should be admitted in accordance with the  
provisions of subparagraph (1)(a)2. The district school  
superintendent may require evidence of the age of any child whom



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13 he or she believes to be within the limits of compulsory  
14 attendance as provided for by law. If the first prescribed  
15 evidence is not available, the next evidence obtainable in the  
16 order set forth below shall be accepted:

17 (g) If none of these evidences can be produced, an  
18 affidavit of age sworn to by the parent, accompanied by a  
19 certificate of age signed by a public health officer or by a  
20 public school physician, or, if ~~neither of these~~ are not ~~is~~  
21 available in the county, by a licensed practicing physician  
22 designated by the district school board, which ~~certificate~~  
23 states that the health officer or physician has examined the  
24 child and believes that the age as stated in the affidavit is  
25 substantially correct. Children and youths who are experiencing  
26 homelessness ~~A homeless child, as defined in s. 1003.01,~~ shall  
27 be given temporary exemption from this section for 30 school  
28 days.

29 Section 10. Subsection (1) and paragraph (e) of subsection  
30 (5) of section 1003.22, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

31 1003.22 School-entry health examinations; immunization  
32 against communicable diseases; exemptions; duties of Department  
33 of Health.—

34 (1) Each district school board and the governing authority  
35 of each private school shall require that each child who is  
36 entitled to admittance to kindergarten, or is entitled to any  
37 other initial entrance into a public or private school in this  
38 state, present a certification of a school-entry health  
39 examination performed within 1 year before ~~prior to~~ enrollment  
40 in school. Each district school board, and the governing  
41 authority of each private school, may establish a policy that



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42 permits a student up to 30 school days to present a  
43 certification of a school-entry health examination. Children and  
44 youths who are experiencing homelessness ~~A homeless child, as~~  
45 ~~defined in s. 1003.01,~~ shall be given a temporary exemption for  
46 30 school days. Any district school board that establishes such  
47 a policy shall include provisions in its local school health  
48 services plan to assist students in obtaining the health  
49 examinations. However, a ~~any~~ child shall be exempted ~~exempt~~ from  
50 the requirement of a health examination upon written request of  
51 the parent of the child stating objections to the examination on  
52 religious grounds.

53 (5) The provisions of this section shall not apply if:  
54 (e) An authorized school official issues a temporary exemption,  
55 for up to a period not to exceed 30 school days, to permit a  
56 student who transfers into a new county to attend class until  
57 his or her records can be obtained. Children and youths who are  
58 experiencing homelessness ~~A homeless child, as defined in s.~~  
59 ~~1003.01,~~ shall be given a temporary exemption for 30 school  
60 days. The public school health nurse or authorized private  
61 school official is responsible for followup of each such student  
62 until proper documentation or immunizations are obtained. An  
63 exemption for 30 days may be issued for a student who enters a  
64 juvenile justice program to permit the student to attend class  
65 until his or her records can be obtained or until the  
66 immunizations can be obtained. An authorized juvenile justice  
67 official is responsible for followup of each student who enters  
68 a juvenile justice program until proper documentation or  
69 immunizations are obtained.

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

72 And the title is amended as follows:

73       Delete lines 27 - 35

74 and insert:

75       amending s. 1003.21, F.S.; conforming terminology;

76       amending s. 1003.22, F.S.; conforming terminology;

77       providing an effective date.

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