

By Senator Wise

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the John M. McKay Scholarships for
3 Students with Disabilities Program; amending s.
4 1002.39, F.S.; providing that when a student who is
5 receiving the John M. McKay Scholarship enrolls in a
6 public school or public school program, the term of
7 the student's scholarship ends; providing an exception
8 for students who enter a Department of Juvenile
9 Justice detention center for a period of no more than
10 21 days; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
15 1002.39, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1002.39 The John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with
17 Disabilities Program.—There is established a program that is
18 separate and distinct from the Opportunity Scholarship Program
19 and is named the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with
20 Disabilities Program.

21 (4) TERM OF JOHN M. MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP.—

22 (a) For purposes of continuity of educational choice, a
23 John M. McKay Scholarship shall remain in force until the
24 student returns to a public school, graduates from high school,
25 or reaches the age of 22, whichever occurs first. A scholarship
26 student who enrolls in a public school or public school program
27 is returning to a public school for the purpose of determining
28 the end of the scholarship's term. However, if a student enters
29 a Department of Juvenile Justice detention center for a period

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30 of no more than 21 days, the student is not considered to be
31 returning to a public school for that purpose.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.