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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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Senator Wise moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 277 and 278

insert:

Section 7. Section 1002.391, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

1002.391 Auditory-oral education programs.-

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Auditory-oral education program" means a program that
develops and relies solely on listening skills and uses an
implant or assistive hearing device for the purpose of relying
on speech and spoken language skills as the method of
communication.



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14 (b) "Deaf or hard of hearing" means aided or unaided
15 hearing loss that affects the processing of linguistic
16 information and adversely affects performance in the educational
17 environment. The degree of loss may range from mild to profound
18 in accordance with criteria established by rule of the State
19 Board of Education.

20 (c) "School" means a public or private school located in
21 this state which meets the following requirements:

22 1. Is accredited by OPTION Schools, Inc., to teach children
23 who have obtained an implant or assistive hearing device; or

24 2. Has a supervisor and a majority of the faculty provide
25 direct services to children and are certified by the AG Bell
26 Academy for Listening and Spoken Language as listening and
27 spoken language specialists.

28 (2) The parent of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing
29 and who meets the following requirements may enroll the child in
30 an auditory-oral education program as a school of choice
31 pursuant to s. 1002.20. Such child may continue attending the
32 school and complete the development of listening and spoken
33 language skills at the school. In order to enroll and attend,
34 the child must:

35 (a) Have received an implant or assistive hearing device;

36 (b) Be between the ages of 3 and 7 years, or between the
37 ages of 2 and 7 years when the school district elects to serve
38 children with disabilities who are under the age of 3 years; and

39 (c) Be a resident of the state.

40 (3) The level of services shall be determined by the
41 individual educational plan team or individualized family
42 support plan team, which includes the child's parent in



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43 accordance with the rules of the State Board of Education. A
44 child is eligible for services under this section until the end
45 of the school year in which he or she reaches the age of 7 years
46 or after grade 2, whichever comes first.

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49 And the title is amended as follows:

50 Delete line 19

51 and insert:

52 Scholarship; creating s. 1002.391, F.S.; providing for
53 the establishment of auditory-oral education programs
54 as a school of choice; providing definitions;
55 providing requirements for enrollment and attendance;
56 amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; revising