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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship
3	Program; amending s. 213.053, F.S.; authorizing the
4	Department of Revenue to disclose certain information
5	relating to taxpayers to an eligible nonprofit
6	scholarship-funding organization; providing for
7	application to specified taxes; providing restrictions;
8	amending s. 220.1875, F.S.; revising provisions relating
9	to the amount of a tax credit allowed for a contribution
10	made to an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding
11	organization; amending s. 1002.395, F.S.; revising
12	provisions relating to the carryforward of an unused
13	amount of a tax credit and the rescindment of all or part
14	of a tax credit under the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship
15	Program; providing an effective date.
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17	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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19	Section 1. Paragraph (dd) is added to subsection (8) of
20	section 213.053, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 2010-
21	280, Laws of Florida, to read:
22	213.053 Confidentiality and information sharing
23	(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
24	the department may provide:
25	(dd) Names and addresses of the 100 taxpayers with the
26	greatest tax liabilities during the most recent calendar year
27	for which information is available for each tax identified in
28	subparagraphs 1., 2., and 4., and names and addresses of the 100

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identified in subparagraph 3., to an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization that provides scholarships under s. 1002.395 to 10,000 or more eligible students. An eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization may request the information for any of the taxes identified in subparagraphs 1.-4. but may not make more than one such request for each tax in any 12-month period. The department shall provide such information within 45 days after a request by an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization. The information may be used by the eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization only for purposes of notifying the taxpayer of the opportunity to make an eligible contribution to the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program under s. 1002.395. This paragraph applies only to information relating to taxes under: 1. Sections 211.02 and 211.025. 2. Chapter 212 from a direct pay permitholder as a result of the direct pay permit held pursuant to s. 212.183. 3. Chapter 220, unless disclosure of the names and addresses would violate the terms of any information-sharing agreement between the department and an agency of the Federal Government. 4. Section 624.509(1). Disclosure of information under this subsection shall be pursuant to a written agreement between the executive director and the agency. Such agencies, governmental or nongovernmental, Page 2 of 4

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57 shall be bound by the same requirements of confidentiality as 58 the Department of Revenue. Breach of confidentiality is a 59 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided by s. 60 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 220.1875, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

63 220.1875 Credit for contributions to eligible nonprofit64 scholarship-funding organizations.-

65 (1)There is allowed a credit of 100 percent of an 66 eligible contribution made to an eligible nonprofit scholarship-67 funding organization under s. 1002.395 against any tax due for a 68 taxable year under this chapter. However, such a credit may not 69 exceed 75 percent of the tax due under this chapter for the 70 taxable year, after the application of any other allowable 71 credits by the taxpayer. The credit granted by this section 72 shall be reduced by the difference between the amount of federal 73 corporate income tax taking into account the credit granted by 74 this section and the amount of federal corporate income tax 75 without application of the credit granted by this section.

76 Section 3. Paragraphs (c) and (e) of subsection (5) of 77 section 1002.395, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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1002.395 Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program.-

(5) SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING TAX CREDITS; LIMITATIONS.(c) If a tax credit approved under paragraph (b) is not
fully used within the specified state fiscal year for credits
under s. 211.0251, s. 212.1831, or s. 561.1211 or against taxes
due for the specified taxable year for credits under s. 220.1875
or s. 624.51055 because of insufficient tax liability on the

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85 part of the taxpayer, the unused amount may be carried forward 86 for a period not to exceed 5 $\frac{3}{2}$ years. However, any taxpayer that 87 seeks to carry forward an unused amount of tax credit must 88 submit an application to the department for approval of the 89 carryforward tax credit in the year that the taxpayer intends to 90 use the carryforward. The department must obtain the division's 91 approval prior to approving the carryforward of a tax credit 92 under s. 561.1211.

Within any state fiscal year, a taxpayer may rescind 93 (e) 94 all or part of a tax credit approved under paragraph (b). The 95 amount rescinded shall become available for that state fiscal year to another eligible taxpayer as approved by the department 96 97 if the taxpayer receives notice from the department that the 98 rescindment has been accepted by the department and the taxpayer 99 has not previously rescinded any or all of its tax credits 100 approved under paragraph (b) more than once in the previous 3 tax years. The department must obtain the division's approval 101 102 prior to accepting the rescindment of a tax credit under s. 103 561.1211. Any amount rescinded under this paragraph shall become 104 available to an eligible taxpayer on a first-come, first-served 105 basis based on tax credit applications received after the date 106 the rescindment is accepted by the department.

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Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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