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Program; amending s. 1002.395, F.S.; increasing the tax credit cap amount applicable to the program; providing an effective date.

An act relating to the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship

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

- Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 1002.395, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 1002.395 Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program.-
 - (5) SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING TAX CREDITS; LIMITATIONS.-
- (a)1. The tax credit cap amount is \$250 million\$ \$140 million\$ in the 2012-2013 2010-2011 state fiscal year.
- 2. In the 2012-2013 2011-2012 state fiscal year and each state fiscal year thereafter, the tax credit cap amount is the tax credit cap amount in the prior state fiscal year. However, in any state fiscal year when the annual tax credit amount for the prior state fiscal year is equal to or greater than 90 percent of the tax credit cap amount applicable to that state fiscal year, the tax credit cap amount shall increase by 25 percent. The department shall publish on its website information identifying the tax credit cap amount when it is increased pursuant to this subparagraph.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.