

**By** the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senators Benacquisto, Haridopolos, Garcia, Bogdanoff, Bennett, Flores, Negron, Thrasher, Fasano, Wise, Hays, Norman, Siplin, Richter, Alexander, Storms, Altman, Gardiner, Simmons, and Evers

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship  
3           Program; amending s. 1002.395, F.S.; increasing the  
4           tax credit cap amount applicable to the program;  
5           providing an effective date.  
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7   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section  
10   1002.395, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:  
11           1002.395 Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program.—  
12           (5) SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING TAX CREDITS; LIMITATIONS.—  
13           (a)1. The tax credit cap amount is \$250 ~~\$140~~ million in the  
14   2012-2013 ~~2010-2011~~ state fiscal year.  
15           2. In the 2013-2014 ~~2011-2012~~ state fiscal year and each  
16   state fiscal year thereafter, the tax credit cap amount is the  
17   tax credit cap amount in the prior state fiscal year. However,  
18   in any state fiscal year when the annual tax credit amount for  
19   the prior state fiscal year is equal to or greater than 90  
20   percent of the tax credit cap amount applicable to that state  
21   fiscal year, the tax credit cap amount shall increase by 25  
22   percent. The department shall publish on its website information  
23   identifying the tax credit cap amount when it is increased  
24   pursuant to this subparagraph.  
25           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.