

By Senator Garcia

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
3 Program; amending s. 1002.67, F.S.; requiring the
4 Department of Education to develop and adopt
5 performance standards for students in the Voluntary
6 Prekindergarten Education Program which address the
7 age-appropriate progress of students in the
8 development of student learning growth; requiring
9 measures of student learning growth to be based on
10 interval data; requiring the State Board of Education
11 to periodically align the performance standards for
12 the statewide kindergarten screening to certain other
13 standards and recommendations; amending s. 1002.69,
14 F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to require
15 a school district to administer the statewide
16 kindergarten screening in a student's primary
17 language; providing an effective date.

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

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21 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1002.67, Florida
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 1002.67 Performance standards; curricula and
24 accountability.—

25 (1) (a) The department shall develop and adopt performance
26 standards for students in the Voluntary Prekindergarten
27 Education Program. The performance standards must address the
28 age-appropriate progress of students in the development of:

29 1. The capabilities, capacities, and skills required under

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30 s. 1(b), Art. IX of the State Constitution; ~~and~~

31 2. Emergent literacy skills, including oral communication,
32 knowledge of print and letters, phonemic and phonological
33 awareness, and vocabulary and comprehension development; and

34 3. Student learning growth as defined in s. 1012.34.

35 Measures of student learning growth must be based on interval
36 data.

37 (b) The State Board of Education shall periodically review
38 and revise the performance standards for the statewide
39 kindergarten screening administered under s. 1002.69 and align
40 the standards to the following standards and recommendations:

41 1. Standards established by the state board for student
42 performance on the statewide assessments administered pursuant
43 to s. 1008.22.

44 2. Performance standards for children from birth to 5 years
45 of age in school readiness programs pursuant to s. 411.01(4)(d).

46 3. Next Generation Sunshine State Standards that are based
47 by rule on the Common Core State Standards from the National
48 Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Council
49 of Chief State School Officers.

50 4. Recommendations of the Committee on Developmental
51 Outcomes and Assessments for Young Children, a component of The
52 National Academies.

53 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 1002.69, Florida
54 Statutes, is amended to read:

55 1002.69 Statewide kindergarten screening; kindergarten
56 readiness rates; state-approved prekindergarten enrollment
57 screening; good cause exemption.—

58 (1) The department shall adopt a statewide kindergarten

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59 screening that assesses the readiness of each student for
60 kindergarten based upon the performance standards adopted by the
61 department under s. 1002.67(1) for the Voluntary Prekindergarten
62 Education Program. The department shall require that each school
63 district administer the statewide kindergarten screening to each
64 kindergarten student in the school district, in the student's
65 primary language, within the first 30 school days of each school
66 year. Nonpublic schools may administer the statewide
67 kindergarten screening to each kindergarten student in a
68 nonpublic school who was enrolled in the Voluntary
69 Prekindergarten Education Program.

70 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.