



27 at his or her home school and needs alternative educational  
28 instruction.

29 (2) A student who is admitted to a hospital for an  
30 extended period or who is diagnosed with a chronic illness that  
31 requires repeated hospital stays is eligible for homebound  
32 instruction at that hospital by an in-hospital teacher. The in-  
33 hospital teacher must:

34 (a) Be a certified teacher under s. 1012.56.

35 (b) Coordinate his or her teaching plan with the student's  
36 regular instructors to ensure that the student is able to  
37 continue his or her educational progress in any course the  
38 student is enrolled in at his or her home school.

39 (c) Be authorized to administer any assessments required  
40 by the statewide, standardized assessment program or by the  
41 student's school district under s. 1008.22.

42 (3) The school district shall award standard course credit  
43 for a student's successful completion of a course offered  
44 through homebound instruction if the homebound instruction is  
45 equivalent to the instruction offered in the course at the  
46 student's home school, the coursework is done under the  
47 supervision of the in-hospital teacher, and the student has  
48 successfully completed all course requirements, including  
49 assessments associated with the course.

50 (4) Each school district is encouraged to pursue  
51 alternative means of instruction to accommodate student needs  
52 through the use of emerging technologies and other similar

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53 methods.

54 (5) Each district school board shall develop rules to  
55 implement this section.

56 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.