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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to high school student retention;  
3 defining terms; requiring the Department of Management  
4 Services to oversee a Pay-for-Success Contract  
5 Program; authorizing the department, contingent upon  
6 funding, to negotiate and enter into pay-for-success  
7 contracts with private entities to fund high-quality  
8 dropout prevention programs; specifying the duties of  
9 the department; requiring the Office of Economic and  
10 Demographic Research to provide information to the  
11 department to assist in determining performance  
12 outcome measures; specifying contract requirements;  
13 requiring an independent evaluator to determine  
14 whether the performance outcome measures in a contract  
15 have been met; requiring the private entity to  
16 annually report certain data; requiring the Office of  
17 Economic and Demographic Research to estimate a  
18 specified cost under certain circumstances; providing  
19 that a high-quality dropout prevention program is not  
20 a procurement item; providing an effective date.

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

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24 Section 1. (1) As used in this section, the term:

25 (a) "High-quality dropout prevention program" means an  
26 evidence-based model of programming and services which provides  
27 an ongoing assessment of a student's educational growth and  
28 developmental progress.

29 (b) "Pay-for-success contract" or "contract" means a

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30 contract entered into between the Department of Management  
31 Services and a private entity to fund a high-quality dropout  
32 prevention program for high-risk students attending a public  
33 high school in this state.

34 (c) "Private entity" means a private investor that enters  
35 into a pay-for-success contract or an authorized representative  
36 who authorizes a pay-for-success contract.

37 (d) "Success payment" means an additional return on  
38 investment paid to a private entity that meets the performance  
39 outcome measures established in a pay-for-success contract.

40 (2) The Department of Management Services shall oversee a  
41 Pay-for-Success Contract Program. The department may, contingent  
42 upon funding in the General Appropriations Act, negotiate and  
43 enter into a pay-for-success contract with a private entity that  
44 is selected through a competitive process. The department shall:

45 (a) Determine performance outcome measures that must be  
46 included in the contract. The Office of Economic and Demographic  
47 Research shall provide information to the department to assist  
48 in the determination of these measures.

49 (b) Select an independent, nationally recognized evaluator  
50 through a request for proposals process to annually evaluate the  
51 performance outcome measures specified in the contract.

52 (c) Ensure that the parent of a student participating in  
53 the high-quality dropout prevention program has given permission  
54 and signed an acknowledgment that the student's data may be  
55 shared with an independent evaluator for research and evaluation  
56 purposes.

57 (d) Maintain documentation of the required parental  
58 permission.

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59 (3) A pay-for-success contract must:

60 (a) Be limited to high-quality dropout prevention programs.

61 (b) Require a repayment of an investment and a success  
62 payment only if the specified performance outcome measures are  
63 achieved.

64 (c) Require an independent evaluator to determine whether  
65 the specified performance outcomes have been achieved.

66 (d) Specify that a repayment of an investment and a success  
67 payment are based upon money appropriated in the General  
68 Appropriations Act.

69 (e) Prohibit the private entity from receiving or viewing  
70 any personally identifiable student information.

71 (4) At the direction of the Department of Management  
72 Services, an independent evaluator shall determine whether the  
73 performance outcome measures contained in the contract have been  
74 met. Once the performance outcome measures have been met, the  
75 department may authorize a repayment of an investment and a  
76 success payment to the private entity.

77 (5) A private entity that receives a repayment of an  
78 investment or a success payment pursuant to a contract shall  
79 annually report to the Department of Management Services all of  
80 the following data, which must not contain any personally  
81 identifiable student information:

82 (a) The number of eligible students served by the high-  
83 quality dropout prevention program funded by the private entity,  
84 including students who are economically disadvantaged or English  
85 language learners.

86 (b) Attendance records.

87 (c) Cost per student.

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88       (d) Aggregated longitudinal data on students who currently  
89 receive funding under this section and any students who  
90 previously received funding under this section. Such data must  
91 include academic achievement outcomes, dropout rates, and  
92 graduation rates.

93       (6) At the request of the Department of Management  
94 Services, the Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall  
95 estimate the total cost the state incurs due to students who  
96 drop out of school.

97       (7) Funding obtained for a high-quality dropout prevention  
98 program under this section is not a procurement item under s.  
99 287.057.

100       Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.