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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations  
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Education)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to education; amending s. 39.201, F.S.; providing an exception from a prohibition against the use of information in the Department of Children and Families central abuse hotline for employment screening of certain child care personnel; amending s. 39.202, F.S.; expanding the list of entities that have access to child abuse records for purposes of approving providers of school readiness services; amending s. 402.302, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "screening" for purposes of child care licensing requirements; amending s. 402.3057, F.S.; clarifying individuals who are exempt from certain refingerprinting or rescreening requirements; amending s. 402.306, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families and local licensing agencies to electronically post certain information relating to child care and school readiness providers; amending s. 402.311, F.S.; requiring school readiness program providers to provide the Department of Children and Families or local licensing agencies with access to facilities, personnel, and records for inspection purposes; amending s. 402.319, F.S.; requiring certain child care providers to submit an affidavit of compliance with certain mandatory reporting requirements; amending s. 409.1757, F.S.; clarifying individuals who



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28 are exempt from certain refingerprinting or  
29 rescreening requirements; amending s. 435.07, F.S.;  
30 providing criteria for a person's disqualification  
31 from employment with a school readiness program  
32 provider; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; revising the  
33 duties of a district school board; creating s.  
34 1001.67, F.S.; establishing a collaboration between  
35 the state board and the Legislature to designate  
36 certain Florida College System institutions as  
37 distinguished colleges; specifying standards for the  
38 designation; requiring the state board to award the  
39 designation to certain Florida College System  
40 institutions; providing that the designated  
41 institutions are eligible for funding as specified in  
42 the General Appropriations Act; amending s. 1002.82,  
43 F.S.; revising the duties of the Office of Early  
44 Learning of the Department of Education; requiring the  
45 office to coordinate with the Department of Children  
46 and Families and local licensing agencies for  
47 inspections of school readiness program providers;  
48 amending s. 1002.84, F.S.; revising provisions  
49 relating to determination of child eligibility for  
50 school readiness programs; revising requirements for  
51 determining parent copayments for the programs;  
52 amending s. 1002.87, F.S.; revising the prioritization  
53 of participation in school readiness programs;  
54 revising school readiness program eligibility  
55 requirements for parents; amending s. 1002.88, F.S.;  
56 revising requirements for school readiness program



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57 providers; amending s. 1002.89, F.S.; providing for  
58 additional uses of funds for school readiness  
59 programs; amending s. 1004.935, F.S.; deleting the  
60 scheduled termination of the Adults with Disabilities  
61 Workforce Education Pilot Program; changing the name  
62 of the program to the "Adults with Disabilities  
63 Workforce Education Program"; amending s. 1011.62,  
64 F.S.; revising the calculation for certain  
65 supplemental funds for exceptional student education  
66 programs; requiring the funds to be prorated under  
67 certain circumstances; revising the funding of full-  
68 time equivalent values for students who earn CAPE  
69 industry certifications through dual enrollment;  
70 deleting a provision prohibiting a teacher's bonus  
71 from exceeding a specified amount; creating a  
72 federally connected student supplement for school  
73 districts; specifying eligibility requirements and  
74 calculations for allocations of the supplement;  
75 amending s. 1011.71, F.S.; conforming a cross-  
76 reference; providing effective dates.

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

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80 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 39.201, Florida  
81 Statutes, is amended to read:

82 39.201 Mandatory reports of child abuse, abandonment, or  
83 neglect; mandatory reports of death; central abuse hotline.—

84 (6) Information in the central abuse hotline may not be  
85 used for employment screening, except as provided in s.



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86 39.202(2)(a) and (h) or s. 402.302(15). Information in the  
87 central abuse hotline and the department's automated abuse  
88 information system may be used by the department, its authorized  
89 agents or contract providers, the Department of Health, or  
90 county agencies as part of the licensure or registration process  
91 pursuant to ss. 402.301-402.319 and ss. 409.175-409.176.

92 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
93 39.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

94 39.202 Confidentiality of reports and records in cases of  
95 child abuse or neglect.—

96 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4), access to such  
97 records, excluding the name of the reporter which shall be  
98 released only as provided in subsection (5), shall be granted  
99 only to the following persons, officials, and agencies:

100 (a) Employees, authorized agents, or contract providers of  
101 the department, the Department of Health, the Agency for Persons  
102 with Disabilities, the Office of Early Learning, or county  
103 agencies responsible for carrying out:

- 104 1. Child or adult protective investigations;
- 105 2. Ongoing child or adult protective services;
- 106 3. Early intervention and prevention services;
- 107 4. Healthy Start services;
- 108 5. Licensure or approval of adoptive homes, foster homes,  
109 child care facilities, facilities licensed under chapter 393, ~~or~~  
110 family day care homes, ~~or informal child care~~ providers who  
111 receive school readiness funding under part VI of chapter 1002,  
112 or other homes used to provide for the care and welfare of  
113 children; or

- 114 6. Services for victims of domestic violence when provided



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115 by certified domestic violence centers working at the  
116 department's request as case consultants or with shared clients.

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118 Also, employees or agents of the Department of Juvenile Justice  
119 responsible for the provision of services to children, pursuant  
120 to chapters 984 and 985.

121 Section 3. Subsection (15) of section 402.302, Florida  
122 Statutes, is amended to read:

123 402.302 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

124 (15) "Screening" means the act of assessing the background  
125 of child care personnel, in accordance with state and federal  
126 law, and volunteers and includes, but is not limited to: r

127 (a) Employment history checks, including documented  
128 attempts to contact each employer that employed the applicant  
129 within the preceding 5 years and documentation of the findings.

130 (b) A search of the criminal history records, sexual  
131 predator and sexual offender registry, and child abuse and  
132 neglect registry of any state in which the applicant resided  
133 during the preceding 5 years.

134  
135 An applicant must submit a full set of fingerprints to the  
136 department or to a vendor, an entity, or an agency authorized by  
137 s. 943.053(13). The department, vendor, entity, or agency shall  
138 forward the fingerprints to ~~local criminal records checks~~  
139 ~~through local law enforcement agencies, fingerprinting for all~~  
140 ~~purposes and checks in this subsection, statewide criminal~~  
141 ~~records checks through the Department of Law Enforcement for~~  
142 ~~state processing, and the Department of Law Enforcement shall~~  
143 ~~forward the fingerprints to, and federal criminal records checks~~



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144 ~~through~~ the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national  
145 processing.

146 Section 4. Section 402.3057, Florida Statutes, is amended  
147 to read:

148 402.3057 Individuals ~~Persons~~ not required to be  
149 refingerprinted or rescreened. ~~Individuals Any provision of law~~  
150 ~~to the contrary notwithstanding, human resource personnel~~ who  
151 have been fingerprinted or screened pursuant to chapters 393,  
152 394, 397, 402, and 409, ~~and teachers and noninstructional~~  
153 ~~personnel who have been fingerprinted pursuant to chapter 1012,~~  
154 who have not been unemployed for more than 90 days thereafter,  
155 and who under the penalty of perjury attest to the completion of  
156 such fingerprinting or screening and to compliance with the  
157 provisions of this section and the standards for good moral  
158 character as contained in such provisions as ss. 110.1127(2)(c),  
159 393.0655(1), 394.457(6), 397.451, 402.305(2), and 409.175(6),  
160 are shall not ~~be~~ required to be refingerprinted or rescreened in  
161 order to comply with any ~~caretaker~~ screening or fingerprinting  
162 requirements of this chapter.

163 Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 402.306, Florida  
164 Statutes, is amended to read:

165 402.306 Designation of licensing agency; dissemination by  
166 the department and local licensing agency of information on  
167 child care.—

168 (3) The department and local licensing agencies, or the  
169 designees thereof, shall be responsible for coordination and  
170 dissemination of information on child care to the community and  
171 shall make available through electronic means ~~upon request~~ all  
172 licensing standards and procedures, health and safety standards



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173 for school readiness providers, monitoring and inspection  
174 reports, and in addition to the names and addresses of licensed  
175 child care facilities, school readiness program providers, and,  
176 where applicable pursuant to s. 402.313, licensed or registered  
177 family day care homes. This information must also include the  
178 number of deaths, serious injuries, and instances of  
179 substantiated child abuse which have occurred in child care  
180 settings each year; research and best practices in child  
181 development; and resources regarding social-emotional  
182 development, parent and family engagement, healthy eating, and  
183 physical activity.

184 Section 6. Section 402.311, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
185 read:

186 402.311 Inspection.—

187 (1) A licensed child care facility shall accord to the  
188 department or the local licensing agency, whichever is  
189 applicable, the privilege of inspection, including access to  
190 facilities and personnel and to those records required in s.  
191 402.305, at reasonable times during regular business hours, to  
192 ensure compliance with ~~the provisions of~~ ss. 402.301-402.319.  
193 The right of entry and inspection shall also extend to any  
194 premises which the department or local licensing agency has  
195 reason to believe are being operated or maintained as a child  
196 care facility without a license, but no such entry or inspection  
197 of any premises shall be made without the permission of the  
198 person in charge thereof unless a warrant is first obtained from  
199 the circuit court authorizing such entry or inspection ~~same~~. Any  
200 application for a license or renewal made pursuant to this act  
201 or the advertisement to the public for the provision of child



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202 care as defined in s. 402.302 shall constitute permission for  
203 any entry or inspection of the premises for which the license is  
204 sought in order to facilitate verification of the information  
205 submitted on or in connection with the application. In the event  
206 a licensed facility refuses permission for entry or inspection  
207 to the department or local licensing agency, a warrant shall be  
208 obtained from the circuit court authorizing entry or inspection  
209 before ~~same prior to~~ such entry or inspection. The department or  
210 local licensing agency may institute disciplinary proceedings  
211 pursuant to s. 402.310~~7~~ for such refusal.

212 (2) A school readiness program provider shall accord to the  
213 department or the local licensing agency, whichever is  
214 applicable, the privilege of inspection, including access to  
215 facilities, personnel, and records, to verify compliance with s.  
216 1002.88. Entry, inspection, and issuance of an inspection report  
217 by the department or the local licensing agency to verify  
218 compliance with s. 1002.88 is an exercise of a discretionary  
219 power to enforce compliance with the laws duly enacted by a  
220 governmental body.

221 (3) The department's issuance, transmittal, or publication  
222 of an inspection report resulting from an inspection under this  
223 section does not constitute agency action subject to chapter  
224 120.

225 Section 7. Subsection (3) is added to section 402.319,  
226 Florida Statutes, to read:

227 402.319 Penalties.—

228 (3) Each child care facility, family day care home, and  
229 large family day care home shall annually submit an affidavit of  
230 compliance with s. 39.201.





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231 Section 8. Section 409.1757, Florida Statutes, is amended  
232 to read:

233 409.1757 Individuals ~~Persons~~ not required to be  
234 refingerprinted or rescreened. ~~Individuals Any law to the~~  
235 ~~contrary notwithstanding, human resource personnel~~ who have been  
236 fingerprinted or screened pursuant to chapters 393, 394, 397,  
237 402, and this chapter, teachers who have been fingerprinted  
238 pursuant to chapter 1012, and law enforcement officers who meet  
239 the requirements of s. 943.13, who have not been unemployed for  
240 more than 90 days thereafter, and who under the penalty of  
241 perjury attest to the completion of such fingerprinting or  
242 screening and to compliance with this section and the standards  
243 for good moral character as contained in such provisions as ss.  
244 110.1127(2)(c), 393.0655(1), 394.457(6), 397.451, 402.305(2),  
245 409.175(6), and 943.13(7), are not required to be  
246 refingerprinted or rescreened in order to comply with any  
247 ~~caretaker~~ screening or fingerprinting requirements of this  
248 chapter.

249 Section 9. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (4) of  
250 section 435.07, Florida Statutes, to read:

251 435.07 Exemptions from disqualification.—Unless otherwise  
252 provided by law, the provisions of this section apply to  
253 exemptions from disqualification for disqualifying offenses  
254 revealed pursuant to background screenings required under this  
255 chapter, regardless of whether those disqualifying offenses are  
256 listed in this chapter or other laws.

257 (4)

258 (c) A person is ineligible for employment with a provider  
259 that receives school readiness funding under part VI of chapter



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- 260 1002 if the person has been convicted of:
- 261 1. A felony offense prohibited under any of the following
- 262 statutes:
- 263 a. Chapter 741, relating to domestic violence.
- 264 b. Section 782.04, relating to murder.
- 265 c. Section 782.07, relating to manslaughter, aggravated
- 266 manslaughter of an elderly person or a disabled adult,
- 267 aggravated manslaughter of a child, or aggravated manslaughter
- 268 of an officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician,
- 269 or a paramedic.
- 270 d. Section 784.021, relating to aggravated assault.
- 271 e. Section 784.045, relating to aggravated battery.
- 272 f. Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.
- 273 g. Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.
- 274 h. Section 787.04(2), relating to leading, taking,
- 275 enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or
- 276 concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent,
- 277 pending custody proceedings.
- 278 i. Section 787.04(3), relating to leading, taking,
- 279 enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or
- 280 concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent,
- 281 pending dependency proceedings or proceedings concerning alleged
- 282 abuse or neglect of a minor.
- 283 j. Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.
- 284 k. Former s. 794.041, relating to sexual activity with or
- 285 solicitation of a child by a person in familial or custodial
- 286 authority.
- 287 1. Section 794.05, relating to unlawful sexual activity
- 288 with certain minors.



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- 289       m. Section 794.08, relating to female genital mutilation.  
290       n. Section 806.01, relating to arson.  
291       o. Section 826.04, relating to incest.  
292       p. Section 827.03, relating to child abuse, aggravated  
293 child abuse, or neglect of a child.  
294       q. Section 827.04, relating to contributing to the  
295 delinquency or dependency of a child.  
296       r. Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by a  
297 child.  
298       s. Section 985.701, relating to sexual misconduct in  
299 juvenile justice programs.  
300       2. A misdemeanor offense prohibited under any of the  
301 following statutes:  
302       a. Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim of  
303 the offense was a minor.  
304       b. Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.  
305       3. A criminal act committed in another state or under  
306 federal law which, if committed in this state, would constitute  
307 an offense prohibited under any statute listed in subparagraph  
308 1. or subparagraph 2.  
309       Section 10. Present subsection (27) of section 1001.42,  
310 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (28), and a new  
311 subsection (27) is added to that section, to read:  
312       1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The  
313 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all  
314 powers and perform all duties listed below:  
315       (27) VISITATION OF SCHOOLS.—Visit the schools, observe the  
316 management and instruction, give suggestions for improvement,  
317 and advise citizens with the view of promoting interest in



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318 education and improving the school.

319 Section 11. Section 1001.67, Florida Statutes, is created  
320 to read:

321 1001.67 Distinguished Florida College System Program.—A  
322 collaborative partnership is established between the State Board  
323 of Education and the Legislature to recognize the excellence of  
324 Florida's highest-performing Florida College system  
325 institutions.

326 (1) EXCELLENCE STANDARDS.—The following excellence  
327 standards are established for the program:

328 (a) A 150 percent-of-normal-time completion rate of 50  
329 percent or higher, as calculated by the Division of Florida  
330 Colleges.

331 (b) A 150 percent-of-normal-time completion rate for Pell  
332 Grant recipients of 40 percent or higher, as calculated by the  
333 Division of Florida Colleges.

334 (c) A retention rate of 70 percent or higher, as calculated  
335 by the Division of Florida Colleges.

336 (d) A continuing education, or transfer, rate of 72 percent  
337 or higher for students graduating with an associate of arts  
338 degree, as reported by the Florida Education and Training  
339 Placement Information Program (FETPIP).

340 (e) A licensure passage rate on the National Council  
341 Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) of 90  
342 percent or higher for first-time exam takers, as reported by the  
343 Board of Nursing.

344 (f) A job placement or continuing education rate of 88  
345 percent or higher for workforce programs, as reported by FETPIP.

346 (g) A time-to-degree for students graduating with an



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347 associate of arts degree of 2.25 years or less for first-time-  
348 in-college students with accelerated college credits, as  
349 reported by the Southern Regional Education Board.

350 (2) DISTINGUISHED COLLEGE DESIGNATION.—The State Board of  
351 Education shall designate each Florida College System  
352 institution that meets five of the seven standards identified in  
353 subsection (1) as a distinguished college.

354 (3) DISTINGUISHED COLLEGE SUPPORT.—A Florida College System  
355 institution designated as a distinguished college by the State  
356 Board of Education is eligible for funding as specified in the  
357 General Appropriations Act.

358 Section 12. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of section  
359 1002.82, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (s)  
360 through (x) are added to that subsection, to read:

361 1002.82 Office of Early Learning; powers and duties.—

362 (2) The office shall:

363 (i) Enter into a memorandum of understanding with local  
364 licensing agencies and Develop, in coordination with the Child  
365 Care Services Program Office of the Department of Children and  
366 Families for inspections of school readiness program providers  
367 to monitor and verify compliance with s. 1002.88 and the health  
368 and safety checklist adopted by the office. The provider  
369 contract of a school readiness program provider that refuses  
370 permission for entry or inspection shall be terminated. The, and  
371 adopt a health and safety checklist may to be completed by  
372 license-exempt providers that does not exceed the requirements  
373 of s. 402.305 and the Child Care and Development Fund pursuant  
374 to 45 C.F.R. part 98.

375 (s) Develop and implement strategies to increase the supply



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376 and improve the quality of child care services for infants and  
377 toddlers, children with disabilities, children who receive care  
378 during nontraditional hours, children in underserved areas, and  
379 children in areas that have significant concentrations of  
380 poverty and unemployment.

381 (t) Establish preservice and inservice training  
382 requirements that address, at a minimum, school readiness child  
383 development standards, health and safety requirements, and  
384 social-emotional behavior intervention models, which may include  
385 positive behavior intervention and support models.

386 (u) Establish standards for emergency preparedness plans  
387 for school readiness program providers.

388 (v) Establish group sizes.

389 (w) Establish staff-to-children ratios that do not exceed  
390 the requirements of s. 402.302(8) or (11) or s. 402.305(4), as  
391 applicable, for school readiness program providers.

392 (x) Establish eligibility criteria, including limitations  
393 based on income and family assets, in accordance with s. 1002.87  
394 and federal law.

395 Section 13. Subsections (7) and (8) of section 1002.84,  
396 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

397 1002.84 Early learning coalitions; school readiness powers  
398 and duties.—Each early learning coalition shall:

399 (7) Determine child eligibility pursuant to s. 1002.87 and  
400 provider eligibility pursuant to s. 1002.88. ~~At a minimum, Child~~  
401 ~~eligibility must be redetermined annually. Redetermination must~~  
402 ~~also be conducted twice per year for an additional 50 percent of~~  
403 ~~a coalition's enrollment through a statistically valid random~~  
404 ~~sampling.~~ A coalition must document the reason ~~why~~ a child is no



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405 longer eligible for the school readiness program according to  
406 the standard codes prescribed by the office.

407 (8) Establish a parent sliding fee scale that provides for  
408 ~~requires~~ a parent copayment that is not a barrier to families  
409 receiving to participate in the school readiness program  
410 services. Providers are required to collect the parent's  
411 copayment. A coalition may, on a case-by-case basis, waive the  
412 copayment for an at-risk child or temporarily waive the  
413 copayment for a child whose family's income is at or below the  
414 federal poverty level and whose family experiences a natural  
415 disaster or an event that limits the parent's ability to pay,  
416 such as incarceration, placement in residential treatment, or  
417 becoming homeless, or an emergency situation such as a household  
418 fire or burglary, or while the parent is participating in  
419 parenting classes. A parent may not transfer school readiness  
420 program services to another school readiness program provider  
421 until the parent has submitted documentation from the current  
422 school readiness program provider to the early learning  
423 coalition stating that the parent has satisfactorily fulfilled  
424 the copayment obligation.

425 Section 14. Subsections (1), (4), (5), and (6) of section  
426 1002.87, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

427 1002.87 School readiness program; eligibility and  
428 enrollment.-

429 (1) ~~Effective August 1, 2013, or upon reevaluation of~~  
430 ~~eligibility for children currently served, whichever is later,~~  
431 Each early learning coalition shall give priority for  
432 participation in the school readiness program as follows:

433 (a) Priority shall be given first to a child younger than



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434 13 years of age from a family that includes a parent who is  
435 receiving temporary cash assistance under chapter 414 and  
436 subject to the federal work requirements.

437 (b) Priority shall be given next to an at-risk child  
438 younger than 9 years of age.

439 (c) Priority shall be given next to a child from birth to  
440 the beginning of the school year for which the child is eligible  
441 for admission to kindergarten in a public school under s.  
442 1003.21(1)(a)2. who is from a working family that is  
443 economically disadvantaged, and may include such child's  
444 eligible siblings, beginning with the school year in which the  
445 sibling is eligible for admission to kindergarten in a public  
446 school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2. until the beginning of the  
447 school year in which the sibling is eligible to begin 6th grade,  
448 provided that the first priority for funding an eligible sibling  
449 is local revenues available to the coalition for funding direct  
450 services. ~~However, a child eligible under this paragraph ceases~~  
451 ~~to be eligible if his or her family income exceeds 200 percent~~  
452 ~~of the federal poverty level.~~

453 (d) Priority shall be given next to a child of a parent who  
454 transitions from the work program into employment as described  
455 in s. 445.032 from birth to the beginning of the school year for  
456 which the child is eligible for admission to kindergarten in a  
457 public school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2.

458 (e) Priority shall be given next to an at-risk child who is  
459 at least 9 years of age but younger than 13 years of age. An at-  
460 risk child whose sibling is enrolled in the school readiness  
461 program within an eligibility priority category listed in  
462 paragraphs (a)-(c) shall be given priority over other children





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463 who are eligible under this paragraph.

464 (f) Priority shall be given next to a child who is younger  
465 than 13 years of age from a working family that is economically  
466 disadvantaged. A child who is eligible under this paragraph  
467 whose sibling is enrolled in the school readiness program under  
468 paragraph (c) shall be given priority over other children who  
469 are eligible under this paragraph. ~~However, a child eligible  
470 under this paragraph ceases to be eligible if his or her family  
471 income exceeds 200 percent of the federal poverty level.~~

472 (g) Priority shall be given next to a child of a parent who  
473 transitions from the work program into employment as described  
474 in s. 445.032 who is younger than 13 years of age.

475 (h) Priority shall be given next to a child who has special  
476 needs, has been determined eligible as a student with a  
477 disability, has a current individual education plan with a  
478 Florida school district, and is not younger than 3 years of age.  
479 A special needs child eligible under this paragraph remains  
480 eligible until the child is eligible for admission to  
481 kindergarten in a public school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2.

482 (i) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(d), priority shall be  
483 given last to a child who otherwise meets one of the eligibility  
484 criteria in paragraphs (a)-(d) but who is also enrolled  
485 concurrently in the federal Head Start Program and the Voluntary  
486 Prekindergarten Education Program.

487 (4) The parent of a child enrolled in the school readiness  
488 program must notify the coalition or its designee within 10 days  
489 after any change in employment status, income, or family size or  
490 failure to maintain attendance at a job training or educational  
491 program in accordance with program requirements. ~~Upon~~



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492 ~~notification by the parent, the child's eligibility must be~~  
493 ~~reevaluated.~~

494 (5) A child whose eligibility priority category requires  
495 the child to be from a working family ceases to be eligible for  
496 the school readiness program if a parent with whom the child  
497 resides does not reestablish employment or resume attendance at  
498 a job training or educational program within 90 ~~60~~ days after  
499 becoming unemployed or ceasing to attend a job training or  
500 educational program.

501 (6) Eligibility for each child must be reevaluated  
502 annually. Upon reevaluation, a child may not continue to receive  
503 school readiness program services if he or she has ceased to be  
504 eligible under this section. A child who is ineligible due to a  
505 parent's job loss or cessation of job training or education  
506 shall continue to receive school readiness program services for  
507 at least 3 months to enable the parent to obtain employment.

508 Section 15. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of subsection (1)  
509 of section 1002.88, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

510 1002.88 School readiness program provider standards;  
511 eligibility to deliver the school readiness program.—

512 (1) To be eligible to deliver the school readiness program,  
513 a school readiness program provider must:

514 (c) Provide basic health and safety of its premises and  
515 facilities and compliance with requirements for age-appropriate  
516 immunizations of children enrolled in the school readiness  
517 program.

518 1. For a provider that is licensed ~~child care facility, a~~  
519 large family child care home, or a licensed family day care  
520 home, compliance with s. 402.305, s. 402.3131, or s. 402.313 and



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521 this subsection, as verified pursuant to s. 402.311, satisfies  
522 this requirement.

523 2. For a provider that is a registered family day care home  
524 or is not subject to licensure or registration by the Department  
525 of Children and Families, compliance with this subsection, as  
526 verified pursuant to s. 402.311, satisfies this requirement.  
527 Upon such verification, the provider ~~For a public or nonpublic~~  
528 ~~school, compliance with s. 402.3025 or s. 1003.22 satisfies this~~  
529 ~~requirement. A faith-based child care provider, an informal~~  
530 ~~child care provider, or a nonpublic school, exempt from~~  
531 ~~licensure under s. 402.316 or s. 402.3025,~~ shall annually post  
532 ~~complete~~ the health and safety checklist adopted by the office~~,~~  
533 ~~post the checklist~~ prominently on its premises in plain sight  
534 for visitors and parents~~,~~ and shall annually submit the  
535 checklist ~~it annually~~ to its local early learning coalition.

536 (d) Provide an appropriate group size and staff-to-children  
537 ~~ratio, pursuant to s. 402.305(4) or s. 402.302(8) or (11), as~~  
538 ~~applicable, and as verified pursuant to s. 402.311.~~

539 (e) Employ child care personnel, as defined in s.  
540 402.302(3), who have satisfied the screening requirements of  
541 chapter 402 and fulfilled the training requirements of the  
542 office ~~Provide a healthy and safe environment pursuant to s.~~  
543 ~~402.305(5), (6), and (7), as applicable, and as verified~~  
544 ~~pursuant to s. 402.311.~~

545 Section 16. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) and subsection  
546 (7) of section 1002.89, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

547 1002.89 School readiness program; funding.—

548 (6) Costs shall be kept to the minimum necessary for the  
549 efficient and effective administration of the school readiness



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550 program with the highest priority of expenditure being direct  
551 services for eligible children. However, no more than 5 percent  
552 of the funds described in subsection (5) may be used for  
553 administrative costs and no more than 22 percent of the funds  
554 described in subsection (5) may be used in any fiscal year for  
555 any combination of administrative costs, quality activities, and  
556 nondirect services as follows:

557 (b) Activities to improve the quality of child care as  
558 described in 45 C.F.R. s. 98.51, which must ~~shall~~ be limited to  
559 the following:

560 1. Developing, establishing, expanding, operating, and  
561 coordinating resource and referral programs specifically related  
562 to the provision of comprehensive consumer education to parents  
563 and the public to promote informed child care choices specified  
564 in 45 C.F.R. s. 98.33 ~~regarding participation in the school~~  
565 ~~readiness program and parental choice.~~

566 2. Awarding grants and providing financial support to  
567 school readiness program providers and their staff to assist  
568 them in meeting applicable state requirements for child care  
569 performance standards, implementing developmentally appropriate  
570 curricula and related classroom resources that support  
571 curricula, providing literacy supports, and providing continued  
572 professional development and training. Any grants awarded  
573 pursuant to this subparagraph shall comply with ~~the requirements~~  
574 ~~of~~ ss. 215.971 and 287.058.

575 3. Providing training, ~~and~~ technical assistance, and  
576 financial support to ~~for~~ school readiness program providers and  
577 their, ~~staff,~~ and parents on standards, child screenings, child  
578 assessments, child development research and best practices,



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579 developmentally appropriate curricula, character development,  
580 teacher-child interactions, age-appropriate discipline  
581 practices, health and safety, nutrition, first aid,  
582 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the recognition of communicable  
583 diseases, and child abuse detection, ~~and~~ prevention, and  
584 reporting.

585 4. Providing, from among the funds provided for the  
586 activities described in subparagraphs 1.-3., adequate funding  
587 for infants and toddlers as necessary to meet federal  
588 requirements related to expenditures for quality activities for  
589 infant and toddler care.

590 5. Improving the monitoring of compliance with, and  
591 enforcement of, applicable state and local requirements as  
592 described in and limited by 45 C.F.R. s. 98.40.

593 6. Responding to Warm-Line requests by providers and  
594 parents ~~related to school readiness program children~~, including  
595 providing developmental and health screenings to school  
596 readiness program children.

597 (7) Funds appropriated for the school readiness program may  
598 not be expended for the purchase or improvement of land; for the  
599 purchase, construction, or permanent improvement of any building  
600 or facility; or for the purchase of buses. However, funds may be  
601 expended for minor remodeling and upgrading of child care  
602 facilities which is necessary for the administration of the  
603 program and to ensure that providers meet state and local child  
604 care standards, including applicable health and safety  
605 requirements.

606 Section 17. Effective June 29, 2016, section 1004.935,  
607 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:



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608           1004.935 Adults with Disabilities Workforce Education ~~Pilot~~  
609 Program.—

610           (1) The Adults with Disabilities Workforce Education ~~Pilot~~  
611 Program is established in the Department of Education ~~through~~  
612 ~~June 30, 2016,~~ in Hardee, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties  
613 to provide the option of receiving a scholarship for instruction  
614 at private schools for up to 30 students who:

615           (a) Have a disability;

616           (b) Are 22 years of age;

617           (c) Are receiving instruction from an instructor in a  
618 private school to meet the high school graduation requirements  
619 in s. 1002.3105(5) or s. 1003.4282;

620           (d) Do not have a standard high school diploma or a special  
621 high school diploma; and

622           (e) Receive "supported employment services," which means  
623 employment that is located or provided in an integrated work  
624 setting with earnings paid on a commensurate wage basis and for  
625 which continued support is needed for job maintenance.

626  
627 As used in this section, the term "student with a disability"  
628 includes a student who is documented as having an intellectual  
629 disability; a speech impairment; a language impairment; a  
630 hearing impairment, including deafness; a visual impairment,  
631 including blindness; a dual sensory impairment; an orthopedic  
632 impairment; another health impairment; an emotional or  
633 behavioral disability; a specific learning disability,  
634 including, but not limited to, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or  
635 developmental aphasia; a traumatic brain injury; a developmental  
636 delay; or autism spectrum disorder.



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637 (2) A student participating in the ~~pilot~~ program may  
638 continue to participate in the program until the student  
639 graduates from high school or reaches the age of 40 years,  
640 whichever occurs first.

641 (3) Supported employment services may be provided at more  
642 than one site.

643 (4) The provider of supported employment services must be a  
644 nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
645 Code which serves Hardee County, DeSoto County, Manatee County,  
646 or Sarasota County and must contract with a private school in  
647 this state which meets the requirements in subsection (5).

648 (5) A private school that participates in the ~~pilot~~ program  
649 may be sectarian or nonsectarian and must:

650 (a) Be academically accountable for meeting the educational  
651 needs of the student by annually providing to the provider of  
652 supported employment services a written explanation of the  
653 student's progress.

654 (b) Comply with the antidiscrimination provisions of 42  
655 U.S.C. s. 2000d.

656 (c) Meet state and local health and safety laws and codes.

657 (d) Provide to the provider of supported employment  
658 services all documentation required for a student's  
659 participation, including the private school's and student's fee  
660 schedules, at least 30 days before any quarterly scholarship  
661 payment is made for the student. A student is not eligible to  
662 receive a quarterly scholarship payment if the private school  
663 fails to meet this deadline.

664  
665 The inability of a private school to meet the requirements of



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666 this subsection constitutes a basis for the ineligibility of the  
667 private school to participate in the ~~pilot~~ program.

668 (6) (a) If the student chooses to participate in the ~~pilot~~  
669 program and is accepted by the provider of supported employment  
670 services, the student must notify the Department of Education of  
671 his or her acceptance into the program 60 days before the first  
672 scholarship payment and before participating in the ~~pilot~~  
673 program in order to be eligible for the scholarship.

674 (b) Upon receipt of a scholarship warrant, the student or  
675 parent to whom the warrant is made must restrictively endorse  
676 the warrant to the provider of supported employment services for  
677 deposit into the account of the provider. The student or parent  
678 may not designate any entity or individual associated with the  
679 participating provider of supported employment services as the  
680 student's or parent's attorney in fact to endorse a scholarship  
681 warrant. A participant who fails to comply with this paragraph  
682 forfeits the scholarship.

683 (7) Funds for the scholarship shall be provided from the  
684 appropriation from the school district's Workforce Development  
685 Fund in the General Appropriations Act for students who reside  
686 in the Hardee County School District, the DeSoto County School  
687 District, the Manatee County School District, or the Sarasota  
688 County School District. ~~During the pilot program,~~ The  
689 scholarship amount granted for an eligible student with a  
690 disability shall be equal to the cost per unit of a full-time  
691 equivalent adult general education student, multiplied by the  
692 adult general education funding factor, and multiplied by the  
693 district cost differential pursuant to the formula required by  
694 s. 1011.80(6) (a) for the district in which the student resides.





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695           (8) Upon notification by the Department of Education that  
696 it has received the required documentation, the Chief Financial  
697 Officer shall make scholarship payments in four equal amounts no  
698 later than September 1, November 1, February 1, and April 1 of  
699 each academic year in which the scholarship is in force. The  
700 initial payment shall be made after the Department of Education  
701 verifies that the student was accepted into the ~~pilot~~ program,  
702 and subsequent payments shall be made upon verification of  
703 continued participation in the ~~pilot~~ program. Payment must be by  
704 individual warrant made payable to the student or parent and  
705 mailed by the Department of Education to the provider of  
706 supported employment services, and the student or parent shall  
707 restrictively endorse the warrant to the provider of supported  
708 employment services for deposit into the account of that  
709 provider.

710           (9) Subsequent to each scholarship payment, the Department  
711 of Education shall request from the Department of Financial  
712 Services a sample of endorsed warrants to review and confirm  
713 compliance with endorsement requirements.

714           Section 18. Effective July 1, 2016, and upon the expiration  
715 of the amendment to section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, made by  
716 chapter 2015-222, Laws of Florida, paragraphs (e) and (o) of  
717 subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (4), and present  
718 subsection (13) of that section are amended, present subsections  
719 (13), (14), and (15) of that section are redesignated as  
720 subsections (14), (15), and (16), respectively, and a new  
721 subsection (13) is added to that section, to read:

722           1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual  
723 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each



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724 district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
725 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
726 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
727 follows:

728 (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR  
729 OPERATION.—The following procedure shall be followed in  
730 determining the annual allocation to each district for  
731 operation:

732 (e) *Funding model for exceptional student education*  
733 *programs.*—

734 1.a. The funding model uses basic, at-risk, support levels  
735 IV and V for exceptional students and career Florida Education  
736 Finance Program cost factors, and a guaranteed allocation for  
737 exceptional student education programs. Exceptional education  
738 cost factors are determined by using a matrix of services to  
739 document the services that each exceptional student will  
740 receive. The nature and intensity of the services indicated on  
741 the matrix shall be consistent with the services described in  
742 each exceptional student's individual educational plan. The  
743 Department of Education shall review and revise the descriptions  
744 of the services and supports included in the matrix of services  
745 for exceptional students and shall implement those revisions  
746 before the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

747 b. In order to generate funds using one of the two weighted  
748 cost factors, a matrix of services must be completed at the time  
749 of the student's initial placement into an exceptional student  
750 education program and at least once every 3 years by personnel  
751 who have received approved training. Nothing listed in the  
752 matrix shall be construed as limiting the services a school



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753 district must provide in order to ensure that exceptional  
754 students are provided a free, appropriate public education.

755 c. Students identified as exceptional, in accordance with  
756 chapter 6A-6, Florida Administrative Code, who do not have a  
757 matrix of services as specified in sub-subparagraph b. shall  
758 generate funds on the basis of full-time-equivalent student  
759 membership in the Florida Education Finance Program at the same  
760 funding level per student as provided for basic students.

761 Additional funds for these exceptional students will be provided  
762 through the guaranteed allocation designated in subparagraph 2.

763 2. For students identified as exceptional who do not have a  
764 matrix of services and students who are gifted in grades K  
765 through 8, there is created a guaranteed allocation to provide  
766 these students with a free appropriate public education, in  
767 accordance with s. 1001.42(4)(1) and rules of the State Board of  
768 Education, which shall be allocated initially ~~annually~~ to each  
769 school district in the amount provided in the General  
770 Appropriations Act. These funds shall be supplemental ~~in~~  
771 ~~addition~~ to the funds appropriated for the basic funding level  
772 ~~on the basis of FTE student membership in the Florida Education~~  
773 ~~Finance Program~~, and the amount allocated for each school  
774 district shall ~~not~~ be recalculated once during the year, based  
775 on actual student membership from the October FTE survey. Upon  
776 recalculation, if the generated allocation is greater than the  
777 amount provided in the General Appropriations Act, the total  
778 shall be prorated to the level of the appropriation based on  
779 each district's share of the total recalculated amount. These  
780 funds shall be used to provide special education and related  
781 services for exceptional students and students who are gifted in



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782 grades K through 8. ~~Beginning with the 2007-2008 fiscal year,~~ A  
783 district's expenditure of funds from the guaranteed allocation  
784 for students in grades 9 through 12 who are gifted may not be  
785 greater than the amount expended during the 2006-2007 fiscal  
786 year for gifted students in grades 9 through 12.

787       (o) *Calculation of additional full-time equivalent*  
788 *membership based on successful completion of a career-themed*  
789 *course pursuant to ss. 1003.491, 1003.492, and 1003.493, or*  
790 *courses with embedded CAPE industry certifications or CAPE*  
791 *Digital Tool certificates, and issuance of industry*  
792 *certification identified on the CAPE Industry Certification*  
793 *Funding List pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of*  
794 *Education or CAPE Digital Tool certificates pursuant to s.*  
795 *1003.4203.-*

796       1.a. A value of 0.025 full-time equivalent student  
797 membership shall be calculated for CAPE Digital Tool  
798 certificates earned by students in elementary and middle school  
799 grades.

800       b. A value of 0.1 or 0.2 full-time equivalent student  
801 membership shall be calculated for each student who completes a  
802 course as defined in s. 1003.493(1)(b) or courses with embedded  
803 CAPE industry certifications and who is issued an industry  
804 certification identified annually on the CAPE Industry  
805 Certification Funding List approved under rules adopted by the  
806 State Board of Education. A value of 0.2 full-time equivalent  
807 membership shall be calculated for each student who is issued a  
808 CAPE industry certification that has a statewide articulation  
809 agreement for college credit approved by the State Board of  
810 Education. For CAPE industry certifications that do not



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811 articulate for college credit, the Department of Education shall  
812 assign a full-time equivalent value of 0.1 for each  
813 certification. Middle grades students who earn additional FTE  
814 membership for a CAPE Digital Tool certificate pursuant to sub-  
815 subparagraph a. may not use the previously funded examination to  
816 satisfy the requirements for earning an industry certification  
817 under this sub-subparagraph. Additional FTE membership for an  
818 elementary or middle grades student may ~~shall~~ not exceed 0.1 for  
819 certificates or certifications earned within the same fiscal  
820 year. The State Board of Education shall include the assigned  
821 values on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List under  
822 rules adopted by the state board. Such value shall be added to  
823 the total full-time equivalent student membership for grades 6  
824 through 12 in the subsequent year ~~for courses that were not~~  
825 ~~provided through dual enrollment~~. CAPE industry certifications  
826 earned through dual enrollment must be reported and funded  
827 pursuant to s. 1011.80. However, if a student earns a  
828 certification through a dual enrollment course and the  
829 certification is not a fundable certification on the  
830 postsecondary certification funding list, or the dual enrollment  
831 certification is earned as a result of an agreement between a  
832 school district and a nonpublic postsecondary institution, the  
833 bonus value shall be funded in the same manner as other nondual  
834 enrollment course industry certifications. In such cases, the  
835 school district may provide for an agreement between the high  
836 school and the technical center, or the school district and the  
837 postsecondary institution may enter into an agreement for  
838 equitable distribution of the bonus funds.

839 c. A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership



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840 shall be calculated for student completion of the courses and  
841 the embedded certifications identified on the CAPE Industry  
842 Certification Funding List and approved by the commissioner  
843 pursuant to ss. 1003.4203(5) (a) and 1008.44.

844 d. A value of 0.5 full-time equivalent student membership  
845 shall be calculated for CAPE Acceleration Industry  
846 Certifications that articulate for 15 to 29 college credit  
847 hours, and 1.0 full-time equivalent student membership shall be  
848 calculated for CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications that  
849 articulate for 30 or more college credit hours pursuant to CAPE  
850 Acceleration Industry Certifications approved by the  
851 commissioner pursuant to ss. 1003.4203(5) (b) and 1008.44.

852 2. Each district must allocate at least 80 percent of the  
853 funds provided for CAPE industry certification, in accordance  
854 with this paragraph, to the program that generated the funds.  
855 This allocation may not be used to supplant funds provided for  
856 basic operation of the program.

857 3. For CAPE industry certifications earned in the 2013-2014  
858 school year and in subsequent years, the school district shall  
859 distribute to each classroom teacher who provided direct  
860 instruction toward the attainment of a CAPE industry  
861 certification that qualified for additional full-time equivalent  
862 membership under subparagraph 1.:

863 a. A bonus ~~in the amount~~ of \$25 for each student taught by  
864 a teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the  
865 attainment of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry  
866 Certification Funding List with a weight of 0.1.

867 b. A bonus ~~in the amount~~ of \$50 for each student taught by  
868 a teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the



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869 attainment of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry  
870 Certification Funding List with a weight of 0.2, ~~0.3, 0.5, and~~  
871 ~~1.0.~~

872 c. A bonus of \$75 for each student taught by a teacher who  
873 provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a  
874 CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification  
875 Funding List with a weight of 0.3.

876 d. A bonus of \$100 for each student taught by a teacher who  
877 provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a  
878 CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification  
879 Funding List with a weight of 0.5 or 1.0.

880  
881 Bonuses awarded pursuant to this paragraph shall be provided to  
882 teachers who are employed by the district in the year in which  
883 the additional FTE membership calculation is included in the  
884 calculation. Bonuses shall be calculated based upon the  
885 associated weight of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE  
886 Industry Certification Funding List for the year in which the  
887 certification is earned by the student. Any bonus awarded to a  
888 teacher under this paragraph ~~may not exceed \$2,000 in any given~~  
889 ~~school year and~~ is in addition to any regular wage or other  
890 bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive.

891 (4) COMPUTATION OF DISTRICT REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT.—The  
892 Legislature shall prescribe the aggregate required local effort  
893 for all school districts collectively as an item in the General  
894 Appropriations Act for each fiscal year. The amount that each  
895 district shall provide annually toward the cost of the Florida  
896 Education Finance Program for kindergarten through grade 12  
897 programs shall be calculated as follows:



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898 (a) *Estimated taxable value calculations.*—

899 1.a. Not later than 2 working days before ~~prior to~~ July 19,  
900 the Department of Revenue shall certify to the Commissioner of  
901 Education its most recent estimate of the taxable value for  
902 school purposes in each school district and the total for all  
903 school districts in the state for the current calendar year  
904 based on the latest available data obtained from the local  
905 property appraisers. The value certified shall be the taxable  
906 value for school purposes for that year, and no further  
907 adjustments shall be made, except those made pursuant to  
908 paragraphs (c) and (d), or an assessment roll change required by  
909 final judicial decisions as specified in paragraph (15) (b)  
910 ~~(14) (b)~~. Not later than July 19, the Commissioner of Education  
911 shall compute a millage rate, rounded to the next highest one  
912 one-thousandth of a mill, which, when applied to 96 percent of  
913 the estimated state total taxable value for school purposes,  
914 would generate the prescribed aggregate required local effort  
915 for that year for all districts. The Commissioner of Education  
916 shall certify to each district school board the millage rate,  
917 computed as prescribed in this subparagraph, as the minimum  
918 millage rate necessary to provide the district required local  
919 effort for that year.

920 b. The General Appropriations Act shall direct the  
921 computation of the statewide adjusted aggregate amount for  
922 required local effort for all school districts collectively from  
923 ad valorem taxes to ensure that no school district's revenue  
924 from required local effort millage will produce more than 90  
925 percent of the district's total Florida Education Finance  
926 Program calculation as calculated and adopted by the





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927 Legislature, and the adjustment of the required local effort  
928 millage rate of each district that produces more than 90 percent  
929 of its total Florida Education Finance Program entitlement to a  
930 level that will produce only 90 percent of its total Florida  
931 Education Finance Program entitlement in the July calculation.

932 2. On the same date as the certification in sub-  
933 subparagraph 1.a., the Department of Revenue shall certify to  
934 the Commissioner of Education for each district:

935 a. Each year for which the property appraiser has certified  
936 the taxable value pursuant to s. 193.122(2) or (3), if  
937 applicable, since the prior certification under sub-subparagraph  
938 1.a.

939 b. For each year identified in sub-subparagraph a., the  
940 taxable value certified by the appraiser pursuant to s.  
941 193.122(2) or (3), if applicable, since the prior certification  
942 under sub-subparagraph 1.a. This is the certification that  
943 reflects all final administrative actions of the value  
944 adjustment board.

945 (13) FEDERALLY CONNECTED STUDENT SUPPLEMENT.—The federally  
946 connected student supplement is created to provide supplemental  
947 funding for school districts to support the education of  
948 students connected with federally owned military installations,  
949 National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) real  
950 property, and Indian lands. To be eligible for this supplement,  
951 the district must be eligible for federal Impact Aid Program  
952 funds under s. 8003 of Title VIII of the Elementary and  
953 Secondary Education Act of 1965. The supplement shall be  
954 allocated annually to each eligible school district in the  
955 amount provided in the General Appropriations Act. The



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956 supplement shall be the sum of the student allocation and an  
957 exempt property allocation.

958 (a) The student allocation shall be calculated based on the  
959 number of students reported for federal Impact Aid Program  
960 funds, including students with disabilities, who meet one of the  
961 following criteria:

962 1. The student has a parent who is on active duty in the  
963 uniformed services or is an accredited foreign government  
964 official and military officer. Students with disabilities shall  
965 also be reported separately for this category.

966 2. The student resides on eligible federally owned Indian  
967 land. Students with disabilities shall also be reported  
968 separately for this category.

969 3. The student resides with a civilian parent who lives or  
970 works on eligible federal property connected with a military  
971 installation or NASA. The number of these students shall be  
972 multiplied by a factor of 0.5.

973 (b) The total number of federally connected students  
974 calculated under paragraph (a) shall be multiplied by a  
975 percentage of the base student allocation as provided in the  
976 General Appropriations Act. The total of the number of students  
977 with disabilities as reported separately under subparagraphs  
978 (a)1. and (a)2. shall be multiplied by an additional percentage  
979 of the base student allocation as provided in the General  
980 Appropriations Act. The base amount and the amount for students  
981 with disabilities shall be summed to provide the student  
982 allocation.

983 (c) The exempt property allocation shall be equal to the  
984 tax-exempt value of federal impact aid lands reserved as



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985 military installations, real property owned by NASA, or eligible  
986 federally owned Indian lands located in the district, as of  
987 January 1 of the previous year, multiplied by the millage  
988 authorized and levied under s. 1011.71(2).

989       ~~(14)~~ ~~(13)~~ QUALITY ASSURANCE GUARANTEE.—The Legislature may  
990 annually in the General Appropriations Act determine a  
991 percentage increase in funds per K-12 unweighted FTE as a  
992 minimum guarantee to each school district. The guarantee shall  
993 be calculated from prior year base funding per unweighted FTE  
994 student which shall include the adjusted FTE dollars as provided  
995 in subsection (15) ~~(14)~~, quality guarantee funds, and actual  
996 nonvoted discretionary local effort from taxes. From the base  
997 funding per unweighted FTE, the increase shall be calculated for  
998 the current year. The current year funds from which the  
999 guarantee shall be determined shall include the adjusted FTE  
1000 dollars as provided in subsection (15) ~~(14)~~ and potential  
1001 nonvoted discretionary local effort from taxes. A comparison of  
1002 current year funds per unweighted FTE to prior year funds per  
1003 unweighted FTE shall be computed. For those school districts  
1004 which have less than the legislatively assigned percentage  
1005 increase, funds shall be provided to guarantee the assigned  
1006 percentage increase in funds per unweighted FTE student. Should  
1007 appropriated funds be less than the sum of this calculated  
1008 amount for all districts, the commissioner shall prorate each  
1009 district's allocation. This provision shall be implemented to  
1010 the extent specifically funded.

1011       Section 19. Effective July 1, 2016, and upon the expiration  
1012 of the amendment to section 1011.71, Florida Statutes, made by  
1013 chapter 2015-222, Laws of Florida, subsection (1) of that



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1014 section is amended to read:

1015       1011.71 District school tax.—

1016       (1) If the district school tax is not provided in the  
1017 General Appropriations Act or the substantive bill implementing  
1018 the General Appropriations Act, each district school board  
1019 desiring to participate in the state allocation of funds for  
1020 current operation as prescribed by s. 1011.62(15) ~~s. 1011.62(14)~~  
1021 shall levy on the taxable value for school purposes of the  
1022 district, exclusive of millage voted under ~~the provisions of~~ s.  
1023 9(b) or s. 12, Art. VII of the State Constitution, a millage  
1024 rate not to exceed the amount certified by the commissioner as  
1025 the minimum millage rate necessary to provide the district  
1026 required local effort for the current year, pursuant to s.  
1027 1011.62(4)(a)1. In addition to the required local effort millage  
1028 levy, each district school board may levy a nonvoted current  
1029 operating discretionary millage. The Legislature shall prescribe  
1030 annually in the appropriations act the maximum amount of millage  
1031 a district may levy.

1032       Section 20. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
1033 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2016.