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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Gaetz) recommended the following:

1           **Senate Substitute for Amendment (515338) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete everything after the enacting clause  
5 and insert:

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

8           39.201 Mandatory reports of child abuse, abandonment, or  
9 neglect; mandatory reports of death; central abuse hotline.—

10           (6) Information in the central abuse hotline may not be



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11 used for employment screening, except as provided in s.  
12 39.202(2) (a) and (h) or s. 402.302(15). Information in the  
13 central abuse hotline and the department's automated abuse  
14 information system may be used by the department, its authorized  
15 agents or contract providers, the Department of Health, or  
16 county agencies as part of the licensure or registration process  
17 pursuant to ss. 402.301-402.319 and ss. 409.175-409.176.

18 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
19 39.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20 39.202 Confidentiality of reports and records in cases of  
21 child abuse or neglect.-

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

26 (a) Employees, authorized agents, or contract providers of  
27 the department, the Department of Health, the Agency for Persons  
28 with Disabilities, the Office of Early Learning, or county  
29 agencies responsible for carrying out:

- 30 1. Child or adult protective investigations;
- 31 2. Ongoing child or adult protective services;
- 32 3. Early intervention and prevention services;
- 33 4. Healthy Start services;
- 34 5. Licensure or approval of adoptive homes, foster homes,  
35 child care facilities, facilities licensed under chapter 393, ~~or~~  
36 family day care homes, ~~or informal child care~~ providers who  
37 receive school readiness funding under part VI of chapter 1002,  
38 or other homes used to provide for the care and welfare of  
39 children; or



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40           6. Services for victims of domestic violence when provided  
41 by certified domestic violence centers working at the  
42 department's request as case consultants or with shared clients.  
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44 Also, employees or agents of the Department of Juvenile Justice  
45 responsible for the provision of services to children, pursuant  
46 to chapters 984 and 985.

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

49           402.302 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

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

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

56           (b) A search of the criminal history records, sexual  
57 predator and sexual offender registry, and child abuse and  
58 neglect registry of any state in which the applicant resided  
59 during the preceding 5 years.

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61 An applicant must submit a full set of fingerprints to the  
62 department or to a vendor, an entity, or an agency authorized by  
63 s. 943.053(13). The department, vendor, entity, or agency shall  
64 forward the fingerprints to local criminal records checks  
65 through local law enforcement agencies, fingerprinting for all  
66 purposes and checks in this subsection, statewide criminal  
67 records checks through the Department of Law Enforcement for  
68 state processing, and the Department of Law Enforcement shall



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69 forward the fingerprints to, ~~and federal criminal records checks~~  
70 ~~through~~ the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national  
71 processing.

72 Section 4. Section 402.3057, Florida Statutes, is amended  
73 to read:

74 402.3057 Individuals ~~Persons~~ not required to be  
75 refingerprinted or rescreened.~~—Individuals~~ ~~Any provision of law~~  
76 ~~to the contrary notwithstanding,~~ ~~human resource personnel~~ who  
77 have been fingerprinted or screened pursuant to chapters 393,  
78 394, 397, 402, and 409, ~~and teachers and noninstructional~~  
79 ~~personnel who have been fingerprinted pursuant to chapter 1012,~~  
80 who have not been unemployed for more than 90 days thereafter,  
81 and who under the penalty of perjury attest to the completion of  
82 such fingerprinting or screening and to compliance with the  
83 provisions of this section and the standards for good moral  
84 character as contained in such provisions as ss. 110.1127(2)(c),  
85 393.0655(1), 394.457(6), 397.451, 402.305(2), and 409.175(6),  
86 are shall ~~not be~~ required to be refingerprinted or rescreened in  
87 order to comply with any ~~caretaker~~ screening or fingerprinting  
88 requirements of this chapter.

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

91 402.306 Designation of licensing agency; dissemination by  
92 the department and local licensing agency of information on  
93 child care.—

94 (3) The department and local licensing agencies, or the  
95 designees thereof, shall be responsible for coordination and  
96 dissemination of information on child care to the community and  
97 shall make available through electronic means ~~upon request~~ all



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98 licensing standards and procedures, health and safety standards  
99 for school readiness providers, monitoring and inspection  
100 reports, and in addition to the names and addresses of licensed  
101 child care facilities, school readiness program providers, and,  
102 where applicable pursuant to s. 402.313, licensed or registered  
103 family day care homes. This information must also include the  
104 number of deaths, serious injuries, and instances of  
105 substantiated child abuse which have occurred in child care  
106 settings each year; research and best practices in child  
107 development; and resources regarding social-emotional  
108 development, parent and family engagement, healthy eating, and  
109 physical activity.

110 Section 6. Section 402.311, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
111 read:

112 402.311 Inspection.—

113 (1) A licensed child care facility shall accord to the  
114 department or the local licensing agency, whichever is  
115 applicable, the privilege of inspection, including access to  
116 facilities and personnel and to those records required in s.  
117 402.305, at reasonable times during regular business hours, to  
118 ensure compliance with ~~the provisions of~~ ss. 402.301-402.319.  
119 The right of entry and inspection shall also extend to any  
120 premises which the department or local licensing agency has  
121 reason to believe are being operated or maintained as a child  
122 care facility without a license, but no such entry or inspection  
123 of any premises shall be made without the permission of the  
124 person in charge thereof unless a warrant is first obtained from  
125 the circuit court authorizing such entry or inspection ~~same~~. Any  
126 application for a license or renewal made pursuant to this act



127 or the advertisement to the public for the provision of child  
128 care as defined in s. 402.302 shall constitute permission for  
129 any entry or inspection of the premises for which the license is  
130 sought in order to facilitate verification of the information  
131 submitted on or in connection with the application. In the event  
132 a licensed facility refuses permission for entry or inspection  
133 to the department or local licensing agency, a warrant shall be  
134 obtained from the circuit court authorizing entry or inspection  
135 before ~~same prior to~~ such entry or inspection. The department or  
136 local licensing agency may institute disciplinary proceedings  
137 pursuant to s. 402.310~~7~~ for such refusal.

138 (2) A school readiness program provider shall accord to the  
139 department or the local licensing agency, whichever is  
140 applicable, the privilege of inspection, including access to  
141 facilities, personnel, and records, to verify compliance with s.  
142 1002.88. Entry, inspection, and issuance of an inspection report  
143 by the department or the local licensing agency to verify  
144 compliance with s. 1002.88 is an exercise of a discretionary  
145 power to enforce compliance with the laws duly enacted by a  
146 governmental body.

147 (3) The department's issuance, transmittal, or publication  
148 of an inspection report resulting from an inspection under this  
149 section does not constitute agency action subject to chapter  
150 120.

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

153 402.319 Penalties.—

154 (3) Each child care facility, family day care home, and  
155 large family day care home shall annually submit an affidavit of



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156 compliance with s. 39.201.

157 Section 8. Section 409.1757, Florida Statutes, is amended  
158 to read:

159 409.1757 Individuals ~~Persons~~ not required to be  
160 refingerprinted or rescreened.~~Individuals Any law to the~~  
161 ~~contrary notwithstanding, human resource personnel~~ who have been  
162 fingerprinted or screened pursuant to chapters 393, 394, 397,  
163 402, and this chapter, teachers who have been fingerprinted  
164 pursuant to chapter 1012, and law enforcement officers who meet  
165 the requirements of s. 943.13, who have not been unemployed for  
166 more than 90 days thereafter, and who under the penalty of  
167 perjury attest to the completion of such fingerprinting or  
168 screening and to compliance with this section and the standards  
169 for good moral character as contained in such provisions as ss.  
170 110.1127(2)(c), 393.0655(1), 394.457(6), 397.451, 402.305(2),  
171 409.175(6), and 943.13(7), are not required to be  
172 refingerprinted or rescreened in order to comply with any  
173 ~~caretaker~~ screening or fingerprinting requirements of this  
174 chapter.

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

177 435.07 Exemptions from disqualification.—Unless otherwise  
178 provided by law, the provisions of this section apply to  
179 exemptions from disqualification for disqualifying offenses  
180 revealed pursuant to background screenings required under this  
181 chapter, regardless of whether those disqualifying offenses are  
182 listed in this chapter or other laws.

183 (4)

184 (c) A person is ineligible for employment with a provider



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185 that receives school readiness funding under part VI of chapter  
186 1002 if the person has been convicted of:

187 1. A felony offense prohibited under any of the following  
188 statutes:

189 a. Chapter 741, relating to domestic violence.

190 b. Section 782.04, relating to murder.

191 c. Section 782.07, relating to manslaughter, aggravated  
192 manslaughter of an elderly person or a disabled adult,  
193 aggravated manslaughter of a child, or aggravated manslaughter  
194 of an officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician,  
195 or a paramedic.

196 d. Section 784.021, relating to aggravated assault.

197 e. Section 784.045, relating to aggravated battery.

198 f. Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.

199 g. Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.

200 h. Section 787.04(2), relating to leading, taking,  
201 enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or  
202 concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent,  
203 pending custody proceedings.

204 i. Section 787.04(3), relating to leading, taking,  
205 enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or  
206 concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent,  
207 pending dependency proceedings or proceedings concerning alleged  
208 abuse or neglect of a minor.

209 j. Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.

210 k. Former s. 794.041, relating to sexual activity with or  
211 solicitation of a child by a person in familial or custodial  
212 authority.

213 l. Section 794.05, relating to unlawful sexual activity





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214 with certain minors.  
215 m. Section 794.08, relating to female genital mutilation.  
216 n. Section 806.01, relating to arson.  
217 o. Section 826.04, relating to incest.  
218 p. Section 827.03, relating to child abuse, aggravated  
219 child abuse, or neglect of a child.  
220 q. Section 827.04, relating to contributing to the  
221 delinquency or dependency of a child.  
222 r. Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by a  
223 child.  
224 s. Section 985.701, relating to sexual misconduct in  
225 juvenile justice programs.  
226 2. A misdemeanor offense prohibited under any of the  
227 following statutes:  
228 a. Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim of  
229 the offense was a minor.  
230 b. Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.  
231 3. A criminal act committed in another state or under  
232 federal law which, if committed in this state, would constitute  
233 an offense prohibited under any statute listed in subparagraph  
234 1. or subparagraph 2.  
235 Section 10. Present subsection (27) of section 1001.42,  
236 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (28), and a new  
237 subsection (27) is added to that section, to read:  
238 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The  
239 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all  
240 powers and perform all duties listed below:  
241 (27) VISITATION OF SCHOOLS.—Visit the schools, observe the  
242 management and instruction, give suggestions for improvement,



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243 and advise citizens with the view of promoting interest in  
244 education and improving the school.

245 Section 11. Section 1001.67, Florida Statutes, is created  
246 to read:

247 1001.67 Distinguished Florida College System Program.—A  
248 collaborative partnership is established between the State Board  
249 of Education and the Legislature to recognize the excellence of  
250 Florida's highest-performing Florida College system  
251 institutions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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272 (g) A time-to-degree for students graduating with an  
273 associate of arts degree of 2.25 years or less for first-time-  
274 in-college students with accelerated college credits, as  
275 reported by the Southern Regional Education Board.

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

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

284 Section 12. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of section  
285 1002.82, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (s)  
286 through (x) are added to that subsection, to read:

287 1002.82 Office of Early Learning; powers and duties.—

288 (2) The office shall:

289 (i) Enter into a memorandum of understanding with local  
290 licensing agencies and ~~Develop, in coordination with~~ the Child  
291 Care Services Program Office of the Department of Children and  
292 Families for inspections of school readiness program providers  
293 to monitor and verify compliance with s. 1002.88 and the health  
294 and safety checklist adopted by the office. The provider  
295 contract of a school readiness program provider that refuses  
296 permission for entry or inspection shall be terminated. ~~The, and~~  
297 ~~adopt a health and safety checklist may to be completed by~~  
298 ~~license-exempt providers that does not exceed the requirements~~  
299 of s. 402.305 and the Child Care and Development Fund pursuant  
300 to 45 C.F.R. part 98.



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301 (s) Develop and implement strategies to increase the supply  
302 and improve the quality of child care services for infants and  
303 toddlers, children with disabilities, children who receive care  
304 during nontraditional hours, children in underserved areas, and  
305 children in areas that have significant concentrations of  
306 poverty and unemployment.

307 (t) Establish preservice and inservice training  
308 requirements that address, at a minimum, school readiness child  
309 development standards, health and safety requirements, and  
310 social-emotional behavior intervention models, which may include  
311 positive behavior intervention and support models.

312 (u) Establish standards for emergency preparedness plans  
313 for school readiness program providers.

314 (v) Establish group sizes.

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

318 (x) Establish eligibility criteria, including limitations  
319 based on income and family assets, in accordance with s. 1002.87  
320 and federal law.

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

323 1002.84 Early learning coalitions; school readiness powers  
324 and duties.—Each early learning coalition shall:

325 (7) Determine child eligibility pursuant to s. 1002.87 and  
326 provider eligibility pursuant to s. 1002.88. ~~At a minimum, Child~~  
327 ~~eligibility must be redetermined annually. Redetermination must~~  
328 ~~also be conducted twice per year for an additional 50 percent of~~  
329 ~~a coalition's enrollment through a statistically valid random~~



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330 ~~sampling~~. A coalition must document the reason ~~why~~ a child is no  
331 longer eligible for the school readiness program according to  
332 the standard codes prescribed by the office.

333 (8) Establish a parent sliding fee scale that provides for  
334 ~~requires~~ a parent copayment that is not a barrier to families  
335 receiving to participate in the school readiness program  
336 services. Providers are required to collect the parent's  
337 copayment. A coalition may, on a case-by-case basis, waive the  
338 copayment for an at-risk child or temporarily waive the  
339 copayment for a child whose family's income is at or below the  
340 federal poverty level and whose family experiences a natural  
341 disaster or an event that limits the parent's ability to pay,  
342 such as incarceration, placement in residential treatment, or  
343 becoming homeless, or an emergency situation such as a household  
344 fire or burglary, or while the parent is participating in  
345 parenting classes. A parent may not transfer school readiness  
346 program services to another school readiness program provider  
347 until the parent has submitted documentation from the current  
348 school readiness program provider to the early learning  
349 coalition stating that the parent has satisfactorily fulfilled  
350 the copayment obligation.

351 Section 14. Subsections (1), (4), (5), and (6) of section  
352 1002.87, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

353 1002.87 School readiness program; eligibility and  
354 enrollment.-

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



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359 (a) Priority shall be given first to a child younger than  
360 13 years of age from a family that includes a parent who is  
361 receiving temporary cash assistance under chapter 414 and  
362 subject to the federal work requirements.

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

365 (c) Priority shall be given next to a child from birth to  
366 the beginning of the school year for which the child is eligible  
367 for admission to kindergarten in a public school under s.  
368 1003.21(1)(a)2. who is from a working family that is  
369 economically disadvantaged, and may include such child's  
370 eligible siblings, beginning with the school year in which the  
371 sibling is eligible for admission to kindergarten in a public  
372 school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2. until the beginning of the  
373 school year in which the sibling is eligible to begin 6th grade,  
374 provided that the first priority for funding an eligible sibling  
375 is local revenues available to the coalition for funding direct  
376 services. ~~However, a child eligible under this paragraph ceases~~  
377 ~~to be eligible if his or her family income exceeds 200 percent~~  
378 ~~of the federal poverty level.~~

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

384 (e) Priority shall be given next to an at-risk child who is  
385 at least 9 years of age but younger than 13 years of age. An at-  
386 risk child whose sibling is enrolled in the school readiness  
387 program within an eligibility priority category listed in



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388 paragraphs (a)-(c) shall be given priority over other children  
389 who are eligible under this paragraph.

390 (f) Priority shall be given next to a child who is younger  
391 than 13 years of age from a working family that is economically  
392 disadvantaged. A child who is eligible under this paragraph  
393 whose sibling is enrolled in the school readiness program under  
394 paragraph (c) shall be given priority over other children who  
395 are eligible under this paragraph. ~~However, a child eligible~~  
396 ~~under this paragraph ceases to be eligible if his or her family~~  
397 ~~income exceeds 200 percent of the federal poverty level.~~

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

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

408 (i) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(d), priority shall be  
409 given last to a child who otherwise meets one of the eligibility  
410 criteria in paragraphs (a)-(d) but who is also enrolled  
411 concurrently in the federal Head Start Program and the Voluntary  
412 Prekindergarten Education Program.

413 (4) The parent of a child enrolled in the school readiness  
414 program must notify the coalition or its designee within 10 days  
415 after any change in employment status, income, or family size or  
416 failure to maintain attendance at a job training or educational



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417 program in accordance with program requirements. ~~Upon~~  
418 ~~notification by the parent, the child's eligibility must be~~  
419 ~~reevaluated.~~

420 (5) A child whose eligibility priority category requires  
421 the child to be from a working family ceases to be eligible for  
422 the school readiness program if a parent with whom the child  
423 resides does not reestablish employment or resume attendance at  
424 a job training or educational program within 90 60 days after  
425 becoming unemployed or ceasing to attend a job training or  
426 educational program.

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

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

436 1002.88 School readiness program provider standards;  
437 eligibility to deliver the school readiness program.—

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

440 (c) Provide basic health and safety of its premises and  
441 facilities and compliance with requirements for age-appropriate  
442 immunizations of children enrolled in the school readiness  
443 program.

444 1. For a provider that is licensed child care facility, a  
445 large family child care home, or a licensed family day care





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446 ~~home~~, compliance with s. 402.305, s. 402.3131, or s. 402.313 and  
447 this subsection, as verified pursuant to s. 402.311, satisfies  
448 this requirement.

449 2. For a provider that is a registered family day care home  
450 or is not subject to licensure or registration by the Department  
451 of Children and Families, compliance with this subsection, as  
452 verified pursuant to s. 402.311, satisfies this requirement.

453 Upon such verification, the provider ~~For a public or nonpublic~~  
454 ~~school, compliance with s. 402.3025 or s. 1003.22 satisfies this~~  
455 ~~requirement. A faith-based child care provider, an informal~~  
456 ~~child care provider, or a nonpublic school, exempt from~~  
457 ~~licensure under s. 402.316 or s. 402.3025,~~ shall annually post  
458 ~~complete~~ the health and safety checklist adopted by the office,  
459 ~~post the checklist~~ prominently on its premises in plain sight  
460 for visitors and parents, ~~and shall annually submit the~~  
461 checklist ~~it annually~~ to its local early learning coalition.

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

465 (e) Employ child care personnel, as defined in s.  
466 402.302(3), who have satisfied the screening requirements of  
467 chapter 402 and fulfilled the training requirements of the  
468 office ~~Provide a healthy and safe environment pursuant to s.~~  
469 ~~402.305(5), (6), and (7), as applicable, and as verified~~  
470 ~~pursuant to s. 402.311.~~

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

473 1002.89 School readiness program; funding.-

474 (6) Costs shall be kept to the minimum necessary for the



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475 efficient and effective administration of the school readiness  
476 program with the highest priority of expenditure being direct  
477 services for eligible children. However, no more than 5 percent  
478 of the funds described in subsection (5) may be used for  
479 administrative costs and no more than 22 percent of the funds  
480 described in subsection (5) may be used in any fiscal year for  
481 any combination of administrative costs, quality activities, and  
482 nondirect services as follows:

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

486 1. Developing, establishing, expanding, operating, and  
487 coordinating resource and referral programs specifically related  
488 to the provision of comprehensive consumer education to parents  
489 and the public to promote informed child care choices specified  
490 in 45 C.F.R. s. 98.33 ~~regarding participation in the school~~  
491 ~~readiness program and parental choice.~~

492 2. Awarding grants and providing financial support to  
493 school readiness program providers and their staff to assist  
494 them in meeting applicable state requirements for child care  
495 performance standards, implementing developmentally appropriate  
496 curricula and related classroom resources that support  
497 curricula, providing literacy supports, and providing continued  
498 professional development and training. Any grants awarded  
499 pursuant to this subparagraph shall comply with ~~the requirements~~  
500 ~~of~~ ss. 215.971 and 287.058.

501 3. Providing training, and technical assistance, and  
502 financial support to ~~for~~ school readiness program providers and  
503 their ~~staff~~ and parents on standards, child screenings, child



504 assessments, child development research and best practices,  
505 developmentally appropriate curricula, character development,  
506 teacher-child interactions, age-appropriate discipline  
507 practices, health and safety, nutrition, first aid,  
508 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the recognition of communicable  
509 diseases, and child abuse detection, and prevention, and  
510 reporting.

511 4. Providing, from among the funds provided for the  
512 activities described in subparagraphs 1.-3., adequate funding  
513 for infants and toddlers as necessary to meet federal  
514 requirements related to expenditures for quality activities for  
515 infant and toddler care.

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

519 6. Responding to Warm-Line requests by providers and  
520 ~~parents related to school readiness program children,~~ including  
521 providing developmental and health screenings to school  
522 readiness program children.

523 (7) Funds appropriated for the school readiness program may  
524 not be expended for the purchase or improvement of land; for the  
525 purchase, construction, or permanent improvement of any building  
526 or facility; or for the purchase of buses. However, funds may be  
527 expended for minor remodeling and upgrading of child care  
528 facilities which is necessary for the administration of the  
529 program and to ensure that providers meet state and local child  
530 care standards, including applicable health and safety  
531 requirements.

532 Section 17. Effective June 29, 2016, section 1004.935,



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533 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:  
534 1004.935 Adults with Disabilities Workforce Education ~~Pilot~~  
535 Program.—

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

541 (a) Have a disability;

542 (b) Are 22 years of age;

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

546 (d) Do not have a standard high school diploma or a special  
547 high school diploma; and

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

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553 As used in this section, the term "student with a disability"  
554 includes a student who is documented as having an intellectual  
555 disability; a speech impairment; a language impairment; a  
556 hearing impairment, including deafness; a visual impairment,  
557 including blindness; a dual sensory impairment; an orthopedic  
558 impairment; another health impairment; an emotional or  
559 behavioral disability; a specific learning disability,  
560 including, but not limited to, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or  
561 developmental aphasia; a traumatic brain injury; a developmental



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562 delay; or autism spectrum disorder.

563 (2) A student participating in the ~~pilot~~ program may  
564 continue to participate in the program until the student  
565 graduates from high school or reaches the age of 40 years,  
566 whichever occurs first.

567 (3) Supported employment services may be provided at more  
568 than one site.

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

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

576 (a) Be academically accountable for meeting the educational  
577 needs of the student by annually providing to the provider of  
578 supported employment services a written explanation of the  
579 student's progress.

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

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

583 (d) Provide to the provider of supported employment  
584 services all documentation required for a student's  
585 participation, including the private school's and student's fee  
586 schedules, at least 30 days before any quarterly scholarship  
587 payment is made for the student. A student is not eligible to  
588 receive a quarterly scholarship payment if the private school  
589 fails to meet this deadline.

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591 The inability of a private school to meet the requirements of  
592 this subsection constitutes a basis for the ineligibility of the  
593 private school to participate in the ~~pilot~~ program.

594 (6) (a) If the student chooses to participate in the ~~pilot~~  
595 program and is accepted by the provider of supported employment  
596 services, the student must notify the Department of Education of  
597 his or her acceptance into the program 60 days before the first  
598 scholarship payment and before participating in the ~~pilot~~  
599 program in order to be eligible for the scholarship.

600 (b) Upon receipt of a scholarship warrant, the student or  
601 parent to whom the warrant is made must restrictively endorse  
602 the warrant to the provider of supported employment services for  
603 deposit into the account of the provider. The student or parent  
604 may not designate any entity or individual associated with the  
605 participating provider of supported employment services as the  
606 student's or parent's attorney in fact to endorse a scholarship  
607 warrant. A participant who fails to comply with this paragraph  
608 forfeits the scholarship.

609 (7) Funds for the scholarship shall be provided from the  
610 appropriation from the school district's Workforce Development  
611 Fund in the General Appropriations Act for students who reside  
612 in the Hardee County School District, the DeSoto County School  
613 District, the Manatee County School District, or the Sarasota  
614 County School District. ~~During the pilot program,~~ The  
615 scholarship amount granted for an eligible student with a  
616 disability shall be equal to the cost per unit of a full-time  
617 equivalent adult general education student, multiplied by the  
618 adult general education funding factor, and multiplied by the  
619 district cost differential pursuant to the formula required by



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620 s. 1011.80(6)(a) for the district in which the student resides.

621 (8) Upon notification by the Department of Education that  
622 it has received the required documentation, the Chief Financial  
623 Officer shall make scholarship payments in four equal amounts no  
624 later than September 1, November 1, February 1, and April 1 of  
625 each academic year in which the scholarship is in force. The  
626 initial payment shall be made after the Department of Education  
627 verifies that the student was accepted into the ~~pilot~~ program,  
628 and subsequent payments shall be made upon verification of  
629 continued participation in the ~~pilot~~ program. Payment must be by  
630 individual warrant made payable to the student or parent and  
631 mailed by the Department of Education to the provider of  
632 supported employment services, and the student or parent shall  
633 restrictively endorse the warrant to the provider of supported  
634 employment services for deposit into the account of that  
635 provider.

636 (9) Subsequent to each scholarship payment, the Department  
637 of Education shall request from the Department of Financial  
638 Services a sample of endorsed warrants to review and confirm  
639 compliance with endorsement requirements.

640 Section 18. Effective July 1, 2016, and upon the expiration  
641 of the amendment to section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, made by  
642 chapter 2015-222, Laws of Florida, paragraphs (e) and (o) of  
643 subsection (1), subsection (4), and present subsection (13) of  
644 that section are amended, present subsections (13), (14), and  
645 (15) of that section are redesignated as subsections (14), (15),  
646 and (16), respectively, and a new subsection (13) is added to  
647 that section, to read:

648 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual



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649 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
650 district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
651 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
652 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
653 follows:

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

658 (e) *Funding model for exceptional student education*  
659 *programs.*—

660 1.a. The funding model uses basic, at-risk, support levels  
661 IV and V for exceptional students and career Florida Education  
662 Finance Program cost factors, and a guaranteed allocation for  
663 exceptional student education programs. Exceptional education  
664 cost factors are determined by using a matrix of services to  
665 document the services that each exceptional student will  
666 receive. The nature and intensity of the services indicated on  
667 the matrix shall be consistent with the services described in  
668 each exceptional student's individual educational plan. The  
669 Department of Education shall review and revise the descriptions  
670 of the services and supports included in the matrix of services  
671 for exceptional students and shall implement those revisions  
672 before the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

673 b. In order to generate funds using one of the two weighted  
674 cost factors, a matrix of services must be completed at the time  
675 of the student's initial placement into an exceptional student  
676 education program and at least once every 3 years by personnel  
677 who have received approved training. Nothing listed in the





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678 matrix shall be construed as limiting the services a school  
679 district must provide in order to ensure that exceptional  
680 students are provided a free, appropriate public education.

681 c. Students identified as exceptional, in accordance with  
682 chapter 6A-6, Florida Administrative Code, who do not have a  
683 matrix of services as specified in sub-subparagraph b. shall  
684 generate funds on the basis of full-time-equivalent student  
685 membership in the Florida Education Finance Program at the same  
686 funding level per student as provided for basic students.  
687 Additional funds for these exceptional students will be provided  
688 through the guaranteed allocation designated in subparagraph 2.

689 2. For students identified as exceptional who do not have a  
690 matrix of services and students who are gifted in grades K  
691 through 8, there is created a guaranteed allocation to provide  
692 these students with a free appropriate public education, in  
693 accordance with s. 1001.42(4)(1) and rules of the State Board of  
694 Education, which shall be allocated initially ~~annually~~ to each  
695 school district in the amount provided in the General  
696 Appropriations Act. These funds shall be supplemental ~~in~~  
697 ~~addition~~ to the funds appropriated for the basic funding level  
698 ~~on the basis of FTE student membership in the Florida Education~~  
699 ~~Finance Program~~, and the amount allocated for each school  
700 district shall ~~not~~ be recalculated once during the year, based  
701 on actual student membership from the October FTE survey. Upon  
702 recalculation, if the generated allocation is greater than the  
703 amount provided in the General Appropriations Act, the total  
704 shall be prorated to the level of the appropriation based on  
705 each district's share of the total recalculated amount. These  
706 funds shall be used to provide special education and related



707 services for exceptional students and students who are gifted in  
708 grades K through 8. ~~Beginning with the 2007-2008 fiscal year,~~ A  
709 district's expenditure of funds from the guaranteed allocation  
710 for students in grades 9 through 12 who are gifted may not be  
711 greater than the amount expended during the 2006-2007 fiscal  
712 year for gifted students in grades 9 through 12.

713 *(o) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent*  
714 *membership based on successful completion of a career-themed*  
715 *course pursuant to ss. 1003.491, 1003.492, and 1003.493, or*  
716 *courses with embedded CAPE industry certifications or CAPE*  
717 *Digital Tool certificates, and issuance of industry*  
718 *certification identified on the CAPE Industry Certification*  
719 *Funding List pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of*  
720 *Education or CAPE Digital Tool certificates pursuant to s.*  
721 *1003.4203.—*

722 1.a. A value of 0.025 full-time equivalent student  
723 membership shall be calculated for CAPE Digital Tool  
724 certificates earned by students in elementary and middle school  
725 grades.

726 b. A value of 0.1 or 0.2 full-time equivalent student  
727 membership shall be calculated for each student who completes a  
728 course as defined in s. 1003.493(1)(b) or courses with embedded  
729 CAPE industry certifications and who is issued an industry  
730 certification identified annually on the CAPE Industry  
731 Certification Funding List approved under rules adopted by the  
732 State Board of Education. A value of 0.2 full-time equivalent  
733 membership shall be calculated for each student who is issued a  
734 CAPE industry certification that has a statewide articulation  
735 agreement for college credit approved by the State Board of



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736 Education. For CAPE industry certifications that do not  
737 articulate for college credit, the Department of Education shall  
738 assign a full-time equivalent value of 0.1 for each  
739 certification. Middle grades students who earn additional FTE  
740 membership for a CAPE Digital Tool certificate pursuant to sub-  
741 subparagraph a. may not use the previously funded examination to  
742 satisfy the requirements for earning an industry certification  
743 under this sub-subparagraph. Additional FTE membership for an  
744 elementary or middle grades student may ~~shall~~ not exceed 0.1 for  
745 certificates or certifications earned within the same fiscal  
746 year. The State Board of Education shall include the assigned  
747 values on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List under  
748 rules adopted by the state board. Such value shall be added to  
749 the total full-time equivalent student membership for grades 6  
750 through 12 in the subsequent year ~~for courses that were not~~  
751 ~~provided through dual enrollment~~. CAPE industry certifications  
752 earned through dual enrollment must be reported and funded  
753 pursuant to s. 1011.80. However, if a student earns a  
754 certification through a dual enrollment course and the  
755 certification is not a fundable certification on the  
756 postsecondary certification funding list, or the dual enrollment  
757 certification is earned as a result of an agreement between a  
758 school district and a nonpublic postsecondary institution, the  
759 bonus value shall be funded in the same manner as other nondual  
760 enrollment course industry certifications. In such cases, the  
761 school district may provide for an agreement between the high  
762 school and the technical center, or the school district and the  
763 postsecondary institution may enter into an agreement for  
764 equitable distribution of the bonus funds.



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765 c. A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership  
766 shall be calculated for student completion of the courses and  
767 the embedded certifications identified on the CAPE Industry  
768 Certification Funding List and approved by the commissioner  
769 pursuant to ss. 1003.4203(5) (a) and 1008.44.

770 d. A value of 0.5 full-time equivalent student membership  
771 shall be calculated for CAPE Acceleration Industry  
772 Certifications that articulate for 15 to 29 college credit  
773 hours, and 1.0 full-time equivalent student membership shall be  
774 calculated for CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications that  
775 articulate for 30 or more college credit hours pursuant to CAPE  
776 Acceleration Industry Certifications approved by the  
777 commissioner pursuant to ss. 1003.4203(5) (b) and 1008.44.

778 2. Each district must allocate at least 80 percent of the  
779 funds provided for CAPE industry certification, in accordance  
780 with this paragraph, to the program that generated the funds.  
781 This allocation may not be used to supplant funds provided for  
782 basic operation of the program.

783 3. For CAPE industry certifications earned in the 2013-2014  
784 school year and in subsequent years, the school district shall  
785 distribute to each classroom teacher who provided direct  
786 instruction toward the attainment of a CAPE industry  
787 certification that qualified for additional full-time equivalent  
788 membership under subparagraph 1.:

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

793 b. A bonus ~~in the amount~~ of \$50 for each student taught by



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794 a teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the  
795 attainment of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry  
796 Certification Funding List with a weight of 0.2, ~~0.3, 0.5,~~ and  
797 ~~1.0~~.

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

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

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807 Bonuses awarded pursuant to this paragraph shall be provided to  
808 teachers who are employed by the district in the year in which  
809 the additional FTE membership calculation is included in the  
810 calculation. Bonuses shall be calculated based upon the  
811 associated weight of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE  
812 Industry Certification Funding List for the year in which the  
813 certification is earned by the student. Any bonus awarded to a  
814 teacher under this paragraph ~~may not exceed \$2,000 in any given~~  
815 ~~school year and~~ is in addition to any regular wage or other  
816 bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive.

817 (4) COMPUTATION OF DISTRICT REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT.—The  
818 Legislature shall prescribe the aggregate required local effort  
819 for all school districts collectively as an item in the General  
820 Appropriations Act for each fiscal year. After state fiscal year  
821 2015-2016, and as determined and publicly reported by the  
822 Legislature when the General Appropriations Act is enacted, the



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823 aggregate increase in local ad valorem tax funds provided  
824 through the Florida Education Finance Program may not be greater  
825 than 50 percent of any increase in the total of state and local  
826 funds provided or authorized pursuant to the Florida Education  
827 Finance Program in the forthcoming state fiscal year, as  
828 compared to actual local and state funds used in the prior state  
829 fiscal year. This subsection does not affect the authority of a  
830 district school board to levy the local discretionary millage  
831 authorized in s. 1011.71(1). The amount that each district shall  
832 provide annually toward the cost of the Florida Education  
833 Finance Program for kindergarten through grade 12 programs shall  
834 be calculated as follows:

835 (a) *Estimated taxable value calculations.*-

836 1.a. Not later than 2 working days before ~~prior to~~ July 19,  
837 the Department of Revenue shall certify to the Commissioner of  
838 Education its most recent estimate of the taxable value for  
839 school purposes in each school district and the total for all  
840 school districts in the state for the current calendar year  
841 based on the latest available data obtained from the local  
842 property appraisers. The value certified shall be the taxable  
843 value for school purposes for that year, and no further  
844 adjustments shall be made, except those made pursuant to  
845 paragraphs (c) and (d), or an assessment roll change required by  
846 final judicial decisions as specified in paragraph (15) (b)  
847 ~~(14) (b)~~. Not later than July 19, the Commissioner of Education  
848 shall compute a millage rate, rounded to the next highest one  
849 one-thousandth of a mill, which, when applied to 96 percent of  
850 the estimated state total taxable value for school purposes,  
851 would generate the prescribed aggregate required local effort



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852 for that year for all districts. The Commissioner of Education  
853 shall certify to each district school board the millage rate,  
854 computed as prescribed in this subparagraph, as the minimum  
855 millage rate necessary to provide the district required local  
856 effort for that year.

857       b. The General Appropriations Act shall direct the  
858 computation of the statewide adjusted aggregate amount for  
859 required local effort for all school districts collectively from  
860 ad valorem taxes to ensure that no school district's revenue  
861 from required local effort millage will produce more than 90  
862 percent of the district's total Florida Education Finance  
863 Program calculation as calculated and adopted by the  
864 Legislature, and the adjustment of the required local effort  
865 millage rate of each district that produces more than 90 percent  
866 of its total Florida Education Finance Program entitlement to a  
867 level that will produce only 90 percent of its total Florida  
868 Education Finance Program entitlement in the July calculation.

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

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

876       b. For each year identified in sub-subparagraph a., the  
877 taxable value certified by the appraiser pursuant to s.  
878 193.122(2) or (3), if applicable, since the prior certification  
879 under sub-subparagraph 1.a. This is the certification that  
880 reflects all final administrative actions of the value



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881 adjustment board.

882 (b) *Equalization of required local effort.*—

883 1. The Department of Revenue shall include with its  
884 certifications provided pursuant to paragraph (a) its most  
885 recent determination of the assessment level of the prior year's  
886 assessment roll for each county and for the state as a whole.

887 2. The Commissioner of Education shall adjust the required  
888 local effort millage of each district for the current year,  
889 computed pursuant to paragraph (a), as follows:

890 a. The equalization factor for the prior year's assessment  
891 roll of each district shall be multiplied by 96 percent of the  
892 taxable value for school purposes shown on that roll and by the  
893 prior year's required local-effort millage, exclusive of any  
894 equalization adjustment made pursuant to this paragraph. The  
895 dollar amount so computed shall be the additional required local  
896 effort for equalization for the current year.

897 b. Such equalization factor shall be computed as the  
898 quotient of the prior year's assessment level of the state as a  
899 whole divided by the prior year's assessment level of the  
900 county, from which quotient shall be subtracted 1.

901 c. The dollar amount of additional required local effort  
902 for equalization for each district shall be converted to a  
903 millage rate, based on 96 percent of the current year's taxable  
904 value for that district, and added to the required local effort  
905 millage determined pursuant to paragraph (a).

906 3. Notwithstanding the limitations imposed pursuant to s.  
907 1011.71(1), the total required local-effort millage, including  
908 additional required local effort for equalization, shall be an  
909 amount not to exceed 10 minus the maximum millage allowed as





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910 nonvoted discretionary millage, exclusive of millage authorized  
911 pursuant to s. 1011.71(2). Nothing herein shall be construed to  
912 allow a millage in excess of that authorized in s. 9, Art. VII  
913 of the State Constitution.

914 4. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "assessment  
915 level" means the value-weighted mean assessment ratio for the  
916 county or state as a whole, as determined pursuant to s.  
917 195.096, or as subsequently adjusted. However, for those parcels  
918 studied pursuant to s. 195.096(3)(a)1. which are receiving the  
919 assessment limitation set forth in s. 193.155, and for which the  
920 assessed value is less than the just value, the department shall  
921 use the assessed value in the numerator and the denominator of  
922 such assessment ratio. In the event a court has adjudicated that  
923 the department failed to establish an accurate estimate of an  
924 assessment level of a county and recomputation resulting in an  
925 accurate estimate based upon the evidence before the court was  
926 not possible, that county shall be presumed to have an  
927 assessment level equal to that of the state as a whole.

928 5. If, in the prior year, taxes were levied against an  
929 interim assessment roll pursuant to s. 193.1145, the assessment  
930 level and prior year's nonexempt assessed valuation used for the  
931 purposes of this paragraph shall be those of the interim  
932 assessment roll.

933 (c) *Exclusion.*—

934 1. In those instances in which:

935 a. There is litigation either attacking the authority of  
936 the property appraiser to include certain property on the tax  
937 assessment roll as taxable property or contesting the assessed  
938 value of certain property on the tax assessment roll, and



939           b. The assessed value of the property in contest involves  
940 more than 6 percent of the total nonexempt assessment roll, the  
941 plaintiff shall provide to the district school board of the  
942 county in which the property is located and to the Department of  
943 Education a certified copy of the petition and receipt for the  
944 good faith payment at the time they are filed with the court.

945           2. For purposes of computing the required local effort for  
946 each district affected by such petition, the Department of  
947 Education shall exclude from the district's total nonexempt  
948 assessment roll the assessed value of the property in contest  
949 and shall add the amount of the good faith payment to the  
950 district's required local effort.

951           (d) *Recomputation.*—Following final adjudication of any  
952 litigation on the basis of which an adjustment in taxable value  
953 was made pursuant to paragraph (c), the department shall  
954 recompute the required local effort for each district for each  
955 year affected by such adjustments, utilizing taxable values  
956 approved by the court, and shall adjust subsequent allocations  
957 to such districts accordingly.

958           (e) *Prior period funding adjustment millage.*—

959           1. There shall be an additional millage to be known as the  
960 Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage levied by a school  
961 district if the prior period unrealized required local effort  
962 funds are greater than zero. The Commissioner of Education shall  
963 calculate the amount of the prior period unrealized required  
964 local effort funds as specified in subparagraph 2. and the  
965 millage required to generate that amount as specified in this  
966 subparagraph. The Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage shall  
967 be the quotient of the prior period unrealized required local



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968 effort funds divided by the current year taxable value certified  
969 to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to sub-subparagraph  
970 (a)1.a. This levy shall be in addition to the required local  
971 effort millage certified pursuant to this subsection. Such  
972 millage shall not affect the calculation of the current year's  
973 required local effort, and the funds generated by such levy  
974 shall not be included in the district's Florida Education  
975 Finance Program allocation for that fiscal year. For purposes of  
976 the millage to be included on the Notice of Proposed Taxes, the  
977 Commissioner of Education shall adjust the required local effort  
978 millage computed pursuant to paragraph (a) as adjusted by  
979 paragraph (b) for the current year for any district that levies  
980 a Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage to include all Prior  
981 Period Funding Adjustment Millage. For the purpose of this  
982 paragraph, there shall be a Prior Period Funding Adjustment  
983 Millage levied for each year certified by the Department of  
984 Revenue pursuant to sub-subparagraph (a)2.a. since the previous  
985 year certification and for which the calculation in sub-  
986 subparagraph 2.b. is greater than zero.

987 2.a. As used in this subparagraph, the term:

988 (I) "Prior year" means a year certified under sub-  
989 subparagraph (a)2.a.

990 (II) "Preliminary taxable value" means:

991 (A) If the prior year is the 2009-2010 fiscal year or  
992 later, the taxable value certified to the Commissioner of  
993 Education pursuant to sub-subparagraph (a)1.a.

994 (B) If the prior year is the 2008-2009 fiscal year or  
995 earlier, the taxable value certified pursuant to the final  
996 calculation as specified in former paragraph (b) as that



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997 paragraph existed in the prior year.

998 (III) "Final taxable value" means the district's taxable  
999 value as certified by the property appraiser pursuant to s.  
1000 193.122(2) or (3), if applicable. This is the certification that  
1001 reflects all final administrative actions of the value  
1002 adjustment board.

1003 b. For purposes of this subsection and with respect to each  
1004 year certified pursuant to sub-subparagraph (a)2.a., if the  
1005 district's prior year preliminary taxable value is greater than  
1006 the district's prior year final taxable value, the prior period  
1007 unrealized required local effort funds are the difference  
1008 between the district's prior year preliminary taxable value and  
1009 the district's prior year final taxable value, multiplied by the  
1010 prior year district required local effort millage. If the  
1011 district's prior year preliminary taxable value is less than the  
1012 district's prior year final taxable value, the prior period  
1013 unrealized required local effort funds are zero.

1014 (13) FEDERALLY CONNECTED STUDENT SUPPLEMENT.—The federally  
1015 connected student supplement is created to provide supplemental  
1016 funding for school districts to support the education of  
1017 students connected with federally owned military installations,  
1018 National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) real  
1019 property, and Indian lands. To be eligible for this supplement,  
1020 the district must be eligible for federal Impact Aid Program  
1021 funds under s. 8003 of Title VIII of the Elementary and  
1022 Secondary Education Act of 1965. The supplement shall be  
1023 allocated annually to each eligible school district in the  
1024 amount provided in the General Appropriations Act. The  
1025 supplement shall be the sum of the student allocation and an



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1026 exempt property allocation.

1027 (a) The student allocation shall be calculated based on the  
1028 number of students reported for federal Impact Aid Program  
1029 funds, including students with disabilities, who meet one of the  
1030 following criteria:

1031 1. The student has a parent who is on active duty in the  
1032 uniformed services or is an accredited foreign government  
1033 official and military officer. Students with disabilities shall  
1034 also be reported separately for this category.

1035 2. The student resides on eligible federally owned Indian  
1036 land. Students with disabilities shall also be reported  
1037 separately for this category.

1038 3. The student resides with a civilian parent who lives or  
1039 works on eligible federal property connected with a military  
1040 installation or NASA. The number of these students shall be  
1041 multiplied by a factor of 0.5.

1042 (b) The total number of federally connected students  
1043 calculated under paragraph (a) shall be multiplied by a  
1044 percentage of the base student allocation as provided in the  
1045 General Appropriations Act. The total of the number of students  
1046 with disabilities as reported separately under subparagraphs  
1047 (a)1. and (a)2. shall be multiplied by an additional percentage  
1048 of the base student allocation as provided in the General  
1049 Appropriations Act. The base amount and the amount for students  
1050 with disabilities shall be summed to provide the student  
1051 allocation.

1052 (c) The exempt property allocation shall be equal to the  
1053 tax-exempt value of federal impact aid lands reserved as  
1054 military installations, real property owned by NASA, or eligible



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1055 federally owned Indian lands located in the district, as of  
1056 January 1 of the previous year, multiplied by the millage  
1057 authorized and levied under s. 1011.71(2).

1058 (14)~~(13)~~ QUALITY ASSURANCE GUARANTEE.—The Legislature may  
1059 annually in the General Appropriations Act determine a  
1060 percentage increase in funds per K-12 unweighted FTE as a  
1061 minimum guarantee to each school district. The guarantee shall  
1062 be calculated from prior year base funding per unweighted FTE  
1063 student which shall include the adjusted FTE dollars as provided  
1064 in subsection (15) ~~(14)~~, quality guarantee funds, and actual  
1065 nonvoted discretionary local effort from taxes. From the base  
1066 funding per unweighted FTE, the increase shall be calculated for  
1067 the current year. The current year funds from which the  
1068 guarantee shall be determined shall include the adjusted FTE  
1069 dollars as provided in subsection (15) ~~(14)~~ and potential  
1070 nonvoted discretionary local effort from taxes. A comparison of  
1071 current year funds per unweighted FTE to prior year funds per  
1072 unweighted FTE shall be computed. For those school districts  
1073 which have less than the legislatively assigned percentage  
1074 increase, funds shall be provided to guarantee the assigned  
1075 percentage increase in funds per unweighted FTE student. Should  
1076 appropriated funds be less than the sum of this calculated  
1077 amount for all districts, the commissioner shall prorate each  
1078 district's allocation. This provision shall be implemented to  
1079 the extent specifically funded.

1080 Section 19. Effective July 1, 2016, and upon the expiration  
1081 of the amendment to section 1011.71, Florida Statutes, made by  
1082 chapter 2015-222, Laws of Florida, subsection (1) of that  
1083 section is amended to read:



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1084 1011.71 District school tax.-

1085 (1) If the district school tax is not provided in the  
1086 General Appropriations Act or the substantive bill implementing  
1087 the General Appropriations Act, each district school board  
1088 desiring to participate in the state allocation of funds for  
1089 current operation as prescribed by s. 1011.62(15) ~~s. 1011.62(14)~~  
1090 shall levy on the taxable value for school purposes of the  
1091 district, exclusive of millage voted under ~~the provisions of s.~~  
1092 9(b) or s. 12, Art. VII of the State Constitution, a millage  
1093 rate not to exceed the amount certified by the commissioner as  
1094 the minimum millage rate necessary to provide the district  
1095 required local effort for the current year, pursuant to s.  
1096 1011.62(4)(a)1. In addition to the required local effort millage  
1097 levy, each district school board may levy a nonvoted current  
1098 operating discretionary millage. The Legislature shall prescribe  
1099 annually in the appropriations act the maximum amount of millage  
1100 a district may levy.

1101 Section 20. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
1102 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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1104 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

1105 And the title is amended as follows:

1106 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
1107 and insert:

1108 A bill to be entitled  
1109 An act relating to education; amending s. 39.201,  
1110 F.S.; providing an exception from a prohibition  
1111 against the use of information in the Department of  
1112 Children and Families central abuse hotline for



1113 employment screening of certain child care personnel;  
1114 amending s. 39.202, F.S.; expanding the list of  
1115 entities that have access to child abuse records for  
1116 purposes of approving providers of school readiness  
1117 services; amending s. 402.302, F.S.; revising the  
1118 definition of the term "screening" for purposes of  
1119 child care licensing requirements; amending s.  
1120 402.3057, F.S.; clarifying individuals who are exempt  
1121 from certain refingerprinting or rescreening  
1122 requirements; amending s. 402.306, F.S.; requiring the  
1123 Department of Children and Families and local  
1124 licensing agencies to electronically post certain  
1125 information relating to child care and school  
1126 readiness providers; amending s. 402.311, F.S.;  
1127 requiring school readiness program providers to  
1128 provide the Department of Children and Families or  
1129 local licensing agencies with access to facilities,  
1130 personnel, and records for inspection purposes;  
1131 amending s. 402.319, F.S.; requiring certain child  
1132 care providers to submit an affidavit of compliance  
1133 with certain mandatory reporting requirements;  
1134 amending s. 409.1757, F.S.; clarifying individuals who  
1135 are exempt from certain refingerprinting or  
1136 rescreening requirements; amending s. 435.07, F.S.;  
1137 providing criteria for a person's disqualification  
1138 from employment with a school readiness program  
1139 provider; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; revising the  
1140 duties of a district school board; creating s.  
1141 1001.67, F.S.; establishing a collaboration between





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1142 the state board and the Legislature to designate  
1143 certain Florida College System institutions as  
1144 distinguished colleges; specifying standards for the  
1145 designation; requiring the state board to award the  
1146 designation to certain Florida College System  
1147 institutions; providing that the designated  
1148 institutions are eligible for funding as specified in  
1149 the General Appropriations Act; amending s. 1002.82,  
1150 F.S.; revising the duties of the Office of Early  
1151 Learning of the Department of Education; requiring the  
1152 office to coordinate with the Department of Children  
1153 and Families and local licensing agencies for  
1154 inspections of school readiness program providers;  
1155 amending s. 1002.84, F.S.; revising provisions  
1156 relating to determination of child eligibility for  
1157 school readiness programs; revising requirements for  
1158 determining parent copayments for the programs;  
1159 amending s. 1002.87, F.S.; revising the prioritization  
1160 of participation in school readiness programs;  
1161 revising school readiness program eligibility  
1162 requirements for parents; amending s. 1002.88, F.S.;  
1163 revising requirements for school readiness program  
1164 providers; amending s. 1002.89, F.S.; providing for  
1165 additional uses of funds for school readiness  
1166 programs; amending s. 1004.935, F.S.; deleting the  
1167 scheduled termination of the Adults with Disabilities  
1168 Workforce Education Pilot Program; changing the name  
1169 of the program to the "Adults with Disabilities  
1170 Workforce Education Program"; amending s. 1011.62,



1171 F.S.; revising the calculation for certain  
1172 supplemental funds for exceptional student education  
1173 programs; requiring the funds to be prorated under  
1174 certain circumstances; revising the funding of full-  
1175 time equivalent values for students who earn CAPE  
1176 industry certifications through dual enrollment;  
1177 deleting a provision prohibiting a teacher's bonus  
1178 from exceeding a specified amount; specifying a limit  
1179 in the aggregate increase in certain funds provided  
1180 through the Florida Education Finance Program after a  
1181 specified time; creating a federally connected student  
1182 supplement for school districts; specifying  
1183 eligibility requirements and calculations for  
1184 allocations of the supplement; amending s. 1011.71,  
1185 F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing  
1186 effective dates.