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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Early Childhood Music Education 3 Incentive Pilot Program; creating s. 1003.481, F.S.; 4 creating the pilot program within the Department of 5 Education for a specified period; providing for school 6 district eligibility; providing comprehensive music 7 education program requirements; providing for school district selection, funding, and incentive payments; 8 9 requiring selected school districts to annually 10 provide a specified certification to the Commissioner of Education; requiring a selected school district to 11 12 return funds under certain circumstances; requiring the University of Florida's College of Education to 13 14 perform an evaluation; authorizing the State Board of 15 Education to adopt rules; providing for expiration; 16 providing an effective date. 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 18 19 Section 1003.481, Florida Statutes, is created 20 Section 1. 21 to read: 22 1003.481 Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot 23 Program.-24 (1) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the Early 25 Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program is created 26 within the Department of Education for a period of 3 school Page 1 of 3

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27	years. The purpose of the pilot program is to assist selected
28	school districts in implementing comprehensive music education
29	programs for students in kindergarten through grade 2.
30	(2) In order for a school district to be eligible for
31	participation in the pilot program, the superintendent must, in
32	a format prescribed by the department, certify to the
33	Commissioner of Education that each elementary school within the
34	district has established a comprehensive music education program
35	that:
36	(a) Includes all students at the school enrolled in
37	kindergarten through grade 2.
38	(b) Is staffed by certified music educators.
39	(c) Provides music instruction for at least 30 consecutive
40	minutes 2 days a week.
41	(d) Complies with class size requirements under s.
42	<u>1003.03.</u>
43	(e) Complies with the department's standards for early
44	childhood music education programs for students in kindergarten
45	through grade 2.
46	(3)(a) The commissioner shall select school districts for
47	participation in the pilot program, subject to legislative
48	appropriation, based on the school district's proximity to the
49	University of Florida and needs-based criteria established by
50	the State Board of Education. Selected school districts shall
51	annually receive \$150 per full-time equivalent student in
52	kindergarten through grade 2 who is enrolled in a comprehensive
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53 music education program. (b) To maintain eligibility for participation in the pilot 54 55 program, a selected school district must annually certify to the 56 commissioner, in a format prescribed by the department, that 57 each elementary school within the district provides a 58 comprehensive music education program that meets the 59 requirements of subsection (2). If a selected school district 60 fails to provide the annual certification for a fiscal year, the 61 school district must return all funds received through the pilot 62 program for that fiscal year. 63 The University of Florida's College of Education shall (4) 64 evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program by measuring 65 student performance and the success of the program. The evaluation must include, but is not limited to, a quantitative 66 67 analysis of student achievement and a qualitative evaluation of 68 students enrolled in the comprehensive music education programs. 69 The State Board of Education may adopt rules to (5) 70 administer this section. 71 This section expires June 30, 2019. (6) 72 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016. Page 3 of 3

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