

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Smith offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

5 Section 1. Section 1003.4996, Florida Statutes, is created
6 to read:

7 1003.4996 Competency-Based Computer Learning Pilot
8 Program.—Subject to appropriation, beginning with the 2016-2017
9 school year, the Competency-Based Computer Learning Pilot
10 Program is created within the Department of Education to be
11 administered for 5 years. The purpose of the pilot program is to
12 provide an educational environment that allows students to
13 advance to higher levels of learning upon the mastery of
14 concepts and skills through the use of a competency-based

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15 computer learning program, the daily monitoring of a student's
16 achievement of the state standards and benchmarks, and statutory
17 exemptions relating to student progression and the awarding of
18 credits.

19 (1) PROGRAM PARTICIPATION.—A school district may submit an
20 application in a format prescribed by the department to
21 participate in the pilot program. The department shall select
22 one school district with a population of more than 500,000, one
23 school district with a population of at least 100,000 but not
24 more than 500,000, and one school district with a population of
25 fewer than 100,000 to participate in the pilot program.

26 (2) APPLICATION.—The application to participate in the
27 pilot program must, at a minimum, include:

28 (a) A list of the schools that will participate in the
29 pilot program.

30 (b) The annual goals and performance outcomes for
31 participating schools, including, but not limited to:

32 1. Student performance as defined in s. 1008.34.

33 2. Promotion and retention rates.

34 3. Graduation rates.

35 4. Indicators of college and career readiness.

36 (c) A communication plan for parents and other
37 stakeholders, including local businesses and community members.

38 (d) The scope of and timelines for professional
39 development for school instructional and administrative
40 personnel.

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41 (e) A plan for student progression based on the mastery of
42 content, including mechanisms that determine and ensure that a
43 student has satisfied the requirements for grade-level promotion
44 and content mastery.

45 (f) A plan for using a competency-based computer learning
46 program.

47 (g) The rules to be waived for participating schools
48 pursuant to subsection (3) to implement the pilot program.

49 (3) EXEMPTION FROM RULES.—In addition to the waivers
50 authorized in s. 1001.10(3), the State Board of Education may
51 authorize the commissioner to grant an additional waiver of
52 rules relating to student progression and the awarding of
53 credits.

54 (4) STUDENT FUNDING.—Students enrolled in a participating
55 school shall be reported for and generate funding pursuant to s.
56 1011.62.

57 (5) PARTICIPATING SCHOOL DISTRICT DUTIES.—Participating
58 school districts shall:

59 (a) During the 2016-2017 school year:

60 1. Using funds provided by the department, ensure that
61 participating schools have enough computers or tablets for at
62 least 90 percent of the enrolled students and a sufficient
63 infrastructure to implement the pilot program.

64 2. Develop a request for proposals for providers of
65 competency-based computer learning programs.

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66 (b) During the 2017-2018 school year, issue the request
67 for proposals and, from the competitive bids received, contract
68 with a provider of a competency-based computer learning program.
69 At least three competitive bids must be solicited through the
70 request for proposals. The contract with such provider shall be
71 for 2 years. At the completion of the contract, the school
72 district may renew the contract or issue another request for
73 proposals.

74 (c) During the 2018-2019 school year:

75 1. Implement the competency-based computer learning
76 program in each classroom and for each academic subject in the
77 participating schools and daily monitor each student's
78 achievement of the state standards and benchmarks. Classroom
79 teachers must use the competency-based computer learning program
80 to guide day-to-day classroom instruction.

81 2. Require classroom teachers at participating schools to
82 complete continuing education courses relating to digital
83 learning, competency-based computer learning programs, and
84 techniques for utilizing such programs in at least two quarters
85 annually.

86 (d) During the 2019-2020 school year:

87 1. Continue implementing the competency-based computer
88 learning program and daily monitoring of each student's
89 achievement of the state standards and benchmarks.

90 2. Require classroom teachers at participating schools to
91 complete continuing education courses relating to digital

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92 learning, competency-based computer learning programs, and
93 techniques for utilizing such programs in at least two quarters
94 annually.

95 3. Using the student data available through the
96 competency-based computer learning program for the previous and
97 current school years, evaluate each student's achievement of the
98 state standards and benchmarks.

99 4. Suspend the statewide, standardized assessment program
100 under s. 1008.22 in participating schools if student achievement
101 of the state standards and benchmarks improves, based on
102 criteria adopted by the department.

103 (e) During the 2020-2021 school year:

104 1. Continue implementing the competency-based computer
105 learning program and daily monitoring of each student's
106 achievement of the state standards and benchmarks.

107 2. Require classroom teachers at participating schools to
108 complete continuing education courses relating to digital
109 learning, competency-based computer learning programs, and
110 techniques for utilizing such programs in at least two quarters
111 annually.

112 3. Submit to the department all student data relating to
113 the pilot program, a list of best management practices for
114 implementing a competency-based computer learning program, and
115 information relating to the measures used to evaluate and
116 monitor a student's achievement of the state standards and
117 benchmarks.

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118 (6) DEPARTMENT DUTIES.—The department shall:

119 (a) Provide funding to participating school districts for
120 the implementation of the pilot program.

121 (b) Provide guidance and support to participating school
122 districts during the development and issuance of the districts'
123 request for proposals.

124 (c) Provide guidelines for ensuring that the competency-
125 based computer learning programs meet the state standards.

126 (d) Upon receipt of the information required under
127 subparagraph (5)(e)4., determine if competency-based computer
128 learning is more effective than summative learning. If it is
129 determined that competency-based computer learning is more
130 effective, the department shall provide recommendations to the
131 Legislature and the State Board of Education regarding
132 transitioning the state's public schools to competency-based
133 computer learning and suspending the statewide, standardized
134 assessment program under s. 1008.22.

135 (7) COMPETENCY-BASED COMPUTER LEARNING PROGRAM

136 REQUIREMENTS.—To be used in a participating school district, a
137 competency-based computer learning program must:

138 (a) Meet the state standards established in s. 1003.41.

139 (b) Allow the tracking of student data through daily
140 assessments to demonstrate the progress of each student's
141 achievement of the state standards and benchmarks.

142 (c) Facilitate the adjustment of the daily curriculum to
143 meet each student's educational needs.

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144 (8) RULES.—The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
145 to administer this section.

146 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
147 1004.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

148 1004.04 Public accountability and state approval for
149 teacher preparation programs.—

150 (2) UNIFORM CORE CURRICULA AND CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT.—

151 (b) The rules to establish uniform core curricula for each
152 state-approved teacher preparation program must include, but are
153 not limited to, the following:

- 154 1. The Florida Educator Accomplished Practices.
- 155 2. The state-adopted content standards.
- 156 3. Scientifically researched reading instruction.
- 157 4. Content literacy and mathematics practices.
- 158 5. Strategies appropriate for the instruction of English
159 language learners.
- 160 6. Strategies appropriate for the instruction of students
161 with disabilities.
- 162 7. School safety.
- 163 8. At least 40 hours of competency-based computer learning
164 program training.

165 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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168 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

169 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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170 A bill to be entitled
171 An act relating to the Competency-Based Computer
172 Learning Pilot Program; creating s. 1003.4996, F.S.;
173 creating the Competency-Based Computer Learning Pilot
174 Program to use competency-based computer learning
175 programs in schools; providing for participation in
176 the program and application requirements; exempting
177 participating school districts from specified rules;
178 providing for funding of students enrolled in
179 participating schools; providing duties of
180 participating school districts and the Department of
181 Education; providing requirements of competency-based
182 computer learning programs; providing for rulemaking;
183 amending s. 1004.04, F.S.; revising the uniform core
184 curricula for state-approved teacher preparation
185 programs to include competency-based computer learning
186 program training; providing an effective date.

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