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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
8 district selection, funding, and incentive payments;
9 requiring selected school districts to annually
10 provide a specified certification to the Commissioner
11 of Education; requiring a selected school district to
12 return funds under certain circumstances; requiring
13 the University of Florida's College of Education to
14 perform an evaluation; authorizing the State Board of
15 Education to adopt rules; providing for expiration;
16 providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Section 1003.481, Florida Statutes, is created
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
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

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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. 1003.03.

42 (e) Complies with the department's standards for early
43 childhood music education programs for students in kindergarten
44 through grade 2.

45 (3) (a) The commissioner shall select school districts for
46 participation in the pilot program, subject to legislative
47 appropriation, based on the school district's proximity to the
48 University of Florida and needs-based criteria established by
49 the State Board of Education. Selected school districts shall
50 annually receive \$150 per full-time equivalent student in
51 kindergarten through grade 2 who is enrolled in a comprehensive
52 music education program.

53 (b) To maintain eligibility for participation in the pilot
54 program, a selected school district must annually certify to the
55 commissioner, in a format prescribed by the department, that
56 each elementary school within the district provides a
57 comprehensive music education program that meets the
58 requirements of subsection (2). If a selected school district
59 fails to provide the annual certification for a fiscal year, the
60 school district must return all funds received through the pilot
61 program for that fiscal year.

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62 (4) The University of Florida's College of Education shall
63 evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program by measuring
64 student performance and the success of the program. The
65 evaluation must include, but is not limited to, a quantitative
66 analysis of student achievement and a qualitative evaluation of
67 students enrolled in the comprehensive music education programs.

68 (5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to
69 administer this section.

70 (6) This section expires June 30, 2019.

71 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.