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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the competency-based innovation
3 pilot program; establishing a competency-based
4 innovation pilot program within the Department of
5 Education; defining the term "competency-based
6 education"; authorizing certain schools to apply to
7 the department for approval of a competency-based
8 innovation pilot program; specifying information to be
9 included in the application; authorizing certain
10 waivers; requiring the department to compile certain
11 information and provide access to statewide,
12 standardized assessments; requiring the department to
13 submit an annual report to the Governor and the
14 Legislature by a specified date; specifying the
15 contents of the annual report; providing for
16 expiration of the pilot program; providing an
17 effective date.

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

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21 Section 1. Competency-based innovation pilot program.—
22 Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, a competency-based
23 innovation pilot program is established within the Department of
24 Education.

25 (1) For the purposes of this section, the term "competency-
26 based education" means a system in which a student may advance
27 to higher levels of learning after demonstrating a mastery of
28 concepts and skills instead of after a specified timeframe.

29 (2) Public schools in Lake and Pinellas Counties and the
30 P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School may submit an
31 application to the department for approval of a competency-based
32 innovation pilot program. The application shall be submitted on

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33 a form provided and by a date specified by the department and
34 must include, but need not be limited to, the following:

35 (a) A vision for the pilot program, including a timeline
36 for the program and the timeframe for districtwide
37 implementation of competency-based education.

38 (b) Annual goals and performance outcomes that
39 participating schools must meet, including, but not limited to:

40 1. Student performance, as defined in s. 1008.34, Florida
41 Statutes.

42 2. Promotion and retention rates.

43 3. Graduation rates.

44 4. Indicators of college and career readiness.

45 (c) A communication plan for stakeholders, including
46 businesses and community members.

47 (d) A scope of, and a timeline for, professional
48 development.

49 (e) A plan for student progression based on mastery of
50 concepts and skills, including proposed methods to determine the
51 degree to which a student has attained mastery of concepts and
52 skills.

53 (f) A plan for using technology and digital and blended
54 learning to enhance student achievement and to facilitate
55 competency-based education.

56 (g) A plan for how resources will be allocated for the
57 pilot program at both the district and school levels.

58 (h) The recruitment and selection of participating schools.

59 (i) Rules to be waived, as authorized in subsection (3), as
60 necessary to implement the program.

61 (3) In addition to the waivers provided in s. 1001.10(3),

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62 Florida Statutes, the State Board of Education may authorize the
63 Commissioner of Education to grant waivers relating to the
64 awarding of credit and pupil progression.

65 (4) The department shall:

66 (a) Compile student and staff schedules before and after
67 implementation of the pilot program.

68 (b) Provide access to statewide, standardized assessments
69 pursuant to s. 1008.22(3), Florida Statutes.

70 (c) By June 1 of each year, provide a report summarizing
71 the activities and accomplishments of the pilot programs and any
72 recommendations for statutory revisions for statewide
73 implementation to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
74 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

75 (5) This section expires June 30, 2021.

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