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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to blended learning courses; amending
3 s. 1003.498, F.S.; deleting a requirement that
4 students in a blended learning course must be full-
5 time students of the school and receive online
6 instruction in a classroom setting at the school;
7 providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1003.498, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 1003.498 School district virtual course offerings.—

14 (1) School districts may deliver courses in the
15 traditional school setting by personnel certified pursuant to s.
16 1012.55 who provide direct instruction through virtual
17 instruction or through blended learning courses consisting of
18 both traditional classroom and online instructional techniques.
19 ~~Students in a blended learning course must be full-time students~~
20 ~~of the school and receive the online instruction in a classroom~~
21 ~~setting at the school.~~ The funding, performance, and
22 accountability requirements for blended learning courses are the
23 same as those for traditional courses. To facilitate the
24 delivery and coding of blended learning courses, the department
25 shall provide identifiers for existing courses to designate that
26 they are being used for blended learning courses for the purpose

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27 | of ensuring the efficient reporting of such courses. A district
28 | may report full-time equivalent student membership for credit
29 | earned by a student who is enrolled in a virtual education
30 | course provided by the district which is completed after the end
31 | of the regular school year if the FTE is reported no later than
32 | the deadline for amending the final student membership report
33 | for that year.

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