

By Senator Gibson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Opportunity Scholarship
3 Program; amending s. 1002.38, F.S.; providing that a
4 student being promoted to grade 6 or grade 9 may not
5 receive an opportunity scholarship if the middle
6 school or high school to which the student is assigned
7 meets specified criteria; 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. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
12 1002.38, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 1002.38 Opportunity Scholarship Program.—

14 (3) SCHOOL DISTRICT OBLIGATIONS.—

15 (a) A school district shall, for each student enrolled in
16 or assigned to a school that has been designated as provided in
17 subsection (2):

18 1. Timely notify the parent of the student as soon as such
19 designation is made of all options available pursuant to this
20 section.

21 2. Offer that student's parent an opportunity to enroll the
22 student in a public school within the district that has been
23 designated by the state as a school performing higher than that
24 in which the student is currently enrolled or to which the
25 student has been assigned, but not less than performance grade
26 category "C." The student shall have the opportunity to continue
27 attendance in the higher-performing public school feeder pattern
28 until the student graduates from high school. Beginning July 1,
29 2016, a student who meets the eligibility requirements of

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30 paragraph (2) (a) and who is being promoted to grade 6 or grade 9
31 may not be granted an opportunity scholarship if the middle
32 school or high school that he or she will attend within his or
33 her assigned school attendance area has earned a grade of "C" or
34 better, pursuant to s. 1008.34, for the previous school year.

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