

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: PreK-12 Innovation
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Plasencia offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 37-76 and insert:

7 licensed health care practitioner or behavior analyst certified
 8 pursuant to s. 393.17 for the treatment of autism spectrum
 9 disorder pursuant to ss. 1003.21(2)(b)2. and 1003.24(4).

10 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 11 1003.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1003.21 School attendance.—

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14 (b) Each district school board, in accordance with rules
 15 of the State Board of Education, shall adopt policies
 16 authorizing ~~a policy that authorizes~~ a parent to request and be

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17 granted permission for absence of a student from school for:

18 1. Religious instruction or religious holidays.

19 2. An appointment scheduled to receive a therapy service
20 provided by a licensed health care practitioner or behavior
21 analyst certified pursuant to s. 393.17 for the treatment of
22 autism spectrum disorder, including, but not limited to, applied
23 behavioral analysis, speech therapy, and occupational therapy.

24 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 1003.24, Florida
25 Statutes, is amended to read:

26 1003.24 Parents responsible for attendance of children;
27 attendance policy.—Each parent of a child within the compulsory
28 attendance age is responsible for the child's school attendance
29 as required by law. The absence of a student from school is
30 prima facie evidence of a violation of this section; however,
31 criminal prosecution under this chapter may not be brought
32 against a parent until the provisions of s. 1003.26 have been
33 complied with. A parent of a student is not responsible for the
34 student's nonattendance at school under any of the following
35 conditions:

36 (4) SICKNESS, INJURY, OR OTHER INSURMOUNTABLE CONDITION.—
37 Attendance was impracticable or inadvisable on account of
38 sickness or injury, as attested to by a written statement of a
39 licensed practicing physician, or was impracticable because of
40 some other stated insurmountable condition as defined by and
41 attested to in accordance with rules of the State Board of

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42 Education. If a student is continually sick and repeatedly
43 absent from school, he or she must be under the supervision of a
44 physician, or if the absence is related to the student having
45 autism spectrum disorder, receiving services from a licensed
46 health care practitioner or behavior analyst certified pursuant
47 to 393.17, in

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Remove line 6 and insert:

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disorder by a licensed health care practitioner or certified

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behavior analyst;