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15 (10) OBLIGATIONS OF NONPROFIT SCHOLARSHIP-FUNDING

16 ORGANIZATIONS.—An organization may establish scholarships for
17 eligible students by:

18 (a) Receiving applications and determining student
19 eligibility in accordance with the requirements of this section.

20 (b) Notifying parents of their receipt of a scholarship on
21 a first-come, first-served basis, based upon available funds.

22 (c) Establishing a date by which the parent of a
23 participating student must confirm continuing participation in
24 the program.

25 (d) Awarding scholarship funds to eligible students,
26 giving priority to renewing students from the previous year.

27 (e) Preparing and submitting quarterly and annual reports
28 to the department pursuant to paragraphs (7)(f) and (g). In
29 addition, an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization
30 must submit in a timely manner any information requested by the
31 department relating to the scholarship program.

32 (f) Notifying the department of any violation of this
33 section.

34 (11) FUNDING AND PAYMENT.—

35 (a) The maximum amount awarded to a student enrolled in an
36 eligible private school shall be determined as a percentage of
37 the unweighted FTE funding amount for that state fiscal year and
38 thereafter as follows:

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39 1. Eighty-eight percent for a student enrolled in
40 kindergarten through grade 5.

41 2. Ninety-two percent for a student enrolled in grade 6
42 through grade 8.

43 3. Ninety-six percent for a student enrolled in grade 9
44 through grade 12.

45 (b) The maximum amount awarded to a student enrolled in a
46 Florida public school located outside of the district in which
47 the student resides shall be \$750.

48 (c) When a student enters the program, the organization
49 must receive all documentation required for the student's
50 participation, including a copy of the report of the incident
51 received pursuant to subsection (5) and the private school's and
52 the student's fee schedules. The initial payment shall be made
53 after verification of admission acceptance, and subsequent
54 payments shall be made upon verification of continued enrollment
55 and attendance at the private school.

56 (d) Payment of the scholarship by the eligible nonprofit
57 scholarship-funding organization may be by individual warrant
58 made payable to the student's parent or by funds transfer,
59 including but not limited to, debit cards, electronic payment
60 cards, or any other means of payment that the department deems to
61 be commercially viable or cost-effective. If payment is made by
62 warrant, the warrant must be delivered by the eligible nonprofit
63 scholarship-funding organization to the private school of the

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64 parent's choice, and the parent shall restrictively endorse the
65 warrant to the private school. If payments are made by funds
66 transfer, the parent must approve each payment before the
67 scholarship funds may be deposited. The parent may not designate
68 any entity or individual associated with the participating
69 private school as the parent's attorney in fact to endorse a
70 scholarship warrant or approve a funds transfer.