

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to early learning coalitions; amending  
 3           s. 1002.88, F.S.; authorizing an early learning  
 4           coalition to refuse to contract with or revoke the  
 5           eligibility of certain school readiness program  
 6           providers; providing an effective date.

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

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 10           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1002.88, Florida  
 11   Statutes, is amended to read:

12           1002.88 School readiness program provider standards;  
 13   eligibility to deliver the school readiness program.-

14           (2) (a) If a school readiness program provider fails or  
 15   refuses to comply with this part or any contractual obligation  
 16   of the statewide provider contract under s. 1002.82(2)(m), the  
 17   coalition may revoke the provider's eligibility to deliver the  
 18   school readiness program or receive state or federal funds under  
 19   this chapter for a period of 5 years.

20           (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a  
 21   school readiness program provider has been cited for a class I  
 22   violation, as defined by rule, the coalition may refuse to  
 23   contract with the provider or revoke the provider's eligibility  
 24   to deliver the school readiness program.

25           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.