



1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to early learning coalitions; amending  
 3           s. 1002.75, F.S.; authorizing an early learning  
 4           coalition to refuse to contract with or revoke the  
 5           eligibility of certain Voluntary Prekindergarten  
 6           Education Program providers; amending s. 1002.88,  
 7           F.S.; authorizing an early learning coalition to  
 8           refuse to contract with or revoke the eligibility of  
 9           certain school readiness program providers; providing  
 10          an effective date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section  
 15   1002.75, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16           1002.75 Office of Early Learning; powers and duties.—

17           (3) The Office of Early Learning shall adopt, in  
 18   consultation with and subject to approval by the department,  
 19   procedures governing the administration of the Voluntary  
 20   Prekindergarten Education Program by the early learning  
 21   coalitions and school districts for:

22           (c) Removing a private prekindergarten provider or public  
 23   school from eligibility to deliver the program due to the  
 24   provider's or school's remaining on probation beyond the time  
 25   permitted under s. 1002.67. Notwithstanding any other provision



26 | of law, if a private prekindergarten provider has been cited for  
27 | a class I violation, as defined by rule, the coalition may  
28 | refuse to contract with the provider or revoke the provider's  
29 | eligibility to deliver the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education  
30 | Program.

31 | Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 1002.88, Florida  
32 | Statutes, is amended to read:

33 | 1002.88 School readiness program provider standards;  
34 | eligibility to deliver the school readiness program.—

35 | (2)(a) If a school readiness program provider fails or  
36 | refuses to comply with this part or any contractual obligation  
37 | of the statewide provider contract under s. 1002.82(2)(m), the  
38 | coalition may revoke the provider's eligibility to deliver the  
39 | school readiness program or receive state or federal funds under  
40 | this chapter for a period of 5 years.

41 | (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a  
42 | school readiness program provider has been cited for a class I  
43 | violation, as defined by rule, the coalition may refuse to  
44 | contract with the provider or revoke the provider's eligibility  
45 | to deliver the school readiness program.

46 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.