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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 certain school
5 readiness program providers; providing an effective
6 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 school
21 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.

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