

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Stewart

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Voluntary Prekindergarten
3 Education Program; amending s. 1002.55, F.S.;
4 authorizing an early learning coalition to refuse to
5 contract with certain private prekindergarten
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 (5) of section 1002.55, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1002.55 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by
13 private prekindergarten providers.—

14 (5) (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (3) (b), a private
15 prekindergarten provider may not participate in the Voluntary
16 Prekindergarten Education Program if the provider has child
17 disciplinary policies that do not prohibit children from being
18 subjected to discipline that is severe, humiliating,
19 frightening, or associated with food, rest, toileting, spanking,
20 or any other form of physical punishment as provided in s.
21 402.305(12).

22 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a
23 private prekindergarten provider has been cited for a class I
24 violation, as defined by rule, the coalition may refuse to
25 contract with the provider.

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