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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations  
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Early Childhood Music Education  
Incentive Pilot Program; amending s. 1003.481, F.S.;  
extending the scheduled expiration of the pilot  
program; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1003.481, Florida Statutes, is amended  
to read:

1003.481 Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot  
Program.—

(1) ~~Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year,~~ The Early  
Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program is created  
within the Department of Education ~~for a period of 3 school~~  
~~years.~~ The purpose of the pilot program is to assist selected  
school districts in implementing comprehensive music education  
programs for students in kindergarten through grade 2.

(2) ~~In order for~~ A school district is ~~to be~~ eligible for  
participation in the pilot program if, ~~the~~ superintendent ~~must~~  
certifies ~~certify~~ to the Commissioner of Education, in a format  
prescribed by the department, that each elementary school within  
the district has established a comprehensive music education  
program that:

(a) Includes all students at the school enrolled in  
kindergarten through grade 2.

(b) Is staffed by certified music educators.



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28 (c) Provides music instruction for at least 30 consecutive  
29 minutes 2 days a week.

30 (d) Complies with class size requirements under s. 1003.03.

31 (e) Complies with the department's standards for early  
32 childhood music education programs for students in kindergarten  
33 through grade 2.

34 (3) (a) The commissioner shall select school districts for  
35 participation in the pilot program, subject to legislative  
36 appropriation, based on the school district's proximity to the  
37 University of Florida and needs-based criteria established by  
38 the State Board of Education. Selected school districts shall  
39 annually receive \$150 per full-time equivalent student in  
40 kindergarten through grade 2 who is enrolled in a comprehensive  
41 music education program.

42 (b) To maintain eligibility for participation in the pilot  
43 program, a selected school district must annually certify to the  
44 commissioner, in a format prescribed by the department, that  
45 each elementary school within the district provides a  
46 comprehensive music education program that meets the  
47 requirements of subsection (2). If a selected school district  
48 fails to provide the annual certification for a fiscal year, the  
49 school district must return all funds received through the pilot  
50 program for that fiscal year.

51 (4) The University of Florida's College of Education shall  
52 evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program by measuring  
53 student academic performance and the success of the program. The  
54 evaluation must include, but is not limited to, a quantitative  
55 analysis of student achievement and a qualitative evaluation of  
56 students enrolled in the comprehensive music education programs.



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57 (5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
58 administer this section.

59 (6) This section expires June 30, 2021 ~~2020~~.

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