

By Senator Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Early Childhood Music Education
3 Incentive Pilot Program; amending s. 1003.481, F.S.;
4 extending the scheduled expiration of the pilot
5 program; providing an appropriation; providing an
6 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. Section 1003.481, Florida Statutes, is amended
11 to read:

12 1003.481 Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot
13 Program.—

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

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

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

28 (b) Is staffed by certified music educators.

29 (c) Provides music instruction for at least 30 consecutive

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30 minutes 2 days a week.

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

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

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

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

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

58 (5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to

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59 administer this section.

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

61 Section 2. For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, \$300,000 in
62 nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated
63 to the Department of Education to implement this act.

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