

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Joseph offered the following:

Amendment

Remove lines 796-846 and insert:

(a) The school district in which a participating student resides must notify the student and his or her parent about the locations and times to take all statewide assessments under s. 1008.22 if the student chooses to participate in such assessments. Upon the request of the department, a school district shall coordinate with the department to provide to a participating private school the statewide assessments administered under s. 1008.22 and any related materials for administering the assessments. For a student who participates in

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14 the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program whose parent requests
15 that the student take the statewide assessments under s.
16 1008.22, the district in which the student attends a private
17 school shall provide locations and times to take all statewide
18 assessments. A school district is responsible for implementing
19 test administrations at a participating private school,
20 including the:

21 1. Provision of training for private school staff on test
22 security and assessment administration procedures;

23 2. Distribution of testing materials to a private school;

24 3. Retrieval of testing materials from a private school;

25 4. Provision of the required format for a private school
26 to submit information to the district for test administration
27 and enrollment purposes; and

28 5. Provision of any required assistance, monitoring, or
29 investigation at a private school.

30 (b) Each school district must publish information about
31 the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program on the district's
32 website homepage. At a minimum, the published information must
33 include a website link to the Family Empowerment Scholarship
34 Program published on the Department of Education website as well
35 as a telephone number and e-mail that students and parents may
36 use to contact relevant personnel in the school district to
37 obtain information about the scholarship.

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38 (7) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OBLIGATIONS.—The department
39 shall:

40 (a) Publish and update, as necessary, information on the
41 department website about the Family Empowerment Scholarship
42 Program, including, but not limited to, student eligibility
43 criteria, parental responsibilities, and relevant data.

44 (b) Cross-check the list of participating scholarship
45 students with the public school enrollment lists before each
46 scholarship payment to avoid duplication.

47 (c) By July 15, 2019, and by April 1 of each year
48 thereafter, inform all households within all school districts
49 receiving free or reduced-priced meals under the National School
50 Lunch Act of their eligibility to apply to the department for a
51 Family Empowerment Scholarship. Such notice is limited to once a
52 year and shall be transmitted on a form prepared by the
53 department and at the department's sole cost and expense. Each
54 school district shall include the provided form in any normal
55 correspondence with eligible households.

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