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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Sullivan offered the following:

Amendment

Remove lines 185-245 and insert:

the total number of scholarships available.

(e) Require eligible scholarship funding organizations to submit students determined to be eligible to the department on July 1, August 1, October 1, and January 1 of each year.

(f) Notify eligible scholarship-funding organizations of students who are eligible for an initial scholarship award on a first-come, first-served basis, based upon the following order of priority:

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13 1. New applicants whose household income levels do not
14 exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty level or who are in
15 foster care or out-of-home care.

16 2. A sibling of a student who is participating in the
17 scholarship program under this subsection and resides in the
18 same household as the sibling.

19 (9) PARENT AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROGRAM
20 PARTICIPATION.—A parent who applies for program participation
21 under this section is exercising his or her parental option to
22 determine the appropriate placement or the services that best
23 meet the needs of his or her student.

24 (a) The parent must select an eligible private school and
25 apply for the admission of his or her student.

26 (b) The parent must inform the student's school district
27 when the parent withdraws his or her student to attend an
28 eligible private school.

29 (c) Any student participating in the scholarship program
30 must remain in attendance at the private school throughout the
31 school year unless excused by the school for illness or other
32 good cause.

33 (d) Each parent and each student has an obligation to the
34 private school to comply with the private school's published
35 policies.

36 (e) The parent shall ensure that his or her student
37 participating in the scholarship program takes the norm-

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38 referenced assessment offered by the private school. The parent
39 may also choose to have his or her student participate in the
40 statewide assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22. If the parent
41 requests that his or her student take statewide assessments
42 pursuant to s. 1008.22 and the private school has not chosen to
43 offer and administer the statewide assessments, the parent is
44 responsible for transporting the student to the assessment site
45 designated by the school district.

46 (f) The parent may not receive a payment, refund, or
47 rebate from a private school under this program. A parent who
48 fails to comply with this subsection forfeits program
49 participation.

50 (10) OBLIGATIONS OF ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT SCHOLARSHIP-FUNDING
51 ORGANIZATIONS.—An eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding
52 organization may establish scholarships for eligible students
53 by:

54 (a) Receiving applications and determining student
55 eligibility in accordance with the requirements of this section.

56 (b) Notifying parents of their receipt of a scholarship.

57 (c) Establishing a date by which the parent of a
58 participating student must confirm continuing participation in
59 the program.

60 (d) Awarding scholarship funds to eligible students in the
61 following order of priority:

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62 1. Eligible students who received a scholarship from an
63 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization or from the
64 state during the previous school year.

65 2. New applicants awarded scholarships under paragraph
66 (8) (f).

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