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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Antone offered the following:

Substitute Amendment for Amendment (171217)

Remove lines 150-197 and insert:

participating in the program in grades 3 through 10 to take the statewide assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22. Students with disabilities for whom standardized testing is not appropriate are exempt from this requirement. A participating private school shall report a student's scores to his or her parent.

2. Administer the statewide assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22 if the private school chooses to offer the statewide assessments. A participating private school may choose to offer and administer the statewide assessments to all students who

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14 attend the private school in grades 3 through 10 and must submit
15 a request in writing to the department by March 1 of each year
16 in order to administer the statewide assessments in the
17 subsequent school year.

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19 If a private school fails to meet the requirements of this
20 subsection or s. 1002.421, the Commissioner of Education may
21 determine that the private school is ineligible to participate
22 in the program.

23 (8) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OBLIGATIONS.—The department
24 shall:

25 (a) Cross-check the list of participating scholarship
26 students with the public school enrollment lists to avoid
27 duplication.

28 (b) Maintain a list of nationally norm-referenced tests
29 identified for purposes of satisfying the testing requirement in
30 paragraph (9) (e). The tests must meet industry standards of
31 quality in accordance with State Board of Education rule.

32 (c) Require quarterly reports by an eligible nonprofit
33 scholarship-funding organization regarding the number of
34 students participating in the program, the private schools in
35 which the students are enrolled, and other information deemed
36 necessary by the department.

37 (d) Notify eligible scholarship-funding organizations of
38 the total number of initial scholarship awards available and the

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39 deadline for submitting students determined to be eligible by an
40 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization.

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

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

48 2. A sibling of a student who is participating in the
49 scholarship program under this subsection and resides in the
50 same household as the sibling.

51 (f) Create a database that contains a list of each student
52 participating in an educational scholarship under chapter 1002
53 and annually report such students' learning gains to Governor,
54 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
55 Representatives.

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