

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
 3 Program; creating s. 1002.78, F.S.; requiring the
 4 principals of certain public elementary schools to
 5 take specified actions to facilitate communication and
 6 collaboration with private prekindergarten providers;
 7 providing requirements for such school principals;
 8 requiring the Office of Early Learning and early
 9 learning coalitions to provide specified support to
 10 such school principals; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Section 1002.78, Florida Statutes, is created
 15 to read:

16 1002.78 Elementary school and private prekindergarten
 17 provider coordination.—

18 (1) Each public elementary school with a kindergarten
 19 program shall collaborate with the private prekindergarten
 20 providers in its area to create communication between
 21 prekindergarten directors of private prekindergarten providers,
 22 the elementary school principal, parents, and students. The
 23 principal of each public elementary school shall:

24 (a) Identify the feeder pattern of private prekindergarten
 25 programs whose students are zoned or expected to enroll in his

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26 | or her school.

27 | (b) Provide an early registration process for children
28 | enrolling in kindergarten at his or her school.

29 | (c) Invite all prekindergarten directors of private
30 | prekindergarten providers within the feeder pattern for his or
31 | her school to meet to discuss student data, assessment results,
32 | and student records. Such meetings must be in accordance with
33 | the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. s.
34 | 1232g.

35 | (d) Prepare a welcome packet for incoming kindergarten
36 | students who enroll in his or her school and their parents that
37 | includes activities to help children prepare for kindergarten.

38 | (e) Plan and execute an opportunity for private
39 | prekindergarten providers, parents, and prekindergarten students
40 | to visit and participate in school activities with kindergarten
41 | students enrolled at the school.

42 | (2) The Office of Early Learning and early learning
43 | coalitions shall provide assistance to school principals in
44 | identifying private prekindergarten programs in their areas and
45 | connecting principals with prekindergarten directors of private
46 | prekindergarten providers.

47 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.