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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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Senator Lee moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 307 and 308

insert:

Section 4. Paragraph (r) is added to subsection (1) of section 1002.421, Florida Statutes, to read:

1002.421 State school choice scholarship program accountability and oversight.—

(1) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—A private school participating in an educational scholarship program established pursuant to this chapter must be a private school as



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12 defined in s. 1002.01(2) in this state, be registered, and be in  
13 compliance with all requirements of this section in addition to  
14 private school requirements outlined in s. 1002.42, specific  
15 requirements identified within respective scholarship program  
16 laws, and other provisions of Florida law that apply to private  
17 schools, and must:

18 (r) Report to the department by October 1 of each year, in  
19 a format developed by the department, the following information  
20 for the preceding school year:

21 1. The total number of students enrolled in the school;

22 2. The number of students enrolled in the school who  
23 participated in a state school choice scholarship program under  
24 chapter 1002, and indicate student participation in each  
25 scholarship program;

26 3. The number of students enrolled in the school who  
27 participated in a state school scholarship program under chapter  
28 1002 and who also took courses through dual enrollment under  
29 chapter 1007 or a virtual school under chapter 1002, and  
30 indicate student enrollment in such courses, either through dual  
31 enrollment or a virtual school or both; and

32 4. The number of students by grade level who withdrew from  
33 enrollment in the school or transferred to another school and  
34 the reason for such withdrawal or transfer.

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36 The department shall suspend the payment of funds to a private  
37 school that knowingly fails to comply with this subsection, and  
38 shall prohibit the school from enrolling new scholarship  
39 students, for 1 fiscal year and until the school complies. If a  
40 private school fails to meet the requirements of this subsection



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41 or has consecutive years of material exceptions listed in the  
42 report required under paragraph (q), the commissioner may  
43 determine that the private school is ineligible to participate  
44 in a scholarship program.

45 (2) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OBLIGATIONS.—

46 (c) Annually, by December 15, the department shall report  
47 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
48 the House of Representatives a summary of the information under  
49 paragraph (1)(r) and the department's ~~its~~ actions in  
50 implementing accountability in the scholarship programs under  
51 this section, any substantiated allegations or violations of law  
52 or rule by an eligible private school under this section, and  
53 the corrective action taken.

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56 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

57 And the title is amended as follows:

58 Delete line 35

59 and insert:

60 specified students under certain conditions; amending  
61 s. 1002.421, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
62 Education to prepare a report that contains specified  
63 information by a certain date each year; requiring the  
64 Department of Education to submit a summary containing  
65 certain information to the Governor, President of the  
66 Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives;  
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