

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Early Childhood Music Education
 3 Incentive Pilot Program; amending s. 1003.481, F.S.;
 4 extending the scheduled expiration of the pilot
 5 program; revising an eligibility requirement;
 6 conforming a provision to changes made by the act;
 7 providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Section 1003.481, Florida Statutes, is amended
 12 to read:

13 1003.481 Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot
 14 Program.—

15 (1) ~~Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year,~~ The Early
 16 Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program is created
 17 within the Department of Education ~~for a period of 3 school~~
 18 ~~years.~~ The purpose of the pilot program is to assist selected
 19 school districts in implementing comprehensive music education
 20 programs for students in kindergarten through grade 2.

21 (2) ~~In order for~~ A school district is to be eligible for
 22 participation in the pilot program if, the superintendent
 23 certifies ~~must certify~~ to the Commissioner of Education, in a
 24 format prescribed by the department, that specified elementary
 25 schools ~~each elementary school~~ within the district have ~~has~~

26 | established a comprehensive music education program that:
27 | (a) Includes all students at the school enrolled in
28 | kindergarten through grade 2.
29 | (b) Is staffed by certified music educators.
30 | (c) Provides music instruction for at least 30 consecutive
31 | minutes 2 days a week.
32 | (d) Complies with class size requirements under s.
33 | 1003.03.
34 | (e) Complies with the department's standards for early
35 | childhood music education programs for students in kindergarten
36 | through grade 2.
37 | (3) (a) The commissioner shall select school districts for
38 | participation in the pilot program, subject to legislative
39 | appropriation, based on the school district's proximity to the
40 | University of Florida and needs-based criteria established by
41 | the State Board of Education. Selected school districts shall
42 | annually receive \$150 per full-time equivalent student in
43 | kindergarten through grade 2 who is enrolled in a comprehensive
44 | music education program.
45 | (b) To maintain eligibility for participation in the pilot
46 | program, a selected school district must annually certify to the
47 | commissioner, in a format prescribed by the department, that
48 | each specified elementary school within the district provides a
49 | comprehensive music education program that meets the
50 | requirements of subsection (2). If a selected school district

51 fails to provide the annual certification for a fiscal year, the
52 school district must return all funds received through the pilot
53 program for that fiscal year.

54 (4) The University of Florida's College of Education shall
55 evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program by measuring
56 student academic performance and the success of the program. The
57 evaluation must include, but is not limited to, a quantitative
58 analysis of student achievement and a qualitative evaluation of
59 students enrolled in the comprehensive music education programs.

60 (5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to
61 administer this section.

62 (6) This section expires June 30, 2022 ~~2020~~.

63 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.