

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Representative LaMarca offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 325-380 and insert:

The inspector general shall be under the general supervision of the board of trustees for administrative purposes, but shall report to the Department of Education's inspector general for all other duties.

Section 3. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (2), and paragraph (d) of subsection (8) of section 1002.45, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1002.45 Virtual instruction programs.-

(1) PROGRAM.-

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14           (b) Each school district ~~that is eligible for the sparsity~~  
15 ~~supplement pursuant to s. 1011.62(7)(a) and (b)~~ shall provide  
16 all enrolled public school students within its boundaries the  
17 option of participating in part-time and full-time virtual  
18 instruction programs and. ~~Each school district that is not~~  
19 ~~eligible for the sparsity supplement pursuant to s.~~  
20 ~~1011.62(7)(a) and (b) shall provide at least three options for~~  
21 ~~part-time and full-time virtual instruction. All school~~  
22 ~~districts~~ must provide parents with timely written notification  
23 of at least one open enrollment period for full-time students of  
24 90 days or more which ends 30 days before the first day of the  
25 school year. The purpose of the program is to make quality  
26 virtual instruction available to students using online and  
27 distance learning technology in the nontraditional classroom. A  
28 school district virtual instruction program shall consist of the  
29 following:

- 30           1. Full-time and part-time virtual instruction for  
31 students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12.
- 32           2. Full-time or part-time virtual instruction for students  
33 enrolled in dropout prevention and academic intervention  
34 programs under s. 1003.53, Department of Juvenile Justice  
35 education programs under s. 1003.52, core-curricula courses to  
36 meet class size requirements under s. 1003.03, or Florida  
37 College System institutions under this section.

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38 (d) A virtual charter school may provide full-time virtual  
39 instruction for students in kindergarten through grade 12 if the  
40 virtual charter school has a charter approved pursuant to s.  
41 1002.33 authorizing full-time virtual instruction. A virtual  
42 charter school may provide part-time virtual instruction for  
43 such students if the school has provided full-time instruction  
44 for at least 1 school year. A virtual charter school may:

45 1. Contract with the Florida Virtual School.

46 2. Contract with an approved provider under subsection  
47 (2).

48 3. Enter into an agreement with a school district to allow  
49 the participation of the virtual charter school's students in  
50 the school district's virtual instruction program. The agreement  
51 must indicate a process for reporting of student enrollment and  
52 the transfer of funds required by paragraph (7) (e).

53 (2) PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS.—

54 (a) The department shall annually publish online a list of  
55 providers approved to offer virtual instruction programs. To be  
56 approved by the department, a provider must document that it:

57 1. Is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies,  
58 employment practices, and operations;

59 2. Complies with the antidiscrimination provisions of s.  
60 1000.05;

61 3. Is authorized to conduct business in the state by the  
62 Department of State, agrees to resolve any dispute regarding or

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63 related to virtual educational services for a student residing  
 64 in the state with the venue located in the state and relying  
 65 exclusively upon federal and state law, Locates an  
 66 ~~administrative office or offices in this state,~~ requires its  
 67 administrative staff to be state residents, requires all  
 68 instructional staff to be Florida-certified teachers under  
 69 chapter 1012, and conducts background screenings

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**T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

Remove lines 45-51 and insert:  
 Inspector General within the school; providing duties,  
 requirements, and responsibilities of such office;  
 amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; deleting a requirement that  
 certain school districts provide a specified number of  
 virtual instruction options; authorizing a virtual  
 charter school to provide part-time instruction under  
 certain circumstances; revising requirements for  
 virtual instruction providers; authorizing the  
 Department of Education