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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Education)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Early Childhood Music Education
Incentive Pilot Program; amending s. 1003.481, F.S.;
extending the scheduled expiration of the pilot
program; revising an eligibility requirement;
conforming a provision to changes made by the act;
requiring the University of Florida's College of
Education to collaborate with Florida International
University for evaluation of the pilot program;
providing an effective date.

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

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

1003.481 Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot
Program.—

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

(2) ~~In order for~~ A school district is ~~to be~~ eligible for
participation in the pilot program if, the superintendent
certifies ~~must certify~~ to the Commissioner of Education, in a
format prescribed by the department, that specified elementary



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28 schools ~~each elementary school~~ within the district have ~~has~~
29 established a comprehensive music education program that:

30 (a) Includes all students at the school enrolled in
31 kindergarten through grade 2.

32 (b) Is staffed by certified music educators.

33 (c) Provides music instruction for at least 30 consecutive
34 minutes 2 days a week.

35 (d) Complies with class size requirements under s. 1003.03.

36 (e) Complies with the department's standards for early
37 childhood music education programs for students in kindergarten
38 through grade 2.

39 (3) (a) The commissioner shall select school districts for
40 participation in the pilot program, subject to legislative
41 appropriation, based on the school district's proximity to the
42 University of Florida and needs-based criteria established by
43 the State Board of Education. Selected school districts shall
44 annually receive \$150 per full-time equivalent student in
45 kindergarten through grade 2 who is enrolled in a comprehensive
46 music education program.

47 (b) To maintain eligibility for participation in the pilot
48 program, a selected school district must annually certify to the
49 commissioner, in a format prescribed by the department, that
50 each specified elementary school within the district provides a
51 comprehensive music education program that meets the
52 requirements of subsection (2). If a selected school district
53 fails to provide the annual certification for a fiscal year, the
54 school district must return all funds received through the pilot
55 program for that fiscal year.

56 (4) The University of Florida's College of Education, in



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57 collaboration with Florida International University's School of
58 Music, shall evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program by
59 measuring student academic performance and the success of the
60 program. The evaluation must include, but is not limited to, a
61 quantitative analysis of student achievement and a qualitative
62 evaluation of students enrolled in the comprehensive music
63 education programs.

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

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

67 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.