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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative LaMarca offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Amendment (375029) (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 4321 and 4322, insert:

5 Section 77. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
6 1002.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7 1002.45 Virtual instruction programs.—

8 (2) PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS.—

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

12 1. Is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies,
13 employment practices, and operations;

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14 2. Complies with the antidiscrimination provisions of s.
15 1000.05;

16 3. Is authorized to conduct business in the state by the
17 Department of State, agrees to resolve any dispute regarding or
18 relating to virtual educational services for a student residing
19 in the state relying exclusively on the laws of the state,
20 ~~Locates an administrative office or offices in this state,~~
21 requires its administrative staff to be state residents,
22 requires all instructional staff to be Florida-certified
23 teachers under chapter 1012 and conducts background screenings
24 for all employees or contracted personnel, as required by s.
25 1012.32, using state and national criminal history records;

26 4. Provides to parents and students specific information
27 posted and accessible online that includes, but is not limited
28 to, the following teacher-parent and teacher-student contact
29 information for each course:

30 a. How to contact the instructor via phone, e-mail, or
31 online messaging tools.

32 b. How to contact technical support via phone, e-mail, or
33 online messaging tools.

34 c. How to contact the administration office via phone, e-
35 mail, or online messaging tools.

36 d. Any requirement for regular contact with the instructor
37 for the course and clear expectations for meeting the
38 requirement.

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39 e. The requirement that the instructor in each course
40 must, at a minimum, conduct one contact via phone with the
41 parent and the student each month;

42 5. Possesses prior, successful experience offering online
43 courses to elementary, middle, or high school students as
44 demonstrated by quantified student learning gains in each
45 subject area and grade level provided for consideration as an
46 instructional program option. However, for a provider without
47 sufficient prior, successful experience offering online courses,
48 the department may conditionally approve the provider to offer
49 courses measured pursuant to subparagraph (8) (a)2. Conditional
50 approval shall be valid for 1 school year only and, based on the
51 provider's experience in offering the courses, the department
52 shall determine whether to grant approval to offer a virtual
53 instruction program;

54 6. Is accredited by a regional accrediting association as
55 defined by State Board of Education rule;

56 7. Ensures instructional and curricular quality through a
57 detailed curriculum and student performance accountability plan
58 that addresses every subject and grade level it intends to
59 provide through contract with the school district, including:

60 a. Courses and programs that meet the standards of the
61 International Association for K-12 Online Learning and the
62 Southern Regional Education Board.

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63 b. Instructional content and services that align with, and
64 measure student attainment of, student proficiency in the Next
65 Generation Sunshine State Standards.

66 c. Mechanisms that determine and ensure that a student has
67 satisfied requirements for grade level promotion and high school
68 graduation with a standard diploma, as appropriate;

69 8. Publishes for the general public, in accordance with
70 disclosure requirements adopted in rule by the State Board of
71 Education, as part of its application as a provider and in all
72 contracts negotiated pursuant to this section:

73 a. Information and data about the curriculum of each full-
74 time and part-time program.

75 b. School policies and procedures.

76 c. Certification status and physical location of all
77 administrative and instructional personnel.

78 d. Hours and times of availability of instructional
79 personnel.

80 e. Student-teacher ratios.

81 f. Student completion and promotion rates.

82 g. Student, educator, and school performance
83 accountability outcomes;

84 9. If the provider is a Florida College System
85 institution, employs instructors who meet the certification
86 requirements for instructional staff under chapter 1012; and

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87 | 10. Performs an annual financial audit of its accounts and
88 | records conducted by an independent certified public accountant
89 | which is in accordance with rules adopted by the Auditor
90 | General, is conducted in compliance with generally accepted
91 | auditing standards, and includes a report on financial
92 | statements presented in accordance with generally accepted
93 | accounting principles.

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98 | Remove line 4550 and insert:
99 | such funds; amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; revises
100 | qualifications for certain virtual educational
101 | services providers; providing an effective date.