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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Smith, C. offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 47 and 48, insert:

Section 2. 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 defined in s. 1002.01(2) in this state, be registered, and be in compliance with all requirements of this section in addition to

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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) Establish a written nondiscrimination policy for
19 student enrollment and admissions that prohibits discrimination
20 based on a student's or his or her parent's sexual orientation,
21 gender identity, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin,
22 religion, or protective hairstyle. For purposes of this
23 paragraph, the term:

24 1. "Protective hairstyle" includes, but is not limited to,
25 hairstyles such as braids, locks, or twists.

26 2. "Race" is inclusive of traits historically associated
27 with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture, hair
28 type, and protective hairstyles.

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30 This paragraph does not limit the free exercise of religion
31 guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the State
32 Constitution.

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

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

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Between lines 4 and 5, insert:

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1002.421, F.S.; requiring certain private schools to

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establish a specified nondiscrimination policy;

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providing definitions; providing applicability;

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amending s.

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