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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Education (Baxley) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

Delete lines 613 - 674

and insert:

at a minimum, conduct one contact ~~via phone~~ with the parent and the student each month;

6.5. Possesses prior, successful experience offering online courses to elementary, middle, or high school students as demonstrated by quantified student learning gains in each subject area and grade level provided for consideration as an instructional program option. However, for a provider without



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12 sufficient prior, successful experience offering online courses,  
13 the department may conditionally approve the provider to offer  
14 courses measured pursuant to subparagraph (8) (a)2. Conditional  
15 approval shall be valid for 1 school year only and, based on the  
16 provider's experience in offering the courses, the department  
17 shall determine whether to grant approval to offer a virtual  
18 instruction program;

19 ~~7.6.~~ Is accredited by a regional accrediting association as  
20 defined by State Board of Education rule;

21 ~~8.7.~~ Ensures instructional and curricular quality through a  
22 detailed curriculum and student performance accountability plan  
23 that addresses every subject and grade level it intends to  
24 provide through contract with the school district, including:

25 a. Courses and programs that meet the standards of the  
26 International Association for K-12 Online Learning and the  
27 Southern Regional Education Board.

28 b. Instructional content and services that align with, and  
29 measure student attainment of, student proficiency in the Next  
30 Generation Sunshine State Standards.

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

34 ~~9.8.~~ Publishes for the general public, in accordance with  
35 disclosure requirements adopted in rule by the State Board of  
36 Education, as part of its application as a provider and in all  
37 contracts negotiated pursuant to this section:

38 a. Information and data about the curriculum of each full-  
39 time and part-time program.

40 b. School policies and procedures.



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41 c. Certification status and physical location of all  
42 administrative and instructional personnel.

43 d. Hours and times of availability of instructional  
44 personnel.

45 e. Student-teacher ratios.

46 f. Student completion and promotion rates.

47 g. Student, educator, and school performance accountability  
48 outcomes;

49 10.9. If the provider is a Florida College System  
50 institution, employs instructors who meet the certification  
51 requirements for instructional staff under chapter 1012; and

52 11.10. Performs an annual financial audit of its accounts  
53 and records conducted by an independent certified public  
54 accountant which is in accordance with rules adopted by the  
55 Auditor General, is conducted in compliance with generally  
56 accepted auditing standards, and includes a report on financial  
57 statements presented in accordance with generally accepted  
58 accounting principles.

59 12. Complies with s. 1012.796, relating to complaints  
60 against educational support employees, teachers, and  
61 administrators, and designates at least one administrator to be  
62 responsible for the duties and requirements assigned to a  
63 district school board and superintendent pursuant to that  
64 section. A virtual instruction provider must inform the district  
65 school board of a complaint regarding misconduct or an arrest of  
66 instructional or noninstructional personnel.

67 (8) ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—

68 (d) An approved provider's contract is automatically must  
69 be terminated if the provider earns two consecutive receives a



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70 school grades ~~grade~~ of "~~D~~" or "F" under s. 1008.34 after all  
71 school grade appeals are final, receives two consecutive ~~or a~~  
72 school improvement ratings ~~rating~~ of "Unsatisfactory" under s.  
73 1008.341 ~~for 2 years during any given 4 year period,~~ or has  
74 violated any qualification requirement pursuant to subsection  
75 (2); however, the State Board of Education may grant the  
76 provider a waiver of termination. A provider that has a contract  
77 terminated under this paragraph may not be an approved provider  
78 for a period of at least 1 year after the date upon which the  
79 contract was terminated and until the department determines that  
80 the provider is in compliance with subsection (2) and has  
81 corrected each cause of the provider's low performance.

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83 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

84 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

85 Delete lines 573 - 574

86 and insert:

87 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph  
88 (d) of subsection (8) of section 1002.45, Florida Statutes, are  
89 amended to read:

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91 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

92 And the title is amended as follows:

93 Delete lines 56 - 68

94 and insert:

95 amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; providing an additional  
96 requirement for approval to offer a virtual  
97 instruction program; requiring approved virtual  
98 instruction program providers to inform its district



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99 school board of certain complaints; providing for  
100 automatic revocation of a provider's contract under  
101 certain circumstances; authorizing the State Board of  
102 Education to waive such termination; amending s.