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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Representative Smith, C. offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 745 and 746, insert:

Section 6. Paragraph (j) of subsection (1) of section 1002.421, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (r) and (s) are added to that subsection, 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

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14 compliance with all requirements of this section in addition to  
15 private school requirements outlined in s. 1002.42, specific  
16 requirements identified within respective scholarship program  
17 laws, and other provisions of Florida law that apply to private  
18 schools, and must:

19 (j) Publish on the school's website and, ~~or~~ provide in a  
20 written format, information for parents regarding the school,  
21 including, but not limited to, programs, services, and the  
22 qualifications of classroom teachers, the code of student  
23 conduct, the code of student admissions policy, the ethical  
24 conduct policies required by paragraph (n), and the bullying and  
25 harassment policies required by paragraph (r).

26 (r) Notwithstanding the school's status as a private  
27 school, adopt policies that comply with the bullying and  
28 harassment definitions, responsibilities, and protections  
29 required pursuant to s. 1006.147. The school shall comply with  
30 the incident reporting requirements of s. 1006.147(4)(k)  
31 according to procedures specified by the department. Such  
32 reporting must be made annually by the department in both the  
33 report required pursuant to s. 1006.147(8) and the annual  
34 private school accountability report required under subsection  
35 (2).

36 (s) Require the school principal or the principal's  
37 designee to meet with any student and his or her parent or  
38 guardian before the student's enrollment to review information

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39 | about the school, including, but not limited to, the school's  
 40 | academic programs and services, customized educational programs,  
 41 | code of student conduct, code of student admissions policy,  
 42 | attendance policies, bullying and harassment policies, and  
 43 | ethical conduct policies.

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 45 | The department shall suspend the payment of funds to a private  
 46 | school that knowingly fails to comply with this subsection, and  
 47 | shall prohibit the school from enrolling new scholarship  
 48 | students, for 1 fiscal year and until the school complies. If a  
 49 | private school fails to meet the requirements of this subsection  
 50 | or has consecutive years of material exceptions listed in the  
 51 | report required under paragraph (q), the commissioner may  
 52 | determine that the private school is ineligible to participate  
 53 | in a scholarship program.

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 57 | Between lines 44 and 45, insert:  
 58 | amending s. 1002.421, F.S.; expanding the information  
 59 | that private schools participating in an educational  
 60 | scholarship program are required to publish and  
 61 | provide to parents; requiring such private schools to  
 62 | adopt bullying and harassment policies; requiring such  
 63 | schools to report bullying and harassment incidents to

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64 | the Department of Education; requiring the department  
65 | to include reported incidents in annual accountability  
66 | reports; requiring private school principals of such  
67 | private schools or their designees to meet and share  
68 | specified information with students and parents before  
69 | student enrollment in the school;

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