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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Smith, C. offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (090379) (with title amendment)

Between lines 272 and 273 of the amendment, insert:

Section 4. 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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56 | **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

57 | Between lines 396 and 397 of the amendment, insert:
 58 | s. 1002.421, F.S.; expanding the information that private
 59 | schools participating in an educational scholarship program are
 60 | required to publish and provide to parents; requiring such
 61 | private schools to adopt bullying and harassment policies;
 62 | requiring such schools to report bullying and harassment
 63 | incidents to the Department of Education; requiring the

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

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