

Amendment No. 3

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee
2 Representative Smith, C. offered the following:

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4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between lines 718 and 719, insert:

6 Section 6. Paragraph (j) of subsection (1) of section
7 1002.421, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (r) and
8 (s) are added to that subsection, to read:

9 1002.421 State school choice scholarship program
10 accountability and oversight.—

11 (1) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—A private
12 school participating in an educational scholarship program
13 established pursuant to this chapter must be a private school as
14 defined in s. 1002.01(2) in this state, be registered, and be in
15 compliance with all requirements of this section in addition to
16 private school requirements outlined in s. 1002.42, specific

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17 requirements identified within respective scholarship program
18 laws, and other provisions of Florida law that apply to private
19 schools, and must:

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

27 (r) Notwithstanding the school's status as a private
28 school, adopt policies that comply with the bullying and
29 harassment definitions, responsibilities, and protections
30 required pursuant to s. 1006.147. The school shall comply with
31 the incident reporting requirements of s. 1006.147(4)(k)
32 according to procedures specified by the department. Such
33 reporting must be made annually by the department in both the
34 report required pursuant to s. 1006.147(8) and the annual
35 private school accountability report required under subsection
36 (2).

37 (s) Require the school principal or the principal's
38 designee to meet with any student and his or her parent or
39 guardian before the student's enrollment to review information
40 about the school, including, but not limited to, the school's
41 academic programs and services, customized educational programs,

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42 code of student conduct, code of student admissions policy,
43 attendance policies, bullying and harassment policies, and
44 ethical conduct policies.

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

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Remove line 45 and insert:

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the Hope Scholarship Program; amending s. 1002.421,

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F.S.; expanding the information that private schools

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participating in an educational scholarship program

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are required to publish and provide to parents;

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requiring such private schools to adopt bullying and

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harassment policies; requiring such schools to report

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bullying and harassment incidents to the Department of

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Education; requiring the department to include

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67 | reported incidents in annual accountability reports;
68 | requiring private school principals of such private
69 | schools or their designees to meet and share specified
70 | information with students and parents before student
71 | enrollment in the school; providing an effective