

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative Good offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Amendment (090379) (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 95-172 of the amendment and insert:

5 (7) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OBLIGATIONS.—The department  
6 shall:

7 (a) Publish and update, as necessary, information on the  
8 department website about the Family Empowerment Scholarship  
9 Program, including, but not limited to, student eligibility  
10 criteria, parental responsibilities, and relevant data.

11 (b) Cross-check the list of participating scholarship  
12 students with the public school enrollment lists before each  
13 scholarship payment to avoid duplication.

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14        (c) Maintain and publish a list of nationally norm-  
15 referenced tests identified for purposes of satisfying the  
16 testing requirement in subparagraph (8) (c)1. The tests must meet  
17 industry standards of quality in accordance with state board  
18 rule.

19        (d) Notify eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding  
20 organizations of the deadlines for submitting the verified list  
21 of students determined to be eligible for an initial or renewal  
22 scholarship.

23        (e) Establish deadlines for the receipt of initial  
24 applications and renewal notifications in order to implement the  
25 priority order for scholarship awards pursuant to paragraph  
26 (3) (d).

27        (8) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—To be  
28 eligible to participate in the Family Empowerment Scholarship  
29 Program, a private school may be sectarian or nonsectarian and  
30 must:

31        (c)1. Annually administer or make provision for students  
32 participating in the program in grades 3 through 10 to take one  
33 of the nationally norm-referenced tests that are identified by  
34 the department pursuant to paragraph (7) (c) or to take the  
35 statewide assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22. Students with  
36 disabilities for whom standardized testing is not appropriate  
37 are exempt from this requirement. A participating private school  
38 shall report a student's scores to his or her parent. By August

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39 15 of each year, a participating private school must report the  
40 scores of all participating students to a state university as  
41 described in s. 1002.395(9) (f).

42 2. Administer the statewide assessments pursuant to s.  
43 1008.22 if the private school chooses to offer the statewide  
44 assessments. A participating private school may choose to offer  
45 and administer the statewide assessments to all students who  
46 attend the private school in grades 3 through 10 and must submit  
47 a request in writing to the department by March 1 of each year  
48 in order to administer the statewide assessments in the  
49 subsequent school year.

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51 If a private school fails to meet the requirements of this  
52 subsection or s. 1002.421, the commissioner may determine that  
53 the private school is ineligible to participate in the  
54 scholarship program.

55 (9) PARENT AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROGRAM  
56 PARTICIPATION.—A parent who applies for a Family Empowerment  
57 Scholarship is exercising his or her parental option to place  
58 his or her child in a private school.

59 (i) The parent must annually renew participation in the  
60 program by the date established by the department pursuant to  
61 paragraph (7) (e).

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62 (10) OBLIGATIONS OF ELIGIBLE SCHOLARSHIP-FUNDING  
 63 ORGANIZATIONS.—An eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding  
 64 organization:  
 65 (b) Shall award initial and renewal scholarships in  
 66 priority order pursuant to paragraph (3) (d). The eligible  
 67 nonprofit scholarship-funding organization shall implement the  
 68 deadlines established by the department pursuant to paragraphs  
 69 (7) (d) and (e).

70 (11) SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING AND PAYMENT.—  
 71 (a) The scholarship is established for up to 18,000  
 72 students annually ~~on a first-come, first-served basis~~ beginning  
 73 ~~in with~~ the 2019-2020 school year. ~~Beginning in the 2020-2021~~  
 74 ~~school year, the number of students participating in the~~  
 75 ~~scholarship program under this section may annually increase by~~  
 76 ~~0.25 percent of the state's total public school student~~  
 77 ~~enrollment.~~

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81 Remove lines 367-379 of the amendment and insert:  
 82 award of a scholarship; requiring the Department of  
 83 Education to maintain and publish a list of nationally  
 84 norm-referenced tests and to establish deadlines for  
 85 lists of eligible students, applications, and  
 86 notifications; requiring a private school to report

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87 | scores to a state university by a specified date;  
88 | requiring parents to annually renew participation in  
89 | the program; requiring an eligible nonprofit  
90 | scholarship-funding organization to award scholarships  
91 | in priority order and implement deadlines; deleting an  
92 | authorization for an

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