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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WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)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: PreK-12 Appropriations
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Williams offered the following:

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

6 Between lines 42 and 43, insert:

7 (d) "School of hope" means:

8 1. A charter school operated by a hope operator which:

9 a. Serves students from one or more persistently low-
10 performing schools and students who reside in a Florida
11 Opportunity Zone;

12 b. Is located in a Florida Opportunity Zone or in the
13 attendance zone of a persistently low-performing school or
14 within a 5-mile radius of such school, whichever is greater; and

15 c. Is a Title I eligible school; ~~or~~

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16 2. A school operated by a hope operator pursuant to s.
17 1008.33(4)(b)3; or

18 3. An independently operated high-performing charter
19 school that:

20 a. Is a Title I eligible school.

21 b. Has operated within the same school district for 10
22 years.

23 c. Has, for the preceding 10 years, served students from
24 one or more persistently low-performing schools and students who
25 reside in a Florida Opportunity Zone.

26 (2) HOPE OPERATOR.—A hope operator is a nonprofit
27 organization with tax exempt status under s. 501(c)(3) of the
28 Internal Revenue Code that operates three or more charter
29 schools, or independently operates a high-performing charter
30 school in one school district for more than 10 years, that serve
31 students in grades K-12 in Florida or other states with a record
32 of serving students from low-income families and is designated
33 by the State Board of Education as a hope operator based on a
34 determination that:

35 (a) The past performance of the hope operator meets or
36 exceeds the following criteria:

37 1. The achievement of enrolled students exceeds the
38 district and state averages of the states in which the
39 operator's schools operate;

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40 2. The average college attendance rate at all schools
41 currently operated by the operator exceeds 80 percent, if such
42 data is available;

43 3. The percentage of students eligible for a free or
44 reduced price lunch under the National School Lunch Act enrolled
45 at all schools currently operated by the operator exceeds 70
46 percent;

47 4. The operator is in good standing with the authorizer in
48 each state in which it operates;

49 5. The audited financial statements of the operator are
50 free of material misstatements and going concern issues; and

51 6. Other outcome measures as determined by the State Board
52 of Education;

53 (b) The operator was awarded a United States Department of
54 Education Charter School Program Grant for Replication and
55 Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools within the preceding 3
56 years before applying to be a hope operator;

57 (c) The operator receives funding through the National
58 Fund of the Charter School Growth Fund to accelerate the growth
59 of the nation's best charter schools; or

60 (d) The operator is selected by a district school board in
61 accordance with s. 1008.33.

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63 An entity that meets the requirements of paragraph (b),
64 paragraph (c), or paragraph (d) before the adoption by the state

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65 board of measurable criteria pursuant to paragraph (a) shall be
66 designated as a hope operator. After the adoption of the
67 measurable criteria, an entity, including a governing board that
68 operates a school established pursuant to s. 1008.33(4)(b)3.,
69 shall be designated as a hope operator if it meets the criteria
70 of paragraph (a).
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73 **D I R E C T O R Y A M E N D M E N T**

74 Remove line 29 and insert:

75 Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1),
76 subsection (2), paragraphs
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79 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

80 Remove line 6 and insert:

81 school received a grade; revising the definition of
82 "school of hope" to include certain high-performing
83 charter schools; expanding hope operators to include
84 organizations that operate certain high-performing
85 charter schools; providing that certain