

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to reading scholarship accounts;
 3 amending s. 1002.411, F.S.; establishing the Miami-
 4 Dade Reading Scholarship Account Pilot Program to
 5 expand student eligibility for a reading scholarship
 6 account and allow an eligible nonprofit scholarship-
 7 funding organization to reimburse certain service
 8 providers directly; providing expanded student
 9 eligibility criteria, subject to appropriation;
 10 providing that certain students receive priority for
 11 an account; providing that students receiving an
 12 account under the pilot program and their parents are
 13 subject to certain requirements; providing the amount
 14 of an account under the pilot program; requiring
 15 certain eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding
 16 organizations to reimburse certain service providers
 17 directly; providing for the future repeal of the pilot
 18 program; providing an effective date.

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 20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 22 Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 1002.411, Florida
 23 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (9), and a new subsection
 24 (8) is added to that section to read:

25 1002.411 Reading scholarship accounts.—

26 (8) PILOT PROGRAM.—Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year,
27 and for a period of 3 years, there is established the Miami-Dade
28 Reading Scholarship Account Pilot Program to expand student
29 eligibility for a reading scholarship account and allow an
30 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization to reimburse
31 certain service providers directly.

32 (a)1. Subject to appropriation in the General
33 Appropriations Act, and on a first-come, first-served basis, and
34 in a manner consistent with this section, each student in grades
35 6 through 8 who is enrolled in a Florida public school in the
36 Miami-Dade County Public Schools and who scored below a Level 3
37 on the grade 6 or grade 7 statewide, standardized English
38 Language Arts (ELA) assessment in the prior school year is
39 eligible to apply to an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding
40 organization for a reading scholarship account pursuant to this
41 subsection. A student who is classified as an English Language
42 Learner and is enrolled in a program or receiving services that
43 are specifically designed to meet the instructional needs of
44 English Language Learner students shall receive priority.

45 2. A student receiving a reading scholarship account
46 pursuant to this paragraph and his or her parent are subject to
47 the requirements of this section.

48 3. The amount of a student's reading scholarship account
49 under this paragraph shall be the same as the amount of the
50 reading scholarship account for a student in grades 3 through 5

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51 who is eligible under this section.

52 (b) For a student who is enrolled in a Florida public
53 school in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools who receives a
54 reading scholarship account under this section and uses his or
55 her reading scholarship to receive part-time tutoring services
56 or attend a summer education program or after-school education
57 program, the eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization
58 must reimburse such service provider directly.

59 (c) This subsection is repealed on July 1, 2025.

60 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.