

By Senator Taddeo

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to instructional hours for the
3 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; amending
4 ss. 1002.55, 1002.61, 1002.63, and 1002.71, F.S.;
5 revising the instructional hours required in the
6 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program to provide
7 for an 8-hour program day in the summer and school-
8 year programs; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1002.55, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1002.55 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by
15 private prekindergarten providers.—

16 (2) Each school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a
17 private prekindergarten provider must comprise at least 1,440
18 ~~540~~ instructional hours.

19 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
20 1002.61, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21 1002.61 Summer prekindergarten program delivered by public
22 schools and private prekindergarten providers.—

23 (2) Each summer prekindergarten program delivered by a
24 public school or private prekindergarten provider must:

25 (a) Comprise at least 480 ~~300~~ instructional hours;

26 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1002.63, Florida
27 Statutes, is amended to read:

28 1002.63 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by
29 public schools.—

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30 (2) Each school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a
31 public school must comprise at least 1,440 ~~540~~ instructional
32 hours.

33 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 1002.71, Florida
34 Statutes, is amended to read:

35 1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.—

36 (2) A full-time equivalent student in the Voluntary
37 Prekindergarten Education Program shall be calculated as
38 follows:

39 (a) For a student in a school-year prekindergarten program
40 delivered by a private prekindergarten provider: 1,440 ~~540~~
41 instructional hours.

42 (b) For a student in a summer prekindergarten program
43 delivered by a public school or private prekindergarten
44 provider: 480 ~~300~~ instructional hours.

45 (c) For a student in a school-year prekindergarten program
46 delivered by a public school: 1,440 ~~540~~ instructional hours.

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48 Except as provided in subsection (4), a student may not be
49 reported for funding purposes as more than one full-time
50 equivalent student.

51 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.