

By Senator Baxley

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public schools; creating s.
3 1002.44, F.S.; authorizing public schools in this
4 state to enroll a student who meets certain attendance
5 criteria on a part-time basis, subject to space and
6 availability; providing for full-time equivalent
7 student membership; providing construction; amending
8 s. 1002.394, F.S.; authorizing funds awarded under the
9 Family Empowerment Scholarship Program to be used for
10 contracted services provided by a public school or
11 school district; providing construction; providing an
12 effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Section 1002.44, Florida Statutes, is created to
17 read:

18 1002.44 Part-time public school enrollment.—

19 (1) Any public school in this state, including a charter
20 school, may enroll a student who meets the regular school
21 attendance criteria of s. 1003.01(13)(b)-(e) on a part-time
22 basis, subject to space and availability according to the
23 school's capacity determined pursuant to s. 1002.31(2)(b).

24 (2) Students attending a public school on a part-time basis
25 pursuant to this section shall generate full-time equivalent
26 student membership as described in s. 1011.61(1)(b).

27 (3) Students participating in part-time public school
28 enrollment pursuant to subsection (1) are not considered to be
29 in regular attendance at a public school.

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30 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
31 1002.394, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

32 1002.394 The Family Empowerment Scholarship Program.—

33 (4) AUTHORIZED USES OF PROGRAM FUNDS.—

34 (a) Program funds awarded to a student determined eligible
35 pursuant to paragraph (3) (a) may be used for:

36 1. Tuition and fees at an eligible private school; ~~or~~

37 2. Transportation to a Florida public school in which a
38 student is enrolled and that is different from the school to
39 which the student was assigned or to a lab school as defined in
40 s. 1002.32 if the student is determined eligible pursuant to
41 subparagraph (3) (a)1. or subparagraph (3) (a)2.; or

42 3. Contracted services, including classes, provided by a
43 public school or school district. A student who receives
44 services under a contract pursuant to this subparagraph is not
45 considered enrolled in a public school for eligibility purposes
46 under subsection (6).

47 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.