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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Choice & Innovation
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Nixon offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 1210 and 1211, insert:

7 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 8 1002.421, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 1002.421 State school choice scholarship program
 10 accountability and oversight.—

11 (1) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—A private
 12 school participating in an educational scholarship program
 13 established pursuant to this chapter must be a private school as
 14 defined in s. 1002.01(2) in this state, be registered, and be in
 15 compliance with all requirements of this section in addition to
 16 private school requirements outlined in s. 1002.42, specific

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17 requirements identified within respective scholarship program
18 laws, and other provisions of Florida law that apply to private
19 schools, and must:

20 (a) Comply with the antidiscrimination provisions of 42
21 U.S.C. s. 2000d. In addition to the requirements of this
22 paragraph, a private school may not discriminate against a
23 student based on the student's race, color, national origin,
24 sex, religion, disability, family status, birthplace, ancestry,
25 culture, language, sexual orientation, gender identity, or the
26 expression or texture of the student's hair. A private school
27 that is found to have discriminated against a student is
28 ineligible to receive state funds for a period of at least 3
29 years.

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31 The department shall suspend the payment of funds to a private
32 school that knowingly fails to comply with this subsection, and
33 shall prohibit the school from enrolling new scholarship
34 students, for 1 fiscal year and until the school complies. If a
35 private school fails to meet the requirements of this subsection
36 or has consecutive years of material exceptions listed in the
37 report required under paragraph (q), the commissioner may
38 determine that the private school is ineligible to participate
39 in a scholarship program.

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Remove line 56 and insert:

1002.40, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s.
1002.421, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for private
schools participating in certain educational scholarship
programs; creating