

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to child care and early learning  
3           providers; amending s. 170.201, F.S.; providing an  
4           exemption for public and private preschools from  
5           specified special assessments levied by a  
6           municipality; defining the term "preschool"; amending  
7           s. 220.19, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing specified  
8           tax credits for corporations establishing and  
9           operating, or making payments to, child care  
10          facilities for their employees under certain  
11          conditions; specifying requirements for such credits;  
12          providing the maximum annual amount for all tax  
13          credits; requiring the Department of Revenue to  
14          approve applications for such credits before they are  
15          claimed; providing that certain corporations may be  
16          authorized to claim such credits on consolidated  
17          return basis; requiring child care facilities to meet  
18          certain requirements to receive such credits;  
19          authorizing two or more corporations to jointly  
20          establish and operate child care facility; providing  
21          requirements for such joint establishment and  
22          operation; requiring payments to certain child care  
23          facilities to meet specified conditions; providing  
24          application requirements; authorizing the department  
25          to adopt rules; requiring certain decisions to be in

26 | writing and include specified information; requiring  
27 | prior written verification by specified entity  
28 | relating to licensing; amending s. 402.305, F.S.;  
29 | revising licensing standards for all licensed child  
30 | care facilities and minimum standards and training  
31 | requirements for child care personnel; requiring the  
32 | Department of Children and Families to conduct  
33 | specified screening of child care personnel within a  
34 | specified timeframe and issue provisional approval of  
35 | such personnel under certain conditions; providing an  
36 | exception; deleting a requirement that the department  
37 | evaluate certain training requirements and testing  
38 | procedures; prohibiting minimum standards from  
39 | requiring more than two staff members with specified  
40 | training to be present at all times when children are  
41 | present; deleting provisions relating to educating  
42 | parents about the importance of specified  
43 | immunizations, a program to assist children in  
44 | preventing and avoiding physical and mental abuse, and  
45 | specialized child care facilities for the care of  
46 | mildly ill children; amending s. 402.3115, F.S.;  
47 | requiring the department and certain local  
48 | governmental agencies to develop and implement a plan  
49 | to eliminate duplicative and unnecessary inspections  
50 | of home providers; revising requirements for an

51 abbreviated inspection plan for certain child care  
52 facilities; requiring the department to submit a  
53 report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified  
54 date; requiring the report to contain certain  
55 information and recommendations; requiring the  
56 department to adopt rules and revise policies based on  
57 such recommendations; requiring the department to  
58 revise a specified plan; authorizing the department to  
59 contract for the production of the report; amending s.  
60 402.316, F.S.; authorizing certain child care  
61 facilities to operate without a license; amending s.  
62 627.70161, F.S.; providing that specified insurance  
63 provisions apply to large family child care homes;  
64 amending s. 1002.55, F.S.; revising requirements for  
65 public school and private prekindergarten providers;  
66 amending s. 1002.67, F.S.; prohibiting a specified  
67 curriculum from including a certain program and  
68 electronic devices; providing an exception; amending  
69 s. 1002.68, F.S.; requiring the program assessment to  
70 be conducted in accordance with specified  
71 requirements; requiring the specified methodology for  
72 calculating the performance of each private  
73 prekindergarten provider and public school provider to  
74 be conducted by an independent expert with specified  
75 experience; amending s. 1002.82, F.S.; revising the

76 powers and duties of the Department of Education for  
 77 the administration of the Child Care and Development  
 78 Block Grant Trust Fund; amending s. 1002.83, F.S.;  
 79 revising the appointment of members of the early  
 80 learning coalition; amending s. 1002.89, F.S.;  
 81 providing for specified financial support to child  
 82 care providers and staff to be included in the school  
 83 readiness program costs; amending s. 1002.945, F.S.;  
 84 revising requirements for a child care provider to  
 85 obtain and maintain a designation as a Gold Seal  
 86 Quality Care provider; amending s. 1002.95, F.S.;  
 87 authorizing early learning coalitions to support a  
 88 specified scholarship program; amending s. 1008.25,  
 89 F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, certain  
 90 students to be eligible to receive certain reading  
 91 interventions before kindergarten without being  
 92 referred to the local school district first; amending  
 93 ss. 39.101, 1002.57, and 1002.59, F.S.; conforming  
 94 cross-references; providing an effective date.

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

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98 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 170.201, Florida  
 99 Statutes, is amended to read:

100 170.201 Special assessments.—

101           (2) Property owned or occupied by a religious institution  
 102 and used as a place of worship or education; by a public or  
 103 private preschool, elementary school, middle school, or high  
 104 school; or by a governmentally financed, insured, or subsidized  
 105 housing facility that is used primarily for persons who are  
 106 elderly or disabled shall be exempt from any special assessment  
 107 levied by a municipality to fund any service if the municipality  
 108 so desires. As used in this subsection, the term "religious  
 109 institution" means any church, synagogue, or other established  
 110 physical place for worship at which nonprofit religious services  
 111 and activities are regularly conducted and carried on and the  
 112 term "governmentally financed, insured, or subsidized housing  
 113 facility" means a facility that is financed by a mortgage loan  
 114 made or insured by the United States Department of Housing and  
 115 Urban Development under s. 8, s. 202, s. 221(d)(3) or (4), s.  
 116 232, or s. 236 of the National Housing Act and is owned or  
 117 operated by an entity that qualifies as an exempt charitable  
 118 organization under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.  
 119 For purposes of this subsection, the term "preschool" means any  
 120 child care facility licensed under s. 402.305 that serves  
 121 children under 5 years of age.

122           Section 2. Section 220.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 123 read:

124           220.19 Child care tax credits.—

125           (1) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the term:

126        (a) "Eligible facility" means a facility that:  
 127        1. Is licensed under s. 402.305; or  
 128        2. Is exempt from licensure under s. 402.316.

129        (b) "Tax due" includes any tax required under this chapter  
 130 or chapter 211, chapter 561, or chapter 624 or due under chapter  
 131 212 from a direct pay permitholder as a result of a direct pay  
 132 permit held pursuant to s. 212.183.

133        (2) AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT TAX CREDITS; LIMITATIONS.—

134        (a)1. A credit of 50 percent of the startup costs of a  
 135 child care facility, as defined by s. 402.302, operated by a  
 136 corporation for its employees is allowed against any tax due for  
 137 a taxable year. An additional credit against such tax is allowed  
 138 for the operation of a child care facility by a corporation for  
 139 its employees, which credit is in the amount of \$300 per month  
 140 for each child or grandchild of such employee enrolled in the  
 141 facility if such employee is a caregiver, as defined in s.  
 142 39.01(9), to such child or grandchild.

143        2. A credit is allowed against any tax due for a taxable  
 144 year for a corporation making payments to a child care facility  
 145 as defined in s. 402.302 that is an eligible facility if the  
 146 payments are made in the name of and for the benefit of an  
 147 employee employed by the corporation whose child or grandchild  
 148 attends the child care. The credit shall be in an amount equal  
 149 to 100 percent of the amount of such child care payments up to a  
 150 maximum credit of \$3600 per child per year. The corporation may

151 make payments directly to the facility or contract with an early  
152 learning coalition to process payments.

153 (b) The maximum credit amount for all approved child care  
154 costs incurred by the corporation in a taxable year is based on  
155 the average number of employees employed by the corporation  
156 during such year. For an employer that employed:

157 1. One to twenty-five employees, the maximum credit is  
158 \$50,000.

159 2. Twenty-six to fifty employees, the maximum credit is  
160 \$100,000.

161 3. Fifty-one to seventy-five employees, the maximum credit  
162 is \$150,000.

163 4. Seventy-six to one hundred employees, the maximum  
164 credit is \$200,000.

165 5. One hundred one to two hundred employees, the maximum  
166 credit is \$300,000.

167 6. Two hundred one to five hundred employees, the maximum  
168 credit is \$500,000.

169 7. More than five hundred employees, the maximum credit is  
170 \$600,000.

171 (c) The total amount of tax credits that may be approved  
172 under paragraph (b) is \$7.5 million annually.

173 (d) An application for a credit under this section must be  
174 approved by the department before the corporation claims the  
175 credit on a return.

176        (e)~~(1)~~ If a ~~the~~ credit granted under this section is not  
 177 fully used in any one taxable year because of insufficient tax  
 178 liability on the part of the corporation, the unused amount may  
 179 be carried forward for a period not to exceed 5 taxable years.  
 180 The carryover credit may be used in a subsequent year when the  
 181 tax imposed by this chapter for that year exceeds the credit for  
 182 which the corporation is eligible in that year under this  
 183 section after applying the other credits and unused carryovers  
 184 in the order provided by s. 220.02(8).

185        (f)~~(2)~~ If a corporation receives a credit for child care  
 186 facility startup costs, and the facility fails to operate for at  
 187 least 5 years, a pro rata share of the credit must be repaid, in  
 188 accordance with the formula:  $A = C \times (1 - (N/60))$ , where:

189        1.~~(a)~~ "A" is the amount in dollars of the required  
 190 repayment.

191        2.~~(b)~~ "C" is the total credits taken by the corporation  
 192 for child care facility startup costs.

193        3.~~(c)~~ "N" is the number of months the facility was in  
 194 operation.

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 196 This repayment requirement is inapplicable if the corporation  
 197 goes out of business or can demonstrate to the department that  
 198 its employees no longer want to have a child care facility.

199        (g) A corporation that files a consolidated return as a  
 200 member of an affiliated group under s. 220.131(1) may be

201 authorized to claim the credit on a consolidated return basis.

202 (h) A dealer who claims a tax credit under chapter 212  
 203 must file his or her tax returns and pay his or her taxes by  
 204 electronic means under s. 213.755.

205 (3) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—

206 (a) A corporation may only claim a credit for a child care  
 207 facility as defined by s. 402.302 that is an eligible facility.

208 (b) The services of a child care facility for which a  
 209 corporation claims a credit under subparagraph (2) (a)1. must be  
 210 available to all employees employed by the corporation, or must  
 211 be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be  
 212 used by employees employed by the corporation.

213 (c) Two or more corporations may jointly establish and  
 214 operate a child care facility according to this section. If two  
 215 or more corporations choose to jointly establish and operate a  
 216 child care facility, or cause a not-for-profit corporation to  
 217 establish and operate a child care facility, the corporations  
 218 must file a joint application, or the not-for-profit corporation  
 219 may file an application pursuant to subsection (4) setting forth  
 220 the corporations' proposal. The participating corporations may  
 221 proportion the credits in any manner they choose; however,  
 222 participating corporations may not receive more than \$600,000 in  
 223 credits for all approved child care costs incurred by the  
 224 participating corporations in any one taxable year.

225 (d) Child care payments for which a corporation claims a

226 credit under subparagraph (2)(a)2. may not exceed the amount  
227 charged by the child care facility for other children of like  
228 age and ability of persons not employed by the corporation.

229 (4) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Beginning January 1, 2024, a  
230 corporation may submit an application to the department for the  
231 purposes of determining qualification for a credit under this  
232 section to be applied to a taxable year beginning on or after  
233 January 1, 2024. The department must approve the application for  
234 the credit before the corporation is authorized to claim the  
235 credit on a return.

236 (a) The application must include:

237 1.a. For a credit under subparagraph (2)(a)1., a proposal  
238 for establishing a child care facility for use by its employees,  
239 the total number of employees' children and grandchildren  
240 expected to be enrolled, and the expected date operations will  
241 begin. A credit may not be claimed on a return until operations  
242 have begun.

243 b. For a credit under subparagraph (2)(a)2., the total  
244 number of children and grandchildren for whom child care  
245 payments will be paid and the estimated total annual amount of  
246 such payments.

247 2. The taxable year in which the credit is expected to be  
248 earned. A corporation may apply for a credit to be used for a  
249 prior taxable year at any time before the date on which the  
250 corporation is required to file a return for that year pursuant

251 to s. 220.222.

252 3. Written verification by the Department of Children and  
 253 Families or local licensing agency that the facility is a child  
 254 care facility under s. 402.302 and is an eligible facility. Such  
 255 verification must be attached to the application.

256 (b) The department shall approve tax credits on a first-  
 257 come, first-served basis.

258 (5) ADMINISTRATION.—

259 (a) The department may adopt all rules pursuant to the  
 260 Administrative Procedures Act to administer this section,  
 261 including rules for the approval or disapproval of proposals  
 262 submitted by corporations and rules to provide for cooperative  
 263 arrangements between for-profit and not-for-profit corporations.

264 (b) The department's decision to approve or disapprove a  
 265 proposal must be in writing, and, if the proposal is approved,  
 266 the decision must state the maximum credit authorized for the  
 267 corporation.

268 (c) All applications approved under this section require  
 269 prior written verification by the Department of Children and  
 270 Families or local licensing agency that the facility is a child  
 271 care facility under s. 402.302 and is an eligible facility.

272 Section 3. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section  
 273 402.305, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (f),  
 274 subsection (18) is renumbered as subsection (17), and paragraph  
 275 (a) of subsection (1), paragraphs (a) and (e) and present

276 paragraph (f) of subsection (2), paragraph (a) of subsection  
 277 (7), subsections (9) and (13), and present subsection (17) of  
 278 that section are amended, to read:

279 402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

280 (1) LICENSING STANDARDS.—The department shall establish  
 281 licensing standards that each licensed child care facility must  
 282 meet regardless of the origin or source of the fees used to  
 283 operate the facility or the type of children served by the  
 284 facility.

285 (a) The standards shall be designed to address the  
 286 ~~following areas:~~

287 1. ~~the health, sanitation, safety, and~~ sanitary adequate  
 288 physical conditions surroundings for all children served by ~~in~~  
 289 child care facilities.

290 2. The health and nutrition of all children in child care.

291 3. The child development needs of all children in child  
 292 care.

293 (2) PERSONNEL.—Minimum standards for child care personnel  
 294 shall include minimum requirements as to:

295 (a) Good moral character based upon screening as defined  
 296 in s. 402.302(15). This screening shall be conducted as provided  
 297 in chapter 435, using the level 2 standards for screening  
 298 provided set forth in that chapter, and include employment  
 299 history checks, a search of criminal history records, sexual  
 300 predator and sexual offender registries, and child abuse and

301 neglect registry of any state in which the current or  
 302 prospective child care personnel resided during the preceding 5  
 303 years. The department shall complete the screening and provide  
 304 the results to the child care facility within 3 business days.  
 305 If the department is unable to complete the screening within 3  
 306 business days, the department shall issue the current or  
 307 prospective child care personnel a 45-day-provisional-hire  
 308 status while all required information is being requested and the  
 309 department is awaiting results unless the department has reason  
 310 to believe a disqualifying factor may exist. During the 45-day  
 311 period, the current or prospective child care personnel must be  
 312 under the direct supervision of a screened and trained staff  
 313 member when in contact with children.

314 (e) Minimum training requirements for child care  
 315 personnel.

316 1. Such minimum standards for training shall ensure that  
 317 all child care personnel take an approved 40-clock-hour  
 318 introductory course in child care, which course covers ~~at least~~  
 319 the following topic areas:

320 a. State and local rules and regulations which govern  
 321 child care.

322 b. Health, safety, and nutrition.

323 c. Identifying and reporting child abuse and neglect.

324 d. Child development, including typical and atypical  
 325 language, cognitive, motor, social, and self-help skills

326 development.

327 e. Observation of developmental behaviors, including using  
328 a checklist or other similar observation tools and techniques to  
329 determine the child's developmental age level.

330 f. Specialized areas, including computer technology for  
331 professional and classroom use and early literacy and language  
332 development of children from birth to 5 years of age, as  
333 determined by the department, for owner-operators and child care  
334 personnel of a child care facility.

335 g. Developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum  
336 disorder and Down syndrome, and early identification, use of  
337 available state and local resources, classroom integration, and  
338 positive behavioral supports for children with developmental  
339 disabilities.

340 h. Online training coursework, provided at no cost by the  
341 department, to meet minimum training standards for child care  
342 personnel.

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344 Within 90 days after employment, child care personnel shall  
345 begin training to meet the training requirements. Child care  
346 personnel shall successfully complete such training within 1  
347 year after the date on which the training began, as evidenced by  
348 passage of an in-person or online ~~a~~ competency examination.

349 Successful completion of the 40-clock-hour introductory course  
350 shall articulate into community college credit in early

351 childhood education, pursuant to ss. 1007.24 and 1007.25.  
352 Exemption from all or a portion of the required training shall  
353 be granted to child care personnel based upon educational  
354 credentials or passage of competency examinations. Child care  
355 personnel possessing a 2-year degree or higher that includes 6  
356 college credit hours in early childhood development or child  
357 growth and development, or a child development associate  
358 credential or an equivalent state-approved child development  
359 associate credential, or a child development associate waiver  
360 certificate shall be automatically exempted from the training  
361 requirements in sub-subparagraphs b., d., and e.

362 ~~2. The introductory course in child care shall stress, to~~  
363 ~~the extent possible, an interdisciplinary approach to the study~~  
364 ~~of children.~~

365 2.3. The introductory course shall cover recognition and  
366 prevention of shaken baby syndrome; prevention of sudden infant  
367 death syndrome; recognition and care of infants and toddlers  
368 with developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum  
369 disorder and Down syndrome; and early childhood brain  
370 development within the topic areas identified in this paragraph.

371 3.4. On an annual basis in order to further their child  
372 care skills and, if appropriate, administrative skills, child  
373 care personnel who have fulfilled the requirements for the child  
374 care training shall be required to take an additional 1  
375 continuing education unit of approved inservice training, or 10

376 clock hours of equivalent training, as determined by the  
377 department.

378 ~~4.5.~~ Child care personnel shall be required to complete  
379 0.5 continuing education unit of approved training or 5 clock  
380 hours of equivalent training, as determined by the department,  
381 in early literacy and language development of children from  
382 birth to 5 years of age one time. The year that this training is  
383 completed, it shall fulfill the 0.5 continuing education unit or  
384 5 clock hours of the annual training required in subparagraph 3.  
385 ~~4.~~

386 ~~5.6.~~ Procedures for ensuring the training of qualified  
387 child care professionals to provide training of child care  
388 personnel, including onsite training, shall be included in the  
389 minimum standards. It is recommended that the state community  
390 child care coordination agencies (central agencies) be  
391 contracted by the department to coordinate such training when  
392 possible. Other district educational resources, such as  
393 community colleges and career programs, can be designated in  
394 such areas where central agencies may not exist or are  
395 determined not to have the capability to meet the coordination  
396 requirements set forth by the department.

397 ~~6.7.~~ Training requirements do ~~shall~~ not apply to certain  
398 occasional or part-time support staff, including, but not  
399 limited to, swimming instructors, piano teachers, dance  
400 instructors, and gymnastics instructors.

401 ~~8. The department shall evaluate or contract for an~~  
 402 ~~evaluation for the general purpose of determining the status of~~  
 403 ~~and means to improve staff training requirements and testing~~  
 404 ~~procedures. The evaluation shall be conducted every 2 years. The~~  
 405 ~~evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, determining the~~  
 406 ~~availability, quality, scope, and sources of current staff~~  
 407 ~~training; determining the need for specialty training; and~~  
 408 ~~determining ways to increase inservice training and ways to~~  
 409 ~~increase the accessibility, quality, and cost-effectiveness of~~  
 410 ~~current and proposed staff training. The evaluation methodology~~  
 411 ~~shall include a reliable and valid survey of child care~~  
 412 ~~personnel.~~

413 7.9. The child care operator shall be required to take  
 414 basic training in serving children with disabilities within 5  
 415 years after employment, either as a part of the introductory  
 416 training or the annual 8 hours of inservice training.

417 ~~(f) Periodic health examinations.~~

418 (7) SANITATION AND SAFETY.—

419 (a) Minimum standards shall include requirements for  
 420 sanitary and safety conditions, first aid treatment, emergency  
 421 procedures, and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The  
 422 minimum standards may not shall require more than two members of  
 423 ~~that at least one~~ staff ~~person~~ trained in cardiopulmonary  
 424 resuscitation, as evidenced by current documentation of course  
 425 completion, to must be present at all times when that children

426 are present.

427 (9) ADMISSIONS AND RECORDKEEPING.—

428 (a) Minimum standards shall include requirements for  
429 preadmission and periodic health examinations, requirements for  
430 immunizations, and requirements for maintaining emergency  
431 information and health records on all children.

432 ~~(b) During the months of August and September of each~~  
433 ~~year, each child care facility shall provide parents of children~~  
434 ~~enrolled in the facility detailed information regarding the~~  
435 ~~causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus in an~~  
436 ~~effort to educate those parents regarding the importance of~~  
437 ~~immunizing their children against influenza as recommended by~~  
438 ~~the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers~~  
439 ~~for Disease Control and Prevention.~~

440 ~~(c) During the months of April and September of each year,~~  
441 ~~at a minimum, each facility shall provide parents of children~~  
442 ~~enrolled in the facility information regarding the potential for~~  
443 ~~a distracted adult to fail to drop off a child at the facility~~  
444 ~~and instead leave the child in the adult's vehicle upon arrival~~  
445 ~~at the adult's destination. The child care facility shall also~~  
446 ~~give parents information about resources with suggestions to~~  
447 ~~avoid this occurrence. The department shall develop a flyer or~~  
448 ~~brochure with this information that shall be posted to the~~  
449 ~~department's website, which child care facilities may choose to~~  
450 ~~reproduce and provide to parents to satisfy the requirements of~~

451 ~~this paragraph.~~

452 (b)~~(d)~~ Because of the nature and duration of drop-in child  
 453 care, requirements for preadmission and periodic health  
 454 examinations and requirements for medically signed records of  
 455 immunization required for child care facilities shall not apply.  
 456 A parent of a child in drop-in child care shall, however, be  
 457 required to attest to the child's health condition and the type  
 458 and current status of the child's immunizations.

459 (c)~~(e)~~ Any child shall be exempt from medical or physical  
 460 examination or medical or surgical treatment upon written  
 461 request of the parent or guardian of such child who objects to  
 462 the examination and treatment. However, the laws, rules, and  
 463 regulations relating to contagious or communicable diseases and  
 464 sanitary matters shall not be violated because of any exemption  
 465 from or variation of the health and immunization minimum  
 466 standards.

467 (13) PLAN OF ACTIVITIES.—Minimum standards shall ensure  
 468 that each child care facility has and implements a written plan  
 469 for the daily provision of varied activities and active and  
 470 quiet play opportunities appropriate to the age of the child.  
 471 ~~The written plan must include a program, to be implemented~~  
 472 ~~periodically for children of an appropriate age, which will~~  
 473 ~~assist the children in preventing and avoiding physical and~~  
 474 ~~mental abuse.~~

475 ~~(17) SPECIALIZED CHILD CARE FACILITIES FOR THE CARE OF~~

476 ~~MILDLY ILL CHILDREN. Minimum standards shall be developed by the~~  
 477 ~~department, in conjunction with the Department of Health, for~~  
 478 ~~specialized child care facilities for the care of mildly ill~~  
 479 ~~children. The minimum standards shall address the following~~  
 480 ~~areas: personnel requirements; staff-to-child ratios; staff~~  
 481 ~~training and credentials; health and safety; physical facility~~  
 482 ~~requirements, including square footage; client eligibility,~~  
 483 ~~including a definition of "mildly ill children"; sanitation and~~  
 484 ~~safety; admission and recordkeeping; dispensing of medication;~~  
 485 ~~and a schedule of activities.~~

486 Section 4. Section 402.3115, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 487 to read:

488 402.3115 Elimination of duplicative and unnecessary  
 489 inspections; abbreviated inspections; reports.-

490 (1) The Department of Children and Families and local  
 491 governmental agencies that license child care facilities shall  
 492 develop and implement a plan to eliminate duplicative and  
 493 unnecessary inspections of child care facilities, family day  
 494 care homes, and large family child care homes.

495 (2) (a) ~~In addition,~~ The department and the local  
 496 governmental agencies shall develop and implement an abbreviated  
 497 inspection plan for child care facilities that:

- 498 1. Have been licensed for at least 2 consecutive years;
- 499 2. Have had no Class 1 and no more than two of the same ~~or~~  
 500 Class 2 deficiencies, as defined by rule, for at least 2

501 consecutive years;

502 3. Have received at least two full onsite renewal  
 503 inspections in the most recent 2 years;

504 4. Do not have any current uncorrected violations; and

505 5. Do not have any open regulatory complaints or active  
 506 child protective services investigations.

507 (b) The abbreviated inspection must include those elements  
 508 identified by the department ~~and the local governmental agencies~~  
 509 as being key indicators of whether the child care facility  
 510 continues to provide quality care and programming and must be  
 511 updated every 5 years.

512 (3) By December 31, 2024, and every 5 years thereafter,  
 513 the department shall submit a report to the Governor, the  
 514 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
 515 Representatives. The report must include, at a minimum,  
 516 information concerning:

517 (a) Training requirements and coursework offered by the  
 518 department to child care personnel. The report must include the  
 519 results of a reliable and valid survey of child care personnel  
 520 regarding such training and coursework. Such results must be  
 521 used to make recommendations regarding:

522 1. The availability, quality, relevance, scope, cost  
 523 effectiveness, and sources of current and prospective training.

524 2. The need for specialty training.

525 3. Approaches to increase inservice training.

526 (b) Licensing and regulation of child care facilities. The  
 527 report shall identify and make recommendations regarding:

528 1. The elimination of unnecessary, vague, or redundant  
 529 rules.

530 2. Streamlined standards used to classify violations.

531 3. The application of rules in a manner to eliminate  
 532 subjectivity by licensing staff.

533 4. Methods to simplify inspections.

534 5. The elimination of duplicative and unnecessary  
 535 inspections.

536 (c) The plan developed and implemented under subsection  
 537 (1).

538 (4) The department shall adopt rules and revise policies  
 539 based on the recommendations in the report.

540 (5) The department shall revise the plan under subsection  
 541 (1) as necessary to maintain the validity and effectiveness of  
 542 inspections.

543 (6) The department may contract for the production of the  
 544 report required under subsection (3).

545 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 402.316, Florida  
 546 Statutes, is amended to read:

547 402.316 Exemptions.—

548 (1)(a) The provisions of ss. 402.301-402.319, except for  
 549 the requirements regarding screening of child care personnel,  
 550 shall not apply to a child care facility:

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551        1. Which is an integral part of church or parochial  
552 schools conducting regularly scheduled classes, courses of  
553 study, or educational programs accredited by, or by a member of,  
554 an organization which publishes and requires compliance with its  
555 standards for health, safety, and sanitation; or

556        2. Which is only attended by children or grandchildren of  
557 employees employed by the corporation.

558        (b) ~~However,~~ Such facilities shall still meet minimum  
559 requirements of the applicable local governing body as to  
560 health, sanitation, and safety and shall meet the screening  
561 requirements pursuant to ss. 402.305 and 402.3055.

562        (c) Failure by a facility to comply with such screening  
563 requirements shall result in the loss of the facility's  
564 exemption from licensure.

565        Section 6. Section 627.70161, Florida Statutes, is amended  
566 to read:

567        627.70161 Family day care and large family child care  
568 insurance.—

569        (1) PURPOSE AND INTENT.—The Legislature recognizes that  
570 family day care homes and large family child care homes fulfill  
571 a vital role in providing child care in Florida. It is the  
572 intent of the Legislature that residential property insurance  
573 coverage should not be canceled, denied, or nonrenewed solely on  
574 the basis of the ~~family~~ day care or child care services at the  
575 residence. The Legislature also recognizes that the potential

576 liability of residential property insurers is substantially  
577 increased by the rendition of child care services on the  
578 premises. The Legislature therefore finds that there is a public  
579 need to specify that contractual liabilities that arise in  
580 connection with the operation of the family day care home or  
581 large family child care home are excluded from residential  
582 property insurance policies unless they are specifically  
583 included in such coverage.

584 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

585 (a) "Child care" means the care, protection, and  
586 supervision of a child, for a period of less than 24 hours a day  
587 on a regular basis, which supplements parental care, enrichment,  
588 and health supervision for the child, in accordance with his or  
589 her individual needs, and for which a payment, fee, or grant is  
590 made for care.

591 (b) "Family day care home" means an occupied residence in  
592 which child care is regularly provided for children from at  
593 least two unrelated families and which receives a payment, fee,  
594 or grant for any of the children receiving care, whether or not  
595 operated for a profit.

596 (c) "Large family child care home" means an occupied  
597 residence in which child care is regularly provided for children  
598 from at least two unrelated families, which receives a payment,  
599 fee, or grant for any of the children receiving care, regardless  
600 of whether operated for profit, and which has at least two full-

601 time child care personnel on the premises during the hours of  
602 operation. One of the two full-time child care personnel must be  
603 the owner or occupant of the residence. A large family child  
604 care home must first have operated as a licensed family day care  
605 home for at least 2 years, with an operator who has held a child  
606 development associate credential or its equivalent for at least  
607 1 year, before seeking licensure as a large family child care  
608 home. Household children under 13 years of age, when on the  
609 premises of the large family child care home or on a field trip  
610 with children enrolled in child care, shall be included in the  
611 overall capacity of the licensed home. A large family child care  
612 home may provide care for one of the following groups of  
613 children, which shall include household children under 13 years  
614 of age:

615 (a) A maximum of eight children from birth to 24 months of  
616 age.

617 (b) A maximum of 12 children, with no more than four  
618 children under 24 months of age.

619 (3) FAMILY DAY CARE AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE;

620 COVERAGE.—A residential property insurance policy shall not  
621 provide coverage for liability for claims arising out of, or in  
622 connection with, the operation of a family day care home or  
623 large family child care home, and the insurer shall be under no  
624 obligation to defend against lawsuits covering such claims,  
625 unless:

626 (a) Specifically covered in a policy; or  
 627 (b) Covered by a rider or endorsement for business  
 628 coverage attached to a policy.

629 (4) DENIAL, CANCELLATION, REFUSAL TO RENEW PROHIBITED.—An  
 630 insurer may not deny, cancel, or refuse to renew a policy for  
 631 residential property insurance solely on the basis that the  
 632 policyholder or applicant operates a family day care home or  
 633 large family child care home. In addition to other lawful  
 634 reasons for refusing to insure, an insurer may deny, cancel, or  
 635 refuse to renew a policy of a family day care home or large  
 636 family child care home provider if one or more of the following  
 637 conditions occur:

638 (a) The policyholder or applicant provides care for more  
 639 children than authorized ~~for family day care homes~~ by s.  
 640 402.302;

641 (b) The policyholder or applicant fails to maintain a  
 642 separate commercial liability policy or an endorsement providing  
 643 liability coverage for the family day care home or large family  
 644 child care home operations;

645 (c) The policyholder or applicant fails to comply with the  
 646 applicable ~~family day care home~~ licensure and registration  
 647 requirements specified in chapter 402 ~~s. 402.313~~; or

648 (d) Discovery of willful or grossly negligent acts or  
 649 omissions or any violations of state laws or regulations  
 650 establishing safety standards for family day care homes or large

651 family child care home by the named insured or his or her  
652 representative which materially increase any of the risks  
653 insured.

654 Section 7. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (3) of  
655 section 1002.55, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

656 1002.55 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by  
657 private prekindergarten providers.—

658 (3) To be eligible to deliver the prekindergarten program,  
659 a private prekindergarten provider must meet each of the  
660 following requirements:

661 (a) The private prekindergarten provider must be a child  
662 care facility licensed under s. 402.305, family day care home  
663 licensed under s. 402.313, large family child care home licensed  
664 under s. 402.3131, nonpublic school exempt from licensure under  
665 s. 402.3025(2), faith-based or corporation-provided child care  
666 provider exempt from licensure under s. 402.316, child  
667 development program that is accredited by a national accrediting  
668 body and operates on a military installation that is certified  
669 by the United States Department of Defense, or private  
670 prekindergarten provider that has been issued a provisional  
671 license under s. 402.309. A private prekindergarten provider may  
672 not deliver the program while holding a probation-status license  
673 under s. 402.310.

674 (c) The private prekindergarten provider must have, for  
675 each prekindergarten class of 11 children or fewer, at least one

676 | prekindergarten instructor who meets each of the following  
677 | requirements:

678 |       1. The prekindergarten instructor must hold, at a minimum,  
679 | one of the following credentials:

680 |           a. A child development associate credential issued by the  
681 | National Credentialing Program of the Council for Professional  
682 | Recognition; or

683 |           b. A credential approved by the Department of Children and  
684 | Families as being equivalent to or greater than the credential  
685 | described in sub-subparagraph a.

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687 | The Department of Children and Families may adopt rules under  
688 | ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 which provide criteria and procedures  
689 | for approving equivalent credentials under sub-subparagraph b.

690 |       2. Within 45 days after commencing employment, the  
691 | prekindergarten instructor must successfully complete three  
692 | emergent literacy training courses that include developmentally  
693 | appropriate and experiential learning practices for children and  
694 | a student performance standards training course approved by the  
695 | department as meeting or exceeding the minimum standards adopted  
696 | under s. 1002.59. The prekindergarten instructor must complete  
697 | an emergent literacy training course at least once every 5 years  
698 | after initially completing the three emergent literacy training  
699 | courses. The courses in this subparagraph must be recognized as  
700 | part of the informal early learning and career pathway

701 identified by the department under s. 1002.995(1)(b). The  
702 requirement for completion of the standards training course  
703 shall take effect July 1, 2022. The courses must be made  
704 available online or in person.

705 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
706 1002.67, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

707 1002.67 Performance standards and curricula.—

708 (2)

709 (b) Each private prekindergarten provider's and public  
710 school's curriculum must be developmentally appropriate and  
711 must:

712 1. Be designed to prepare a student for early literacy and  
713 provide for instruction in early math skills;

714 2. Enhance the age-appropriate progress of students in  
715 attaining the performance standards adopted by the department  
716 under subsection (1); ~~and~~

717 3. Support student learning gains through differentiated  
718 instruction that shall be measured by the coordinated screening  
719 and progress monitoring program under s. 1008.25(8). However,  
720 such program may not be used for direct student instruction; and

721 4. Prohibit student use of electronic devices for direct  
722 student instruction. However, electronic devices may be used to  
723 complete the coordinated screening and progress monitoring  
724 program under s. 1008.25(8).

725 Section 9. Subsection (2) and paragraphs (a), (d), and (f)

726 of subsection (4) of section 1002.68, Florida Statutes, are  
 727 amended to read:

728 1002.68 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program  
 729 accountability.—

730 (2) Beginning with the 2023-2024 ~~2022-2023~~ program year,  
 731 each private prekindergarten provider and public school in the  
 732 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program must participate in  
 733 a program assessment of each voluntary prekindergarten education  
 734 classroom. The program assessment shall measure the quality of  
 735 teacher-child interactions, including emotional support,  
 736 classroom organization, and instructional support for children  
 737 ages 3 to 5 years. The program assessment must be conducted in  
 738 accordance with the requirements of the assessment provider.

739 Each private prekindergarten provider and public school in the  
 740 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program shall receive from  
 741 the department the results of the program assessment for each  
 742 classroom within 14 days after the observation. Each early  
 743 learning coalition shall be responsible for the administration  
 744 of the program assessments which must be conducted by  
 745 individuals qualified to conduct program assessments under s.  
 746 1002.82 (2) (n).

747 (4) (a) Beginning with the 2023-2024 ~~2022-2023~~ program  
 748 year, the department shall adopt a methodology for calculating  
 749 each private prekindergarten provider's and public school  
 750 provider's performance metric, which must be based on a

751 combination of the following:

752 1. Program assessment composite scores under subsection  
753 (2), which must be weighted at no less than 50 percent.

754 2. Learning gains operationalized as change-in-ability  
755 scores from the initial and final progress monitoring results  
756 described in subsection (1).

757 3. Norm-referenced developmental learning outcomes  
758 described in subsection (1).

759 (d) The methodology shall include a statistical latent  
760 profile analysis that has been conducted by an independent  
761 expert with experience in relevant quantitative analysis, early  
762 childhood assessment, and designing state-level accountability  
763 systems. The independent expert shall be identified through  
764 competitive procurement before the 2023-2024 program year and  
765 retained through the 2025-2026 program year and ~~developed by the~~  
766 ~~department~~ that shall produce a limited number of performance  
767 metric profiles which summarize the profiles of all sites that  
768 must be used to inform the following designations:  
769 "unsatisfactory," "emerging proficiency," "proficient," "highly  
770 proficient," and "excellent" or comparable terminology  
771 determined by the office which may not include letter grades.

772 (f) The department shall adopt procedures to annually  
773 calculate each private prekindergarten provider's and public  
774 school's performance metric, based on the methodology adopted in  
775 paragraphs (a) and (b), and assign a designation under paragraph

776 (d). Beginning with the 2024-2025 ~~2023-2024~~ program year, each  
777 private prekindergarten provider or public school shall be  
778 assigned a designation within 45 days after the conclusion of  
779 the school-year Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program  
780 delivered by all participating private prekindergarten providers  
781 or public schools and within 45 days after the conclusion of the  
782 summer Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program delivered by  
783 all participating private prekindergarten providers or public  
784 schools.

785 Section 10. Paragraphs (j), (l), and (q) of subsection (2)  
786 of section 1002.82, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

787 1002.82 Department of Education; powers and duties.—

788 (2) The department shall:

789 (j) Monitor the alignment and consistency of the standards  
790 and benchmarks developed and adopted by the department that  
791 address the age-appropriate progress of children in the  
792 development of school readiness skills. The standards for  
793 children from birth to kindergarten entry in the school  
794 readiness program must be aligned with the performance standards  
795 adopted for children in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education  
796 Program and must address the following domains:

- 797 1. Approaches to learning.
- 798 2. Cognitive development and general knowledge.
- 799 3. Numeracy, language, and communication.
- 800 4. Physical development.

801           5. Executive-functioning Self-regulation.

802           (1) Contract for a voluntary open-source school readiness

803 curriculum that meets the performance standards pursuant to

804 paragraph (j) that shall:

805           1. Be available on the Internet at no cost.

806           2. Contain resources that support the use of the

807 curriculum.

808           3. Contain resources for parent engagement.

809           4. Consist of aligned and effective professional

810 development resources necessary to implement the curriculum with

811 fidelity ~~Adopt a list of approved curricula that meet the~~

812 ~~performance standards for the school readiness program and~~

813 ~~establish a process for the review and approval of a provider's~~

814 ~~curriculum that meets the performance standards.~~

815           (q) Contract for ~~Establish~~ a single statewide information

816 system that shall be used to manage all early learning programs,

817 including the child care licensing and child care training

818 within the Child Care Services Program Office of the Department

819 of Children and Families and each coalition must use for the

820 purposes of managing the single point of entry, tracking

821 children's progress, coordinating services among stakeholders,

822 determining eligibility of children, tracking child attendance,

823 and streamlining administrative processes for providers and

824 early learning coalitions. By October 1, 2024 ~~July 1, 2019~~, the

825 system, subject to ss. 1002.72 and 1002.97, shall:

826 1. Allow a parent to find early learning programs online,  
 827 including the performance profile under s. 1002.92(3)(a).

828 ~~2.1.~~ Allow a parent to monitor the development of his or  
 829 her child as the child moves among programs within the state.

830 ~~3.2.~~ Enable analysis at the state, regional, and local  
 831 level to measure child growth over time, program impact, and  
 832 quality improvement and investment decisions.

833 Section 11. Subsection (6) of section 1002.83, Florida  
 834 Statutes, is amended to read:

835 1002.83 Early learning coalitions.—

836 (6) An ~~The~~ early learning coalition may appoint additional  
 837 at-large members ~~who must be private sector business members,~~  
 838 either for-profit or nonprofit, who do not have, and none of  
 839 whose relatives as defined in s. 112.3143 has, a substantial  
 840 financial interest in the design or delivery of the Voluntary  
 841 Prekindergarten Education Program created under part V of this  
 842 chapter or the school readiness program. The department shall  
 843 establish criteria for appointing private sector business  
 844 members. These criteria must include standards for determining  
 845 whether a member or relative has a substantial financial  
 846 interest in the design or delivery of the Voluntary  
 847 Prekindergarten Education Program or the school readiness  
 848 program.

849 Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
 850 1002.89, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

851           1002.89 School readiness program; funding.—  
 852           (4) COST REQUIREMENTS.—Costs shall be kept to the minimum  
 853 necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the  
 854 school readiness program with the highest priority of  
 855 expenditure being direct services for eligible children.  
 856 However, no more than 5 percent of the funds allocated in  
 857 paragraph (1)(a) may be used for administrative costs and no  
 858 more than 22 percent of the funds allocated in paragraph (1)(a)  
 859 may be used in any fiscal year for any combination of  
 860 administrative costs, quality activities, and nondirect services  
 861 as follows:  
 862           (b) Activities to improve the quality of child care as  
 863 described in 45 C.F.R. s. 98.53, which shall be limited to the  
 864 following:  
 865           1. Developing, establishing, expanding, operating, and  
 866 coordinating resource and referral programs specifically related  
 867 to the provision of comprehensive consumer education to parents  
 868 and the public to promote informed child care choices specified  
 869 in 45 C.F.R. s. 98.33.  
 870           2. Awarding grants and providing financial support to  
 871 school readiness program providers and their staff to assist  
 872 them in meeting applicable state requirements for the program  
 873 assessment required under s. 1002.82(2)(n), child care  
 874 performance standards, implementing the developmentally  
 875 appropriate curriculum commissioned under s. 1002.82(2)(l)

876 ~~curricula~~ and related classroom resources that support parent  
877 engagement curricula, providing literacy supports, providing  
878 reimbursements for background screenings, and providing  
879 continued professional development through the Teacher Education  
880 and Compensation Helps (TEACH) Scholarship Program under s.  
881 1002.95 and training aligned to the early learning professional  
882 development standards and career pathways under s. 1002.995 and  
883 ~~training~~. Any grants awarded pursuant to this subparagraph shall  
884 comply with ss. 215.971 and 287.058.

885 3. Providing training aligned with the early learning  
886 professional development standards and career pathways under s.  
887 1002.995, technical assistance, and financial support to school  
888 readiness program providers, staff, and parents on standards,  
889 child screenings, child assessments, child development research  
890 and best practices, developmentally appropriate curriculum  
891 commissioned under s. 1002.82 (2) (1), executive functioning  
892 ~~curricula, character development~~, teacher-child interactions,  
893 age-appropriate discipline practices, health and safety,  
894 nutrition, first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the  
895 recognition of communicable diseases, and child abuse detection,  
896 prevention, and reporting.

897 4. Providing, from among the funds provided for the  
898 activities described in subparagraphs 1.-3., adequate funding  
899 for infants and toddlers as necessary to meet federal  
900 requirements related to expenditures for quality activities for

901 infant and toddler care.

902 5. Improving the monitoring of compliance with, and  
903 enforcement of, applicable state and local requirements as  
904 described in and limited by 45 C.F.R. s. 98.40.

905 6. Responding to Warm-Line requests by providers and  
906 parents, including providing developmental and health screenings  
907 to school readiness program children.

908 Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
909 1002.945, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

910 1002.945 Gold Seal Quality Care Program.—

911 (4) In order to obtain and maintain a designation as a  
912 Gold Seal Quality Care provider, a child care facility, large  
913 family child care home, or family day care home must meet the  
914 following additional criteria:

915 (b) The child care provider must not have had three or  
916 more of the same class II violations, as defined by rule of the  
917 Department of Children and Families, within the 2 years  
918 preceding its application for designation as a Gold Seal Quality  
919 Care provider. Commission of three or more of the same class II  
920 violations within a 2-year period shall be grounds for  
921 termination of the designation as a Gold Seal Quality Care  
922 provider until the provider has no class II violations that are  
923 the same for a period of 1 year.

924 Section 14. Section 1002.95, Florida Statutes, is amended  
925 to read:

926 1002.95 Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH)  
 927 Scholarship Program.—

928 (1) The department may contract for the administration of  
 929 the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH) Scholarship  
 930 Program, which provides educational scholarships to instructors  
 931 ~~caregivers~~ and administrators of early childhood programs,  
 932 family day care homes, and large family child care homes. The  
 933 goal of the program is to increase the education and training  
 934 for instructors ~~caregivers~~, increase the compensation for child  
 935 instructors ~~caregivers~~ who complete the program requirements,  
 936 and reduce the rate of participant turnover in the field of  
 937 early childhood education.

938 (2) An early learning coalition may support the Teacher  
 939 Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH) Scholarship Program for  
 940 instructors by reimbursing child care providers for the child  
 941 care provider copayment portion of the program for each  
 942 instructor who completes a child development associate  
 943 credential in his or her service area which shall be funded in  
 944 accordance with s. 1002.89(4)(b).

945 (3)-(2) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules as  
 946 necessary to administer this section.

947 Section 15. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section  
 948 1008.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

949 1008.25 Public school student progression; student  
 950 support; coordinated screening and progress monitoring;

951 reporting requirements.—

952 (5) READING DEFICIENCY AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION.—

953 (b) A Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program student  
 954 who exhibits a substantial deficiency in early literacy skills  
 955 in accordance with the standards under s. 1002.67(1)(a) and  
 956 based upon the results of the administration of the final  
 957 coordinated screening and progress monitoring under subsection  
 958 (8) shall be ~~referred to the local school district and may be~~  
 959 eligible to receive intensive reading interventions before  
 960 participating in kindergarten. Such intensive reading  
 961 interventions shall be paid for using funds from the district's  
 962 evidence-based reading instruction allocation in accordance with  
 963 s. 1011.62(8).

964 Section 16. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
 965 39.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

966 39.101 Central abuse hotline.—The central abuse hotline is  
 967 the first step in the safety assessment and investigation  
 968 process.

969 (4) USE OF INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE CENTRAL ABUSE  
 970 HOTLINE.—

971 (a) Information received by the central abuse hotline may  
 972 not be used for employment screening, except as provided in s.  
 973 39.202(2)(a) and (h) or s. 402.302(16) ~~s. 402.302(15)~~.

974 Section 17. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 1002.57,  
 975 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

976 | 1002.57 Prekindergarten director credential.—

977 | (3) The prekindergarten director credential must meet or  
 978 | exceed the requirements of the Department of Children and  
 979 | Families for the child care facility director credential under  
 980 | s. 402.305(2)(f) ~~s. 402.305(2)(g)~~, and successful completion of  
 981 | the prekindergarten director credential satisfies these  
 982 | requirements for the child care facility director credential.

983 | (4) The department shall, to the maximum extent  
 984 | practicable, award credit to a person who successfully completes  
 985 | the child care facility director credential under s.  
 986 | 402.305(2)(f) ~~s. 402.305(2)(g)~~ for those requirements of the  
 987 | prekindergarten director credential which are duplicative of  
 988 | requirements for the child care facility director credential.

989 | Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 1002.59, Florida  
 990 | Statutes, is amended to read:

991 | 1002.59 Emergent literacy and performance standards  
 992 | training courses.—

993 | (1) The department, in collaboration with the Just Read,  
 994 | Florida! Office, shall adopt minimum standards for courses in  
 995 | emergent literacy for prekindergarten instructors. Each course  
 996 | must comprise 5 clock hours and provide instruction in  
 997 | strategies and techniques to address the age-appropriate  
 998 | progress of prekindergarten students in developing emergent  
 999 | literacy skills, including oral communication, knowledge of  
 1000 | print and letters, phonological and phonemic awareness, and

1001 | vocabulary and comprehension development, consistent with the  
 1002 | evidence-based content and strategies identified pursuant to s.  
 1003 | 1001.215(8). The course standards must be reviewed as part of  
 1004 | any review of subject coverage or endorsement requirements in  
 1005 | the elementary, reading, and exceptional student educational  
 1006 | areas conducted pursuant to s. 1012.586. Each course must also  
 1007 | provide resources containing strategies that allow students with  
 1008 | disabilities and other special needs to derive maximum benefit  
 1009 | from the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. Successful  
 1010 | completion of an emergent literacy training course approved  
 1011 | under this section satisfies requirements for approved training  
 1012 | in early literacy and language development under ss.  
 1013 | 402.305(2)(e)4., 402.313(6), and 402.3131(5) ~~ss.~~  
 1014 | ~~402.305(2)(e)5., 402.313(6), and 402.3131(5).~~

1015 | Section 19. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.