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

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30 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (9) and paragraph  
 31 (b) of subsection (13) of section 121.091, Florida Statutes, are  
 32 amended to read:

33 121.091 Benefits payable under the system.—Benefits may  
 34 not be paid under this section unless the member has terminated  
 35 employment as provided in s. 121.021(39) (a) or begun  
 36 participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program as  
 37 provided in subsection (13), and a proper application has been  
 38 filed in the manner prescribed by the department. The department  
 39 may cancel an application for retirement benefits when the  
 40 member or beneficiary fails to timely provide the information  
 41 and documents required by this chapter and the department's  
 42 rules. The department shall adopt rules establishing procedures  
 43 for application for retirement benefits and for the cancellation  
 44 of such application when the required information or documents  
 45 are not received.

46 (9) EMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIREMENT; LIMITATION.—

47 (b) Any person whose retirement is effective before July  
 48 1, 2010, or whose participation in the Deferred Retirement  
 49 Option Program terminates before July 1, 2010, except under the  
 50 disability retirement provisions of subsection (4) or as

51 provided in s. 121.053, may be reemployed by an employer that  
52 participates in a state-administered retirement system and  
53 receive retirement benefits and compensation from that employer,  
54 except that the person may not be reemployed by an employer  
55 participating in the Florida Retirement System before meeting  
56 the definition of termination in s. 121.021 and may not receive  
57 both a salary from the employer and retirement benefits for 12  
58 calendar months immediately subsequent to the date of  
59 retirement. However, a DROP participant shall continue  
60 employment and receive a salary during the period of  
61 participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program, as  
62 provided in subsection (13).

63 1. A retiree who violates such reemployment limitation  
64 before completion of the 12-month limitation period must give  
65 timely notice of this fact in writing to the employer and to the  
66 Division of Retirement or the state board and shall have his or  
67 her retirement benefits suspended for the months employed or the  
68 balance of the 12-month limitation period as required in sub-  
69 subparagraphs b. and c. A retiree employed in violation of this  
70 paragraph and an employer who employs or appoints such person  
71 are jointly and severally liable for reimbursement to the  
72 retirement trust fund, including the Florida Retirement System  
73 Trust Fund and the Florida Retirement System Investment Plan  
74 Trust Fund, from which the benefits were paid. The employer must  
75 have a written statement from the retiree that he or she is not

76 | retired from a state-administered retirement system. Retirement  
77 | benefits shall remain suspended until repayment has been made.  
78 | Benefits suspended beyond the reemployment limitation shall  
79 | apply toward repayment of benefits received in violation of the  
80 | reemployment limitation.

81 |       a. A district school board may reemploy a retiree as a  
82 | substitute or hourly teacher, education paraprofessional,  
83 | transportation assistant, bus driver, or food service worker on  
84 | a noncontractual basis after he or she has been retired for 1  
85 | calendar month. A district school board may reemploy a retiree  
86 | as instructional personnel, as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a), on  
87 | an annual contractual basis after he or she has been retired for  
88 | 1 calendar month. Any member who is reemployed within 1 calendar  
89 | month after retirement shall void his or her application for  
90 | retirement benefits. District school boards reemploying such  
91 | teachers, education paraprofessionals, transportation  
92 | assistants, bus drivers, or food service workers are subject to  
93 | the retirement contribution required by subparagraph 2.

94 |       b. A Florida College System institution board of trustees  
95 | may reemploy a retiree as an adjunct instructor or as a  
96 | participant in a phased retirement program within the Florida  
97 | College System, after he or she has been retired for 1 calendar  
98 | month. A member who is reemployed within 1 calendar month after  
99 | retirement shall void his or her application for retirement  
100 | benefits. Boards of trustees reemploying such instructors are

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101 subject to the retirement contribution required in subparagraph  
102 2. A retiree may be reemployed as an adjunct instructor for no  
103 more than 780 hours during the first 12 months of retirement. A  
104 retiree reemployed for more than 780 hours during the first 12  
105 months of retirement must give timely notice in writing to the  
106 employer and to the Division of Retirement or the state board of  
107 the date he or she will exceed the limitation. The division  
108 shall suspend his or her retirement benefits for the remainder  
109 of the 12 months of retirement. Any retiree employed in  
110 violation of this sub-subparagraph and any employer who employs  
111 or appoints such person without notifying the division to  
112 suspend retirement benefits are jointly and severally liable for  
113 any benefits paid during the reemployment limitation period. The  
114 employer must have a written statement from the retiree that he  
115 or she is not retired from a state-administered retirement  
116 system. Any retirement benefits received by the retiree while  
117 reemployed in excess of 780 hours during the first 12 months of  
118 retirement must be repaid to the Florida Retirement System Trust  
119 Fund, and retirement benefits shall remain suspended until  
120 repayment is made. Benefits suspended beyond the end of the  
121 retiree's first 12 months of retirement shall apply toward  
122 repayment of benefits received in violation of the 780-hour  
123 reemployment limitation.

124 c. The State University System may reemploy a retiree as  
125 an adjunct faculty member or as a participant in a phased

126 retirement program within the State University System after the  
127 retiree has been retired for 1 calendar month. A member who is  
128 reemployed within 1 calendar month after retirement shall void  
129 his or her application for retirement benefits. The State  
130 University System is subject to the retired contribution  
131 required in subparagraph 2., as appropriate. A retiree may be  
132 reemployed as an adjunct faculty member or a participant in a  
133 phased retirement program for no more than 780 hours during the  
134 first 12 months of his or her retirement. A retiree reemployed  
135 for more than 780 hours during the first 12 months of retirement  
136 must give timely notice in writing to the employer and to the  
137 Division of Retirement or the state board of the date he or she  
138 will exceed the limitation. The division shall suspend his or  
139 her retirement benefits for the remainder of the 12 months. Any  
140 retiree employed in violation of this sub-subparagraph and any  
141 employer who employs or appoints such person without notifying  
142 the division to suspend retirement benefits are jointly and  
143 severally liable for any benefits paid during the reemployment  
144 limitation period. The employer must have a written statement  
145 from the retiree that he or she is not retired from a state-  
146 administered retirement system. Any retirement benefits received  
147 by the retiree while reemployed in excess of 780 hours during  
148 the first 12 months of retirement must be repaid to the Florida  
149 Retirement System Trust Fund, and retirement benefits shall  
150 remain suspended until repayment is made. Benefits suspended

151 beyond the end of the retiree's first 12 months of retirement  
152 shall apply toward repayment of benefits received in violation  
153 of the 780-hour reemployment limitation.

154 d. The Board of Trustees of the Florida School for the  
155 Deaf and the Blind may reemploy a retiree as a substitute  
156 teacher, substitute residential instructor, or substitute nurse  
157 on a noncontractual basis after he or she has been retired for 1  
158 calendar month. Any member who is reemployed within 1 calendar  
159 month after retirement shall void his or her application for  
160 retirement benefits. The Board of Trustees of the Florida School  
161 for the Deaf and the Blind reemploying such teachers,  
162 residential instructors, or nurses is subject to the retirement  
163 contribution required by subparagraph 2.

164 e. A developmental research school may reemploy a retiree  
165 as a substitute or hourly teacher or an education  
166 paraprofessional as defined in s. 1012.01(2) on a noncontractual  
167 basis after he or she has been retired for 1 calendar month. A  
168 developmental research school may reemploy a retiree as  
169 instructional personnel, as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a), on an  
170 annual contractual basis after he or she has been retired for 1  
171 calendar month after retirement. Any member who is reemployed  
172 within 1 calendar month voids his or her application for  
173 retirement benefits. A developmental research school that  
174 reemploys retired teachers and education paraprofessionals is  
175 subject to the retirement contribution required by subparagraph

176 2.

177 f. A charter school may reemploy a retiree as a substitute  
178 or hourly teacher on a noncontractual basis after he or she has  
179 been retired for 1 calendar month. A charter school may reemploy  
180 a retired member as instructional personnel, as defined in s.  
181 1012.01(2)(a), on an annual contractual basis after he or she  
182 has been retired for 1 calendar month after retirement. Any  
183 member who is reemployed within 1 calendar month voids his or  
184 her application for retirement benefits. A charter school that  
185 reemploys such teachers is subject to the retirement  
186 contribution required by subparagraph 2.

187 g. The board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School may  
188 reemploy a retiree as a substitute or hourly teacher, education  
189 paraprofessional, administrative personnel, or support personnel  
190 on a noncontractual basis after he or she has been retired for 1  
191 calendar month. The board of trustees of the Florida Virtual  
192 School may reemploy a retiree as a substitute or hourly teacher,  
193 education paraprofessional, administrative personnel, or support  
194 personnel on an annual contractual basis after he or she has  
195 been retired for 1 calendar month after retirement. The  
196 reemployed person may receive retirement benefits and  
197 compensation from the board of trustees of the Florida Virtual  
198 School. Any member who is reemployed within 1 calendar month  
199 after retirement voids his or her application for retirement  
200 benefits. The board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School



201 reemploying such teachers, education paraprofessionals,  
202 administrative personnel, and support personnel is subject to  
203 the retirement contribution required by subparagraph 2.

204         2. The employment of a retiree or DROP participant of a  
205 state-administered retirement system does not affect the average  
206 final compensation or years of creditable service of the retiree  
207 or DROP participant. Before July 1, 1991, upon employment of any  
208 person, other than an elected officer as provided in s. 121.053,  
209 who is retired under a state-administered retirement program,  
210 the employer shall pay retirement contributions in an amount  
211 equal to the unfunded actuarial liability portion of the  
212 employer contribution which would be required for regular  
213 members of the Florida Retirement System. Effective July 1,  
214 1991, contributions shall be made as provided in s. 121.122 for  
215 retirees who have renewed membership or, as provided in  
216 subsection (13), for DROP participants.

217         3. Any person who is holding an elective public office  
218 which is covered by the Florida Retirement System and who is  
219 concurrently employed in nonelected covered employment may elect  
220 to retire while continuing employment in the elective public  
221 office if he or she terminates his or her nonelected covered  
222 employment. Such person shall receive his or her retirement  
223 benefits in addition to the compensation of the elective office  
224 without regard to the time limitations otherwise provided in  
225 this subsection. A person who seeks to exercise the provisions

226 of this subparagraph as they existed before May 3, 1984, may not  
227 be deemed to be retired under those provisions, unless such  
228 person is eligible to retire under this subparagraph, as amended  
229 by chapter 84-11, Laws of Florida.

230 (13) DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM.—In general, and  
231 subject to this section, the Deferred Retirement Option Program,  
232 hereinafter referred to as DROP, is a program under which an  
233 eligible member of the Florida Retirement System may elect to  
234 participate, deferring receipt of retirement benefits while  
235 continuing employment with his or her Florida Retirement System  
236 employer. The deferred monthly benefits shall accrue in the  
237 Florida Retirement System on behalf of the member, plus interest  
238 compounded monthly, for the specified period of the DROP  
239 participation, as provided in paragraph (c). Upon termination of  
240 employment, the member shall receive the total DROP benefits and  
241 begin to receive the previously determined normal retirement  
242 benefits. Participation in the DROP does not guarantee  
243 employment for the specified period of DROP. Participation in  
244 DROP by an eligible member beyond the initial 60-month period as  
245 authorized in this subsection shall be on an annual contractual  
246 basis for all participants.

247 (b) Participation in DROP.—Except as provided in this  
248 paragraph, an eligible member may elect to participate in DROP  
249 for a period not to exceed a maximum of 60 calendar months.

250 1.a. Members who are instructional personnel employed by

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251 the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind and authorized by  
252 the Board of Trustees of the Florida School for the Deaf and the  
253 Blind, who are instructional personnel as defined in s.  
254 1012.01(2)(a)-(d) in grades K-12 and authorized by the district  
255 school superintendent, who are instructional, administrative, or  
256 support personnel employed and authorized by the board of  
257 trustees of the Florida Virtual School, or who are instructional  
258 personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a) employed by a  
259 developmental research school and authorized by the school's  
260 director, or if the school has no director, by the school's  
261 principal, may participate in DROP for up to 36 calendar months  
262 beyond the 60-month period. Effective July 1, 2018,  
263 instructional personnel who are authorized to extend DROP  
264 participation beyond the 60-month period must have a termination  
265 date that is the last day of the last calendar month of the  
266 school year within the DROP extension granted by the employer.  
267 If, on July 1, 2018, the member's DROP participation has already  
268 been extended for the maximum 36 calendar months and the  
269 extension period concludes before the end of the school year,  
270 the member's DROP participation may be extended through the last  
271 day of the last calendar month of that school year. The employer  
272 shall notify the division of the change in termination date and  
273 the additional period of DROP participation for the affected  
274 instructional personnel.

275       b. Administrative personnel in grades K-12, as defined in

276 s. 1012.01(3), who have a DROP termination date on or after July  
277 1, 2018, may be authorized to extend DROP participation beyond  
278 the initial 60 calendar month period if the administrative  
279 personnel's termination date is before the end of the school  
280 year. Such administrative personnel may have DROP participation  
281 extended until the last day of the last calendar month of the  
282 school year in which their original DROP termination date  
283 occurred if a date other than the last day of the last calendar  
284 month of the school year is designated. The employer shall  
285 notify the division of the change in termination date and the  
286 additional period of DROP participation for the affected  
287 administrative personnel.

288 c. Effective July 1, 2022, a member of the Special Risk  
289 Class who is a law enforcement officer who meets the criteria in  
290 s. 121.0515(3) (a) and who is a DROP participant on or after July  
291 1, 2022, may participate in DROP for up to 36 calendar months  
292 beyond the 60-month period if he or she enters DROP on or before  
293 June 30, 2028.

294 2. Upon deciding to participate in DROP, the member shall  
295 submit, on forms required by the division:

296 a. A written election to participate in DROP;

297 b. Selection of DROP participation and termination dates  
298 that satisfy the limitations stated in paragraph (a) and  
299 subparagraph 1. The termination date must be in a binding letter  
300 of resignation to the employer establishing a deferred

301 termination date. The member may change the termination date  
302 within the limitations of subparagraph 1., but only with the  
303 written approval of the employer;

304 c. A properly completed DROP application for service  
305 retirement as provided in this section; and

306 d. Any other information required by the division.

307 3. The DROP participant is a retiree under the Florida  
308 Retirement System for all purposes, except for paragraph (5) (f)  
309 and subsection (9) and ss. 112.3173, 112.363, 121.053, and  
310 121.122. DROP participation is final and may not be canceled by  
311 the participant after the first payment is credited during the  
312 DROP participation period. However, participation in DROP does  
313 not alter the participant's employment status, and the member is  
314 not deemed retired from employment until his or her deferred  
315 resignation is effective and termination occurs as defined in s.  
316 121.021.

317 4. Elected officers are eligible to participate in DROP  
318 subject to the following:

319 a. An elected officer who reaches normal retirement date  
320 during a term of office may defer the election to participate  
321 until the next succeeding term in that office. An elected  
322 officer who exercises this option may participate in DROP for up  
323 to 60 calendar months or no longer than the succeeding term of  
324 office, whichever is less.

325 b. An elected or a nonelected participant may run for a

326 term of office while participating in DROP and, if elected,  
327 extend the DROP termination date accordingly; however, if such  
328 additional term of office exceeds the 60-month limitation  
329 established in subparagraph 1., and the officer does not resign  
330 from office within such 60-month limitation, the retirement and  
331 the participant's DROP is null and void as provided in sub-  
332 subparagraph (c)5.d.

333 c. An elected officer who is dually employed and elects to  
334 participate in DROP must terminate all employment relationships  
335 as provided in s. 121.021(39) for the nonelected position within  
336 the original 60-month period or maximum participation period as  
337 provided in subparagraph 1. For DROP participation ending:

338 (I) Before July 1, 2010, the officer may continue  
339 employment as an elected officer as provided in s. 121.053. The  
340 elected officer shall be enrolled as a renewed member in the  
341 Elected Officers' Class or the Regular Class, as provided in ss.  
342 121.053 and 121.122, on the first day of the month after  
343 termination of employment in the nonelected position and  
344 termination of DROP. Distribution of the DROP benefits shall be  
345 made as provided in paragraph (c).

346 (II) On or after July 1, 2010, the officer may continue  
347 employment as an elected officer but must defer termination as  
348 provided in s. 121.053.

349 Section 2. Section 1008.213, Florida Statutes, is created  
350 to read:

351 1008.213 Florida Virtual School students of military  
352 families residing outside of Florida; flexible assessment  
353 administration.-

354 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "a student  
355 residing outside of the state" means a student who is enrolled  
356 full-time in the Florida Virtual School and who resides outside  
357 of the state with his or her parent who is an active duty  
358 service member in the United States military stationed at a  
359 station duty location outside of the state.

360 (2) A student residing outside of the state who is unable  
361 to complete a required statewide standardized assessment, end-  
362 of-course assessment, or the Florida Alternate Assessment under  
363 s. 1008.22 in a secure and proctored setting that is located in  
364 the state and provided by the Florida Virtual School may apply  
365 to the Florida Virtual School to allow a certified educator in  
366 the state in which the student resides or an Education Service  
367 Officer for the United States Armed Forces administer the  
368 assessment at the station duty location to which the student's  
369 parent is assigned.

370 (3)(a) To apply for flexibility with the administration of  
371 an assessment, a student's parent shall submit to Florida  
372 Virtual School, in a format prescribed by the school, a written  
373 request for flexibility with the administration of the  
374 assessment. The request must be submitted at least 60 days  
375 before the administration of the assessment and must include

376 written, official documentation of the parent's orders  
377 stationing him or her outside of the state.

378 (b) Upon receipt of such request, the Florida Virtual  
379 School shall review such request and provide the request and a  
380 recommendation for approval or denial to the Commissioner of  
381 Education. Within 30 days after receiving the request and  
382 recommendation, the commissioner shall verify the information  
383 documented, make a determination, and notify the Florida Virtual  
384 School of his or her determination. The Florida Virtual School  
385 shall notify the student's parent of the commissioner's  
386 determination.

387 (c) If the commissioner grants the request, the student's  
388 assessment shall be proctored by a certified educator or  
389 Education Service Officer in accordance with ss. 1008.22,  
390 1008.23, and 1008.24.

391 (4) Beginning June 30, 2024, and each June 30 thereafter,  
392 the Florida Virtual School shall submit to the President of the  
393 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives the  
394 number of requests for flexibility in the administration of  
395 assessments made under this section and the number of requests  
396 for such flexibility that were granted.

397 (5) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
398 administer this section.

399 Section 3. Subsections (11) through (14) of section  
400 1008.22, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (12)



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401 through (15), respectively, and a new subsection (11) is added  
402 to that section, to read:

403 1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools.—

404 (11) FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO RESIDE OUTSIDE OF  
405 THE STATE.—Pursuant to s. 1008.213, a student who is enrolled  
406 full-time in the Florida Virtual School and who resides outside  
407 of the state with his or her parent who is an active duty  
408 service member in the United States military stationed at a  
409 station duty location outside of the state who is unable to  
410 complete an assessment required under this section in a secure  
411 and proctored setting that is located in the state and provided  
412 by the Florida Virtual School may apply to the Florida Virtual  
413 School to allow a certified educator in the state in which the  
414 student resides or an Education Service Officer for the United  
415 States Armed Forces administer the assessment at the station  
416 duty location to which the student's parent is assigned.  
417 Pursuant to s. 1008.213, the parents of such student must submit  
418 a written request for such flexibility to the Florida Virtual  
419 School and the Commissioner of Education must approve the  
420 request. An assessment administered pursuant to s. 1008.213 must  
421 be administered in accordance with this section and ss. 1008.23  
422 and 1008.24.

423 Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
424 1011.61, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

425 1011.61 Definitions.—Notwithstanding the provisions of s.

426 | 1000.21, the following terms are defined as follows for the  
427 | purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program:

428 |       (1) A "full-time equivalent student" in each program of  
429 | the district is defined in terms of full-time students and part-  
430 | time students as follows:

431 |       (c)1. A "full-time equivalent student" is:

432 |       a. A full-time student in any one of the programs listed  
433 | in s. 1011.62(1)(c); or

434 |       b. A combination of full-time or part-time students in any  
435 | one of the programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c) which is the  
436 | equivalent of one full-time student based on the following  
437 | calculations:

438 |       (I) A full-time student in a combination of programs  
439 | listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c) shall be a fraction of a full-time  
440 | equivalent membership in each special program equal to the  
441 | number of net hours per school year for which he or she is a  
442 | member, divided by the appropriate number of hours set forth in  
443 | subparagraph (a)1. The difference between that fraction or sum  
444 | of fractions and the maximum value as set forth in subsection  
445 | (4) for each full-time student is presumed to be the balance of  
446 | the student's time not spent in a special program and shall be  
447 | recorded as time in the appropriate basic program.

448 |       (II) A prekindergarten student with a disability shall  
449 | meet the requirements specified for kindergarten students.

450 |       (III) A full-time equivalent student for students in

451 kindergarten through grade 12 in a full-time virtual instruction  
452 program under s. 1002.45 or a virtual charter school under s.  
453 1002.33 shall consist of six full-credit completions or the  
454 prescribed level of content that counts toward promotion to the  
455 next grade in programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c). Credit  
456 completions may be a combination of full-credit courses or half-  
457 credit courses.

458 (IV) A full-time equivalent student for students in  
459 kindergarten through grade 12 in a part-time virtual instruction  
460 program under s. 1002.45 shall consist of six full-credit  
461 completions in programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c)1. and 3.  
462 Credit completions may be a combination of full-credit courses  
463 or half-credit courses.

464 (V) A Florida Virtual School full-time equivalent student  
465 shall consist of six full-credit completions or the prescribed  
466 level of content that counts toward promotion to the next grade  
467 in the programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c)1. and 3. for students  
468 participating in kindergarten through grade 12 part-time virtual  
469 instruction and the programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c) for  
470 students participating in kindergarten through grade 12 full-  
471 time virtual instruction. However, the limitation of the number  
472 of credits the Florida Virtual School may receive funding for  
473 per student does not apply to students who are seeking  
474 accelerated access under s. 1002.37(1)(b). Credit completions  
475 may be a combination of full-credit courses or half-credit

476 | courses. Students who have successful credit completions will be  
477 | funded for each credit completion regardless of the number of  
478 | surveys the student is reported in for the Florida Virtual  
479 | School.

480 | (VI) Each successfully completed full-credit course earned  
481 | through an online course delivered by a district other than the  
482 | one in which the student resides shall be calculated as 1/6  
483 | FTE.

484 | (VII) A full-time equivalent student for courses requiring  
485 | passage of a statewide, standardized end-of-course assessment  
486 | under s. 1003.4282 to earn a standard high school diploma shall  
487 | be defined and reported based on the number of instructional  
488 | hours as provided in this subsection.

489 | (VIII) For students enrolled in a school district as a  
490 | full-time student, the district may report 1/6 FTE for each  
491 | student who passes a statewide, standardized end-of-course  
492 | assessment without being enrolled in the corresponding course.

493 | 2. A student in membership in a program scheduled for more  
494 | or less than 180 school days or the equivalent on an hourly  
495 | basis as specified by rules of the State Board of Education is a  
496 | fraction of a full-time equivalent membership equal to the  
497 | number of instructional hours in membership divided by the  
498 | appropriate number of hours set forth in subparagraph (a)1.;

499 | however, for the purposes of this subparagraph, membership in  
500 | programs scheduled for more than 180 days is limited to students

501 enrolled in:

502       a. Juvenile justice education programs.

503       b. The Florida Virtual School.

504       c. Virtual instruction programs and virtual charter

505 schools for the purpose of course completion and credit recovery

506 pursuant to ss. 1002.45 and 1003.498. Course completion applies

507 only to a student who is reported during the second or third

508 membership surveys and who does not complete a virtual education

509 course by the end of the regular school year. The course must be

510 completed no later than the deadline for amending the final

511 student enrollment survey for that year. Credit recovery applies

512 only to a student who has unsuccessfully completed a traditional

513 or virtual education course during the regular school year and

514 must retake the course in order to be eligible to graduate with

515 the student's class.

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517 The full-time equivalent student enrollment calculated under

518 this subsection is subject to the requirements in subsection

519 (4).

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521 The department shall determine and implement an equitable method

522 of equivalent funding for schools operating under emergency

523 conditions, which schools have been approved by the department

524 to operate for less than the minimum term as provided in s.

525 1011.60 (2).

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Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.