

By Senator Davis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26       (b) Not begin earlier than May 1 of the school year; and

27       (c) Not deliver the program for a child earlier than the  
28       summer immediately before the school year for which the child is  
29       eligible for admission to kindergarten in a public school under

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30 s. 1003.21(1)(a)2.

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

33 1002.63 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by  
34 public schools.—

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

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

40 1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.—

41 (2) A full-time equivalent student in the Voluntary  
42 Prekindergarten Education Program shall be calculated as  
43 follows:

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

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

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

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

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