

By Senator Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Early Childhood Music Education
3 Incentive Program; amending s. 1003.481, F.S.;
4 renaming the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive
5 Pilot Program as the Early Childhood Music Education
6 Incentive Program; transferring certain duties
7 regarding the program's administration from the
8 Commissioner of Education to the Department of
9 Education; revising criteria for a school district's
10 eligibility to participate in the program; deleting an
11 obsolete provision requiring the University of
12 Florida's College of Education to conduct a specified
13 evaluation; abrogating the scheduled expiration of
14 provisions governing the program; providing an
15 effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Section 1003.481, Florida Statutes, is amended
20 to read:

21 1003.481 Early Childhood Music Education Incentive ~~Pilot~~
22 Program.—

23 (1) The Early Childhood Music Education Incentive ~~Pilot~~
24 Program is created within the Department of Education. The
25 purpose of the ~~pilot~~ program is to assist participating ~~selected~~
26 school districts in implementing comprehensive music education
27 programs for students in kindergarten through grade 2.

28 (2) A school district is eligible for participation in the
29 ~~pilot~~ program if the superintendent certifies to the department

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30 ~~Commissioner of Education~~, in a format prescribed by the
31 department, that specified elementary schools within the
32 district have established a comprehensive music education
33 program that:

34 (a) Includes all students at the school enrolled in
35 kindergarten through grade 2.

36 (b) Is staffed by certified music educators.

37 (c) Provides music instruction for at least 30 consecutive
38 minutes 2 days a week.

39 (d) Complies with class size requirements under s. 1003.03.

40 (e) Complies with the department's standards for early
41 childhood music education programs for students in kindergarten
42 through grade 2.

43 (3) (a) The department ~~commissioner~~ shall approve ~~select~~
44 school districts for participation in the ~~pilot~~ program, subject
45 to legislative appropriation, based on ~~the school district's~~
46 ~~proximity to the University of Florida and~~ needs-based criteria
47 established by the State Board of Education. Participating
48 ~~Selected~~ school districts shall annually receive \$150 per full-
49 time equivalent student in kindergarten through grade 2 who is
50 enrolled in a comprehensive music education program.

51 (b) To maintain eligibility for participation in the ~~pilot~~
52 program, a participating ~~selected~~ school district must annually
53 certify to the department ~~commissioner~~, in a format prescribed
54 by the department, that each specified elementary school within
55 the district provides a comprehensive music education program
56 that meets the requirements of subsection (2). If a
57 participating ~~selected~~ school district fails to provide the
58 annual certification for a fiscal year, the school district must

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59 return all funds received through the pilot program for that
60 fiscal year.

61 ~~(4) The University of Florida's College of Education, in~~
62 ~~collaboration with Florida International University's School of~~
63 ~~Music, shall evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program by~~
64 ~~measuring student academic performance and the success of the~~
65 ~~program. The evaluation must include, but is not limited to, a~~
66 ~~quantitative analysis of student achievement and a qualitative~~
67 ~~evaluation of students enrolled in the comprehensive music~~
68 ~~education programs. The results of the evaluation must be shared~~
69 ~~with the Florida Center for Partnerships for Arts-Integrated~~
70 ~~Teaching upon completion of the evaluation.~~

71 ~~(5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to~~
72 ~~administer this section.~~

73 ~~(6) This section expires June 30, 2023.~~

74 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.