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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; specifying that program funds are subject
10 to legislative appropriation; revising criteria for a
11 school district's eligibility to participate in the
12 program; deleting an obsolete provision requiring the
13 University of Florida's College of Education to
14 conduct a specified evaluation; abrogating the
15 scheduled expiration of provisions governing the
16 program; providing an effective date.
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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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20 Section 1. Section 1003.481, Florida Statutes, is amended
21 to read:

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

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

29 (2) A school district is eligible for participation in the

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

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

37 (b) Is staffed by certified music educators.

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

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

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

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

54 (b) To maintain eligibility for participation in the ~~pilot~~
55 program, a participating ~~selected~~ school district must annually
56 certify to the department ~~commissioner~~, in a format prescribed
57 by the department, that each specified elementary school within
58 the district provides a comprehensive music education program

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59 that meets the requirements of subsection (2). If a
60 participating ~~selected~~ school district fails to provide the
61 annual certification for a fiscal year, the school district must
62 return all funds received through the pilot program for that
63 fiscal year.

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

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

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

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