

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 ~~pi~~lot program is to assist participating ~~selected~~

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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
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.
40 | 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. Participating
49 | ~~Selected~~ school districts shall annually receive \$150 per full-
50 | time equivalent student in kindergarten through grade 2 who is

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51 enrolled in a comprehensive music education program.

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

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

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

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

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