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An act relating to the Year-round School Pilot Program; creating s. 1003.07, F.S.; creating the Year-round School Pilot Program for a period of 4 school years beginning with a specified school year; providing the purpose of the program; providing for an application process for participation in the program; requiring the Commissioner of Education to select a certain number of school districts to participate in the program; providing requirements for participating school districts; requiring the commissioner to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature; providing requirements for such report; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1003.07, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1003.07 Year-round School Pilot Program.—Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the Year-round School Pilot Program is created for a period of 4 school years. The purpose of the program is for the Department of Education to assist school districts in establishing a year-round school program within at

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26 | least one elementary school in the district and study the
 27 | issues, benefits, and schedule options for instituting year-
 28 | round school programs for all students.

29 | (1) (a) School districts shall apply to the Department of
 30 | Education, in a format and by a date prescribed by the
 31 | department, to participate in the program. The application must
 32 | include:

33 | 1. The number of students enrolled in the elementary
 34 | school or schools that will implement a year-round school
 35 | program.

36 | 2. The academic performance of the students enrolled in
 37 | such school or schools.

38 | 3. The rate of absenteeism and tardiness of students
 39 | enrolled in such school or schools.

40 | 4. The commitment of such school's or schools'
 41 | instructional personnel and students to the year-round school
 42 | program.

43 | 5. An explanation of how the implementation of the year-
 44 | round school program will benefit the students.

45 | (b) The Commissioner of Education shall select five school
 46 | districts to participate in the program. To the extent possible,
 47 | the commissioner shall select school districts that represent a
 48 | variety of demographics, including, but not limited to, an
 49 | urban, suburban, and rural school district.

50 | (2) A school district enrolled in a year-round school

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51 program shall:

52 (a) Implement a single-track or multi-track schedule.

53 (b) Provide data to the department to allow for:

54 1. An assessment of the academic and safety benefits

55 associated with establishing a year-round school program.

56 2. An evaluation of any potential barriers for the school

57 district upon implementation of a year-round school program,

58 including, but not limited to:

59 a. Issues related to the commitment of instructional

60 personnel and students.

61 b. The provision of services during the summer months.

62 c. School district budgeting.

63 d. Parental engagement and participation.

64 e. Coordination with community services.

65 f. Student assessment and progression practices.

66 g. Student transportation.

67 3. The consideration of strategies for addressing such

68 potential barriers.

69 (3) Upon completion of the program, the commissioner shall

70 provide a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,

71 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must

72 include:

73 (a) The number of students enrolled at participating

74 schools.

75 (b) The number of students enrolled at participating

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76 | schools before and after the implementation of the year-round
 77 | school program.

78 | (c) Any health, academic, and safety benefits for students
 79 | or instructional personnel from the implementation of the year-
 80 | round school program.

81 | (d) An evaluation of any potential barriers for school
 82 | districts and families associated with a year-round school
 83 | program.

84 | (e) The commissioner's recommendation on the adoption of
 85 | year-round school programs for all students.

86 | (4) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to
 87 | administer the program.

88 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.