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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Appropriations Committee on Education (Grall) recommended the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (389728) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete lines 73 - 82  
5 and insert:

6 1002.68, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) of  
7 subsection (4) of that section is republished, to read:

8           1002.68 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program  
9 accountability.—

10           (4)



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11 (c) The program assessment composite score and performance  
12 metric must be calculated for each private prekindergarten or  
13 public school site.

14 (6)

15 (d) A good cause exemption may not be granted to any  
16 private prekindergarten provider or public school that has any  
17 class I violations or three ~~two~~ or more of the same class II  
18 violations, as defined by rule of the Department of Children and  
19 Families, within the 2 years preceding the provider's or  
20 school's request for the exemption.

21 Section 5. Upon the expiration and reversion of the  
22 amendments made to section 1002.68, Florida Statutes, pursuant  
23 to section 6 of chapter 2023-240, Laws of Florida, paragraphs  
24 (a) and (f) of subsection (4) of section 1002.68, Florida  
25 Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) and paragraph (e) of  
26 subsection (6) of that section are republished, to read:

27 1002.68 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program  
28 accountability.—

29 (4) (a) Beginning with the 2023-2024 ~~2022-2023~~ program year,  
30 the department shall adopt a methodology for calculating each  
31 private prekindergarten provider's and public school provider's  
32 performance metric, which must be based on a combination of the  
33 following:

34 1. Program assessment composite scores under subsection  
35 (2), which must be weighted at no less than 50 percent.

36 2. Learning gains operationalized as change-in-ability  
37 scores from the initial and final progress monitoring results  
38 described in subsection (1).

39 3. Norm-referenced developmental learning outcomes



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40 described in subsection (1).

41 (f) The department shall adopt procedures to annually  
42 calculate each private prekindergarten provider's and public  
43 school's performance metric, based on the methodology adopted in  
44 paragraphs (a) and (b), and assign a designation under paragraph  
45 (d). Beginning with the 2024-2025 ~~2023-2024~~ program year, each  
46 private prekindergarten provider or public school shall be  
47 assigned a designation within 45 days after the conclusion of  
48 the school-year Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program  
49 delivered by all participating private prekindergarten providers  
50 or public schools and within 45 days after the conclusion of the  
51 summer Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program delivered by  
52 all participating private prekindergarten providers or public  
53 schools.

54 (5) (a) If a public school's or private prekindergarten  
55 provider's program assessment composite score for its  
56 prekindergarten classrooms fails to meet the minimum program  
57 assessment composite score for contracting adopted in rule by  
58 the department, the private prekindergarten provider or public  
59 school may not participate in the Voluntary Prekindergarten  
60 Education Program beginning in the consecutive program year and  
61 thereafter until the public school or private prekindergarten  
62 provider meets the minimum composite score for contracting. A  
63 public school or private prekindergarten provider may request  
64 one program assessment per program year in order to requalify  
65 for participation in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education  
66 Program, provided that the public school or private  
67 prekindergarten provider is not excluded from participation  
68 under ss. 1002.55(6), 1002.61(10)(b), 1002.63(9)(b), or



69 paragraph (5)(b) of this section. If a public school or private  
70 prekindergarten provider would like an additional program  
71 assessment completed within the same program year, the public  
72 school or private prekindergarten provider shall be responsible  
73 for the cost of the program assessment.

74 (b) If a private prekindergarten provider's or public  
75 school's performance metric or designation falls below the  
76 minimum performance metric or designation, the early learning  
77 coalition shall:

78 1. Require the provider or school to submit for approval to  
79 the early learning coalition an improvement plan and implement  
80 the plan.

81 2. Place the provider or school on probation.

82 3. Require the provider or school to take certain  
83 corrective actions, including the use of a curriculum approved  
84 by the department under s. 1002.67(2)(c) and a staff development  
85 plan approved by the department to strengthen instructional  
86 practices in emotional support, classroom organization,  
87 instructional support, language development, phonological  
88 awareness, alphabet knowledge, and mathematical thinking.

89 (c) A private prekindergarten provider or public school  
90 that is placed on probation must continue the corrective actions  
91 required under paragraph (b) until the provider or school meets  
92 the minimum performance metric or designation adopted by the  
93 department. Failure to meet the requirements of subparagraphs  
94 (b)1. and 3. shall result in the termination of the provider's  
95 or school's contract to deliver the Voluntary Prekindergarten  
96 Education Program for a period of at least 2 years but no more  
97 than 5 years.



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98 (d) If a private prekindergarten provider or public school  
99 remains on probation for 2 consecutive years and fails to meet  
100 the minimum performance metric or designation, or is not granted  
101 a good cause exemption by the department, the department shall  
102 require the early learning coalition to revoke the provider's  
103 eligibility and the school district to revoke the school's  
104 eligibility to deliver the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education  
105 Program and receive state funds for the program for a period of  
106 at least 2 years but no more than 5 years.

107 (6)

108 (e) A private prekindergarten provider or public school  
109 granted a good cause exemption shall continue to implement its  
110 improvement plan and continue the corrective actions required  
111 under paragraph (5) (b) until the provider or school meets the  
112 minimum performance metric.

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114 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

115 And the title is amended as follows:

116 Delete line 320

117 and insert:

118 exemption may not be granted; revising requirements  
119 with respect to performance metric methodology and the  
120 assignment of designations under the Voluntary  
121 Prekindergarten Education Program; republishing  
122 reverted provisions of law pursuant to chapter 2023-  
123 240, Laws of Florida; amending s. 1002.71,