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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Anderson offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 387-425 and insert:

1002.935 School Readiness Plus Program.—The School Readiness Plus Program is created within the Department of Education to support the continued school readiness and child care needs of working families with children. The program is contingent upon a legislative appropriation and is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

(1) (a) A child who is determined to be ineligible for school readiness program funds due to family income during the annual eligibility redetermination process pursuant to s.

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14 1002.87(6) is eligible for a subsidy under this section if the
15 family income is between 85 percent and 100 percent, inclusive,
16 of the state median income.

17 (b)1. The early learning coalitions established in s.
18 1002.83 shall administer the School Readiness Plus Program and
19 provide participants with access to the benefit management and
20 career planning tool described in s. 445.009(1)(k).

21 2. The early learning coalitions must spend the minimum
22 amount of funds necessary for the efficient and effective
23 administration of the School Readiness Plus Program. The early
24 learning coalitions may not use more than 5 percent of the funds
25 allowed for the program for administrative costs in a fiscal
26 year.

27 (2)(a) The amount of the subsidy is a percentage of the
28 early learning coalition's approved school readiness program
29 provider reimbursement rates as calculated pursuant to s.
30 1002.84(17). An early learning coalition shall consider family
31 income and a required parent copayment that increases in
32 relation to the family income when establishing the percentage
33 for the amount of the subsidy for the program.

34 (b) The amount of the subsidy and parent copayment must be
35 sufficient to allow the family to access eligible school
36 readiness providers pursuant to s. 1002.88 and enable the parent
37 to achieve self-sufficiency.

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38 (3) For a parent to receive a subsidy under the program,
39 he or she must:

40 (a) Provide any documentation necessary to verify the
41 parent's eligibility to receive the subsidy.

42 (b) Be responsible for the payment of all child care
43 expenses in excess of the amount of the subsidy.

44 Section 12. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of
45 \$23,076,259 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the
46 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Education to implement
47 the School Readiness Plus Program established in s. 1002.935,

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51 Remove lines 43-48 and insert:

52 School Readiness Plus Program within the Department of
53 Education; providing requirements for the program;
54 providing eligibility requirements to receive a
55 subsidy under the program; requiring early learning
56 coalitions to administer the program and provide
57 participants access to a specified tool; prohibiting
58 early learning coalitions from spending more than a
59 certain percentage on administrative costs of the
60 program in a fiscal year; providing for

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