

Amendment No. 2

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
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ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education & Employment
 2 Committee

3 Representative Bartleman offered the following:

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 5 **Amendment to Amendment (772925) by Representative Snyder**
 6 **(with title amendment)**

7 Remove lines 256-258 of the amendment and insert:
 8 Section 9. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
 9 1002.87, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10 1002.87 School readiness program; eligibility and
 11 enrollment.—

12 (1) Each early learning coalition shall give priority for
 13 participation in the school readiness program as follows:

14 (c) Subsequent priority shall be given, based on the early
 15 learning coalition's local priorities identified under s.
 16 1002.85 (2) (i), to children who meet the following criteria:

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17 1. A child from birth to the beginning of the school year
18 for which the child is eligible for admission to kindergarten in
19 a public school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2. who is from a working
20 family that is economically disadvantaged, and may include such
21 child's eligible siblings, beginning with the school year in
22 which the sibling is eligible for admission to kindergarten in a
23 public school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2. until the beginning of
24 the school year in which the sibling is eligible to begin 6th
25 grade, provided that the first priority for funding an eligible
26 sibling is local revenues available to the coalition for funding
27 direct services.

28 2. A child of a parent who transitions from the work
29 program into employment as described in s. 445.032 from birth to
30 the beginning of the school year for which the child is eligible
31 for admission to kindergarten in a public school under s.
32 1003.21(1)(a)2.

33 3. An at-risk child who is at least 9 years of age but
34 younger than 13 years of age. An at-risk child whose sibling is
35 enrolled in the school readiness program within an eligibility
36 priority category listed in paragraphs (a) and (b) and
37 subparagraph 1. shall be given priority over other children who
38 are eligible under this paragraph.

39 4. A child who is younger than 13 years of age from a
40 working family that is economically disadvantaged.

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41 5. A child of a parent who transitions from the work
42 program into employment as described in s. 445.032 who is
43 younger than 13 years of age.

44 6.a. A child who has special needs ~~and~~ has been
45 determined eligible as a student who requires additional
46 accommodations beyond those required by the Americans with
47 Disabilities Act. The child's special needs and associated
48 accommodations must be validated by a licensed health care
49 professional, licensed mental health professional, or
50 educational psychologist. Such person may not be the child's
51 parent or a person employed by a child care provider. The
52 following documentation must be used to determine the child's
53 eligibility for such accommodations:

54 I. ~~with a disability, has~~ A current individual education
55 plan with a Florida school district; ~~and is not younger than 3~~
56 ~~years of age.~~

57 II. A current individualized family support plan;

58 III. A diagnosed special need; or

59 IV. A determination of required accommodations.

60 b. The child care provider of a child who meets the
61 requirements of this subparagraph may be eligible for additional
62 funding through the special needs differential allocation to
63 implement the special needs rate as determined in s.
64 1002.89(1)(d) needs child eligible under this paragraph remains

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65 ~~eligible until the child is eligible for admission to~~
66 ~~kindergarten in a public school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2.~~

67 7. A child who otherwise meets one of the eligibility
68 criteria in paragraphs (a) and (b) and subparagraphs 1. and 2.
69 but who is also enrolled concurrently in the federal Head Start
70 Program and the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.

71 Section 10. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and subsection
72 (4) of section 1002.89, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

73 1002.89 School readiness program; funding.—

74 (1) DETERMINATION OF EARLY LEARNING COALITION SCHOOL
75 READINESS PROGRAM FUNDING.—Funding for the school readiness
76 program shall be used by the early learning coalitions in
77 accordance with this part and the General Appropriations Act.

78 (d) Special needs differential allocation.—There is
79 created the special needs differential allocation to assist
80 eligible school readiness program providers to implement the
81 special needs rate provisions defined in the state's approved
82 Child Care and Development Fund Plan. Subject to legislative
83 appropriation, each early learning coalition shall be reimbursed
84 based on actual expenditures. All expenditures from the special
85 needs differential allocation shall be used by the department to
86 help meet federal targeted requirements for improving quality to
87 the extent allowable in the state's approved plan. A school
88 readiness program provider is eligible for funding through the

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89 allocation to implement the special needs differential rate upon
90 meeting all of the following requirements by July 1, 2025:

91 1. If the provider has a program assessment score, the
92 score must meet or exceed the composite score established by the
93 department.

94 2. The provider has completed 10 hours of training in
95 inclusive early childhood or inclusive school-age education
96 practices within the preceding 2-year period with the provider
97 completing an additional 10 hours of such training each
98 subsequent 5-year period as specified by the department.

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101 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

102 Remove lines 378-379 of the amendment and insert:
103 time; defining the term "screen"; amending s. 1002.87,
104 F.S.; revising the criteria for a child to receive
105 priority for participation in the school readiness
106 program; conforming provisions to changes made by the
107 act; amending s. 1002.89, F.S.; providing requirements
108 for a school readiness program provider to be eligible
109 to receive specified funding; revising school
110 readiness program expenditures