

By Senator Burgess

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Music-based Supplemental  
3       Content to Accelerate Learner Engagement and Success  
4       Pilot Program; creating s. 1003.482, F.S.; creating  
5       the pilot program within the Department of Education;  
6       providing the purpose of the pilot program; providing  
7       requirements for the pilot program; providing  
8       eligibility; authorizing district school  
9       superintendents to contact the department for their  
10      district to participate in the pilot program;  
11      providing funding requirements, subject to legislative  
12      appropriation; requiring participating school  
13      districts to maintain eligibility; requiring the  
14      College of Education at the University of Florida to  
15      evaluate the pilot program's effectiveness and  
16      annually share its findings with the Department of  
17      Education and the Legislature; requiring the college  
18      to submit a final report to specified entities by a  
19      specified date; providing for expiration of the pilot  
20      program; providing an effective date.

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

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24       Section 1. Section 1003.482, Florida Statutes, is created  
25 to read:

26       1003.482 mSCALES Pilot Program.—

27       (1) (a) The Music-based Supplemental Content to Accelerate  
28 Learner Engagement and Success (mSCALES) Pilot Program is  
29 created within the Department of Education. The purpose of the

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30 pilot program is to assist districts in adopting music-based  
31 supplemental materials that support STEM courses for middle  
32 school students.

33 (b) The music-based supplemental materials must be used by  
34 teachers who are certified to teach mathematics pursuant to s.  
35 1012.55(1)(c). The supplemental materials must be used at a  
36 minimum twice per week to supplement mathematics instruction.

37 (c) Classes that use the supplemental materials are subject  
38 to the class size requirements of s. 1003.03.

39 (d) The school districts in Alachua, Marion, and Miami-Dade  
40 Counties are eligible to participate in the pilot program.  
41 District school superintendents may contact the Department of  
42 Education, in a format prescribed by the department, for their  
43 district to participate in the pilot program. Subject to  
44 legislative appropriation, the department may approve a school  
45 district to participate in the pilot program if sufficient  
46 funding is available.

47 (e) Participating school districts shall receive \$6 per  
48 student. Eligible middle schools must be in the same attendance  
49 zone as an elementary school that participated in the Early  
50 Childhood Music Education Incentive Program.

51 (f) To maintain eligibility for the pilot program, a  
52 participating school district must annually certify to the  
53 department, in a format prescribed by the department, that each  
54 participating middle school within the district meets the  
55 requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c).

56 (2) (a) The College of Education at the University of  
57 Florida shall continuously evaluate the program's effectiveness.  
58 The College of Education must annually share the findings of its

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59 evaluations with the department and the Legislature.

60 (b) The College of Education at the University of Florida  
61 shall prepare a comprehensive final report of the program's  
62 overall effectiveness. The report must be presented, no later  
63 than October 1, 2026, to the department, the Legislature, and  
64 the Florida Center for Partnerships for Arts-Integrated  
65 Teaching.

66 (3) This section expires June 30, 2026.

67 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.