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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Yarborough) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section
1002.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.45 Virtual instruction programs.—

(7) ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—

(a) Each approved virtual instruction program provider
contracted pursuant to this section must:



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11 1. Participate in the statewide assessment program under s.
12 1008.22 and in the state's education performance accountability
13 system under s. 1008.31.

14 2. Receive a school grade under s. 1008.34 or a school
15 improvement rating under s. 1008.341, as applicable, for each
16 district with which it contracts, based on the assessment scores
17 of all students served within the school district. The school
18 ~~improvement rating received by each approved virtual instruction~~
19 ~~program provider shall be based upon the aggregated assessment~~
20 ~~scores of all students served by the provider statewide. Each~~
21 approved virtual instruction program provider shall receive a
22 district grade pursuant to s. 1008.34 based upon the aggregated
23 assessment scores of all students served by the provider
24 statewide and a separate school grade or school improvement
25 rating for each school district with which it contracts based
26 upon the assessment scores of all students served within the
27 school district. A virtual instruction program provider
28 operating exclusively as a dropout retrieval program as
29 described in s. 1003.53(7) is exempt from the district grade
30 requirement of this paragraph. The department shall publish the
31 school grade or school improvement rating received by each
32 approved virtual instruction program provider on its Internet
33 website. The department shall develop an evaluation method for
34 providers of part-time programs which includes the percentage of
35 students making learning gains, the percentage of students
36 successfully passing any required end-of-course assessment, the
37 percentage of students taking Advanced Placement examinations,
38 and the percentage of students scoring 3 or higher on an
39 Advanced Placement examination.



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Section 2. Present subsection (7) of section 1003.53, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (8), and a new subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

1003.53 Dropout prevention and academic intervention.—
(7) Dropout retrieval programs serve students who have officially withdrawn from high school before graduation and who are not engaged in the education system at the time of enrollment in the program.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to students enrolled in dropout retrieval programs; amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; revising assessment and accountability requirements for a virtual instruction program provider; providing that a virtual instruction program provider operating exclusively as a dropout retrieval program is exempt from specified requirements; amending s. 1003.53, F.S.; providing that dropout retrieval programs serve a specified group of students; providing an effective date.