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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Family Empowerment Scholarship
3 Program; amending s. 1002.394, F.S.; requiring private
4 schools participating in the Family Empowerment
5 Scholarship Program to provide specified information
6 in writing to parents before student enrollment in the
7 school; providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (9) of section
12 1002.394, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 1002.394 The Family Empowerment Scholarship Program.—

14 (9) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—To be
15 eligible to participate in the Family Empowerment Scholarship
16 Program, a private school may be sectarian or nonsectarian and
17 must:

18 (d) Before a student's enrollment, provide to the parent in
19 writing ~~For a student determined eligible pursuant to paragraph~~
20 ~~(3)(b), discuss~~ the school's academic programs and policies,
21 specialized services, code of conduct, ~~and~~ attendance policies,
22 and specialized services and therapies offered at the school. In
23 addition, each parent of a student with an Individualized
24 Education Plan, Education Plan, English Language Learner Plan,
25 or 504 plan must be informed of what modifications,
26 accommodations, and therapies included in the student's plan
27 will be honored ~~before enrollment with the parent to determine~~
28 ~~which programs and services may meet the student's individual~~
29 needs.

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31 If a private school fails to meet the requirements of this
32 subsection or s. 1002.421, the commissioner may determine that
33 the private school is ineligible to participate in the
34 scholarship program.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.