

By Senator Berman

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to instructional hours for the
3 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; amending
4 ss. 1002.55, 1002.61, 1002.63, and 1002.71, F.S.;
5 revising the instructional hours required to be
6 delivered in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
7 Program for school-year and summer programs; providing
8 an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1002.55, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1002.55 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by
15 private prekindergarten providers.—

16 (2) Each school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a
17 private prekindergarten provider must comprise at least 1,440
18 ~~540~~ instructional hours.

19 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 1002.61, Florida
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 1002.61 Summer prekindergarten program delivered by public
22 schools and private prekindergarten providers.—

23 (2) Each summer prekindergarten program delivered by a
24 public school or private prekindergarten provider must:

25 (a) Comprise at least 480 ~~300~~ instructional hours;

26 (b) Not begin earlier than May 1 of the school year; and

27 (c) Not deliver the program for a child earlier than the
28 summer immediately before the school year for which the child is
29 eligible for admission to kindergarten in a public school under

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30 s. 1003.21(1)(a)2.

31 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1002.63, Florida
32 Statutes, is amended to read:

33 1002.63 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by
34 public schools.—

35 (2) Each school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a
36 public school must comprise at least 1,440 ~~540~~ instructional
37 hours.

38 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 1002.71, Florida
39 Statutes, is amended to read:

40 1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.—

41 (2) A full-time equivalent student in the Voluntary
42 Prekindergarten Education Program shall be calculated as
43 follows:

44 (a) For a student in a school-year prekindergarten program
45 delivered by a private prekindergarten provider: 1,440 ~~540~~
46 instructional hours.

47 (b) For a student in a summer prekindergarten program
48 delivered by a public school or private prekindergarten
49 provider: 480 ~~300~~ instructional hours.

50 (c) For a student in a school-year prekindergarten program
51 delivered by a public school: 1,440 ~~540~~ instructional hours.

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53 Except as provided in subsection (4), a student may not be
54 reported for funding purposes as more than one full-time
55 equivalent student.

56 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.