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Senator Gaetz moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 4025 and 4026  
insert:

Section 17. (1) The Department of Education shall work with eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations (SFO) to resolve discrepancies in which a student was awarded a scholarship under s. 1002.394, Florida Statutes, and was reported by a school district for funding during a student membership survey under s. 1011.62(1)(a), Florida Statutes, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The department and SFO must reach a



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resolution that does all of the following:

(a) Provides documented evidence of the student's actual enrollment and attendance at a public school and, if applicable, evidence of the student's withdrawal from a public school.

(b) Allows the student to maintain his or her scholarship award if the department has documented evidence of eligibility at the time the payment was deposited into the student's scholarship account.

(c) Ensures that school districts receive full funding for all students whose enrollment and attendance were verified during the student membership surveys.

(2) The department shall report the findings of all discrepancies under subsection (1) and their respective resolutions no later than May 31, 2025, to the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair of the House Budget Committee, and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 222

and insert:

conforming cross-references; requiring the Department of Education to work with eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations to resolve discrepancies in certain student funding; providing requirements for such resolution; requiring the department to provide a report of certain discrepancies and their resolutions to specified



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41 officials or entities by a specified date; providing  
42 an effective