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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Calatayud) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 547 - 647
and insert:
adopted by the State Board of Education.

(b) The principal of the endowment fund shall be derived from any legislative appropriations that may be made to the endowment, and such bequests, gifts, grants, and donations as may be solicited for such purpose by the foundation from public or private sources.



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11 (c) The board of directors of the foundation shall
12 establish the operating account and shall deposit therein the
13 moneys transmitted. Moneys in the operating account shall be
14 available to carry out the purposes of subsection (6).

15 (d) Funds received from state sources shall be accounted
16 for separately from bequests, gifts, grants, and donations,
17 which may be solicited for such purposes by the foundation from
18 public or private sources. Earnings on funds received from state
19 sources and funds received from public or private sources shall
20 be accounted for separately.

21 (5) ORGANIZATION, POWERS, AND DUTIES.—Within the limits
22 prescribed in this section or by rule of the State Board of
23 Education:

24 (a) The board may solicit and receive bequests, gifts,
25 grants, donations, goods, and services. Where gifts are
26 restricted as to purpose, they may be used only for the purpose
27 or purposes stated by the donor. The board may transmit monetary
28 gifts to the State Board of Administration for deposit in the
29 endowment fund principal.

30 (b) The board may enter into contracts with the Federal
31 Government, state or local agencies, early learning coalitions,
32 private entities, or individuals to carry out the purposes of
33 this section.

34 (c) The board may identify, initiate, and fund new and
35 creative programs to carry out the purposes of this section,
36 utilizing existing organizations, early learning coalitions,
37 associations, and agencies to carry out such early learning
38 programs and purposes wherever possible.

39 (d) The board may make gifts or grants to all of the



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40 following:

41 1. The state or any political subdivision thereof, or any
42 public agency of state or local government.

43 2. An early learning coalition for administration of direct
44 services to children identified by the board.

45 3. The division for purposes of program recognition and
46 marketing, public relations, and education.

47 (e) The board may advertise and solicit applications for
48 funding and shall evaluate applications and program proposals
49 submitted thereto. Funding shall be awarded only where the
50 evaluation is positive and the proposal meets both the
51 guidelines for use established in subsection (6) and such
52 evaluation criteria as the State Board of Education may
53 prescribe by rule.

54 (f) The board shall monitor, review, and annually evaluate
55 funded programs to determine whether funding should be
56 continued, terminated, reduced, or increased.

57 (g) The board shall establish an operating account as
58 provided in paragraph (4) (c).

59 (h) The board may take additional actions, including the
60 hiring of necessary staff, as are deemed necessary and
61 appropriate to administer this section, subject to rules of the
62 State Board of Education.

63 (6) DISTRIBUTION OF MONEYS.—The board shall use the moneys
64 in the operating account to provide for:

65 (a) Direct services to children in accordance with an
66 allocation methodology proposed by the Division of Early
67 Learning to an early learning coalition approved by the board.

68 1. The parent or guardian of a child receiving direct



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69 services from an early learning coalition shall choose from
70 providers under a contract with an early learning coalition
71 pursuant to s. 1002.88.

72 2. Unless otherwise specified by the donor, the early
73 learning coalition shall apply a parent copay based on family
74 income pursuant to s. 1002.84(9) or s. 1002.935(2)(b).

75 3. The early learning coalition shall reimburse a provider
76 servicing a child using direct service funds from the early
77 learning endowment at the same reimbursement rate allowed
78 pursuant to s. 1002.84(17)(a).

79 4. Each early learning coalition providing direct services
80 must comply with the same administrative requirements under this
81 part.

82 (b) Programs designed to support early learning as
83 identified by donors, gifts, or grants.

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85 Any allocation of funds made for programs pursuant to paragraph
86 (b) or for advertising or consulting is subject to a competitive
87 solicitation process. State funds may not be used to fund events
88 for private sector donors or potential donors or to honor
89 supporters.

90 (7) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Division of Early Learning shall
91 include information in its report of activities pursuant to s.
92 1002.82(7) summarizing the performance of the endowment fund for
93 the previous fiscal year, summarizing the foundation's
94 fundraising activities and performance, and detailing the
95 activities and programs supported by the endowment principal or
96 earnings on the endowment principal and the activities and
97 programs supported by private sources, bequests, gifts, grants,



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98 donations, and other valued goods and services received. The
99 report must also include all of the following:

100 (a) Financial data, by service type, including expenditures
101 for administration and the provision of services by each early
102 learning coalition.

103 (b) The amount of funds spent on administrative expenses
104 and fundraising and the amount of funds raised from private
105 sources.

106 (c) Outcome data, including the number of children served
107 and any child outcomes.

108 (8) RULES.—The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
109 to implement

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112 And the title is amended as follows:

113 Delete line 58

114 and insert:

115 activities; requiring the State Board of Education to