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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED (Y/N)
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WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
2 Committee

3 Representative McFarland offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 564-600 and insert:

7 **Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 1002.67, Florida**

8 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

9 1002.67 Performance standards and curricula.—

10 (2) (a) Each private prekindergarten provider and public
11 school may select or design the curriculum that the provider or
12 school uses to implement the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
13 Program, except as otherwise required for a provider or school
14 that fails to meet the minimum performance metric score or
15 designation ~~change-in-ability~~ established pursuant to s.
16 1002.68.

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17 (b) Each private prekindergarten provider's and public
18 school's curriculum must be developmentally appropriate and
19 must:

20 1. Be designed to prepare a student for early literacy and
21 provide for instruction in early math skills;

22 2. Develop students' background knowledge through a
23 content-rich and sequential knowledge building early literacy
24 curriculum;

25 3. Enhance the age-appropriate progress of students in
26 attaining the performance standards adopted by the department
27 under subsection (1); and

28 4. Support student learning gains through differentiated
29 instruction that shall be measured by the coordinated screening
30 and progress monitoring program under s. 1008.25(9).

31 (c) The department shall adopt procedures for the review
32 and approval of curricula for use by private prekindergarten
33 providers and public schools that fail to meet the minimum
34 performance metric score or designation ~~change-in-ability scores~~
35 established pursuant to s. 1002.68. The department shall
36 administer the review and approval process and maintain a list
37 of the curricula approved under this paragraph. Each approved
38 curriculum must meet the requirements of paragraph (b). The
39 review and approval process must include curricula that are
40 available for purchase and proprietary curricula that are not
41 available for purchase.

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42 (d) The department must review and may approve a curriculum
43 that is propriety or available for purchase outside of the
44 established review and approval process in paragraph (c). The
45 curriculum must be used by a private provider or public school
46 district that operates a Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
47 Program in more than 5 distinct locations. Any curriculum
48 approved under this paragraph must meet the requirements of
49 paragraph (b). Any curriculum approved under this paragraph that
50 is available for purchase must be included on the list under
51 paragraph (d). Within 60 days of receipt of the request, the
52 department shall review and either approve or deny the submitted
53 curricula and all associated materials. A request may not be
54 submitted under this paragraph within 120 days prior to the
55 opening of the regular review process described in paragraph
56 (c).

57 **Section 8. Section 1002.821, Florida Statutes, is created**
58 **to read:**1002.821 Florida Child Care Fund.—The Florida Child Care
59 Fund is established to support early learning and child care
60 needs of Florida families.

61 (1) The direct-support organization established pursuant
62 to s. 1001.24 shall administer the program.

63 (2) (a) Any bequests, gifts, grants, and donations made to
64 the program as may be solicited for such purpose from public or
65 private sources shall be deposited into the Early Learning Fund.

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66 (b) Any legislative appropriation from the Child Care and
67 Development Block Grant Trust Fund which may be provided to the
68 program shall be deposited into the Early Learning Fund and
69 shall be used to fund children from the waiting list pursuant to
70 subparagraph (3) (a)1.

71 (c) Any funds received from state sources and interest
72 earnings shall be accounted for separately.

73 (3) Funds shall be used to provide:

74 (a) Care for children from birth until the child is
75 eligible to enroll in kindergarten in accordance with:

76 1. An allocation methodology to fund the waiting list of
77 early learning coalitions; or

78 2. The intentions of a donor.

79 (b) The early learning coalition shall fund school
80 readiness program providers and providers selected by the
81 donor's recipient at the reimbursement rate calculated pursuant
82 to s. 1002.84(17). If the provider selected by the donor's
83 recipient is not a school readiness program provider, the
84 department shall adopt a contract for use by an early learning
85 coalition with the provider to provide such funds.

86 (c) Any family served under subparagraph (a)1. shall have
87 an early learning coalition apply a parent copayment based on
88 family income pursuant to s. 1002.84(9) or s. 1002.935(2) (b).

89 (4) By January 1 of each year, beginning January 1, 2027,
90 the Division of Early Learning shall prepare, and the department

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91 shall publish on its website, a report that summarizes the
92 performance of the program and the program's fundraising
93 activities for the previous fiscal year, and identifies the
94 child care needs supported by

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98 Remove lines 29-30 and insert:

99 direct-support organization"; amending s. 1002.67,

100 F.S., revising the requirements for certain

101 prekindergarten curricula; establishing a review and

102 approval process for such curricula; creating s.

103 1002.821, F.S.; creating the Florida Child Care Fund;

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