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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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 FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)
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 OTHER _____

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Student Academic Success
 Subcommittee

Representative McFarland offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 562-682 and insert:

**Section 7. Section 1002.821, Florida Statutes, is created
 to read:**

1002.821 Brighter Futures Program. – The Brighter Futures
 Program is established to support early learning and child care
 needs of Florida families.

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

(2) Any bequests, gifts, grants, and donations made to the
 program as may be solicited for such purpose from public or
 private sources and any legislative appropriations that may be

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17 made to the program shall be deposited in the Early Learning
18 Fund. Any funds received from state sources and interest
19 earnings shall be accounted for separately.

20 (3) Funds shall be used to provide:

21 (a) Care for children from birth until the student is
22 eligible to enroll in kindergarten in accordance with:

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

25 2. The intentions of a donor.

26 (b) The early learning coalition shall fund school
27 readiness program providers and providers selected by the donor
28 at the reimbursement rate calculated pursuant to s. 1002.84(17).
29 If the provider selected by the donor is not a school readiness
30 program provider, the early learning coalition may establish a
31 contract with the provider to provide such funds.

32 (4) By January 1 of each year, beginning January 1, 2027,
33 the Division of Early Learning shall summarize the performance
34 of the program and the program's fundraising activities for the
35 previous fiscal year, identify the child care needs supported by
36 the fund principal or earnings and those supported by private
37 sources, bequests, gifts, grants, and donations. The report must
38 also include:

39 (a) Outcome data, including the number of children served
40 and any child outcomes, by each early learning coalition.

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41 (b) The amount of funds spent on administrative
42 expenses and fundraising and the amount of funds raised from
43 private sources.

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47 Remove lines 27-37 and insert:

48 F.S.; creating the Brighter Futures Program within a
49 Department of Education direct-support organization;
50 providing that program funds shall be deposited in the
51 Early Learning Fund; providing the funds from state
52 sources are accounted separately; providing for the
53 use of funds; requiring an annual report; amending s.
54 1002.95, F.S.; providing the