

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/HB 765 (2026)

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u> (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u> (Y/N)
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WITHDRAWN	<u> </u> (Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Student Academic Success
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative McFarland offered the following:

5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 562-682 and insert:

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

9 1002.821 Brighter Futures Program. — The Brighter Futures
10 Program is established to support early learning and child care
11 needs of Florida families.

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

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

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

(3) Funds shall be used to provide:

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

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

2. The intentions of a donor.

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

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

(a) Outcome data, including the number of children served 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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46 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

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