

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Voluntary Prekindergarten  
3           Education Program; amending s. 1002.53, F.S.; revising  
4           provisions relating to calculation of the kindergarten  
5           readiness rate for Voluntary Prekindergarten Education  
6           Program providers and schools; amending s. 1002.67,  
7           F.S.; requiring the administration of a preassessment  
8           and postassessment to students based upon adopted  
9           performance standards; providing assessment  
10          requirements; requiring the assessments to be  
11          administered by certain personnel and during certain  
12          time periods; requiring the assessments to be used to  
13          calculate the kindergarten readiness rate; amending s.  
14          1002.69, F.S.; requiring the Office of Early Learning  
15          to annually report to the State Board of Education  
16          certain student growth data; providing an effective  
17          date.

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19   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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21           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section  
22   1002.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

23           1002.53 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program;  
24   eligibility and enrollment.—

25           (5) The early learning coalition shall provide each parent  
26   enrolling a child in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education

27 Program with a profile of every private prekindergarten provider  
 28 and public school delivering the program within the county where  
 29 the child is being enrolled. The profiles shall be provided to  
 30 parents in a format prescribed by the Office of Early Learning.  
 31 The profiles must include, at a minimum, the following  
 32 information about each provider and school:

33 (b) The provider's or school's kindergarten readiness rate  
 34 calculated in accordance with ss. 1002.67 and ~~s.~~ 1002.69, based  
 35 upon the most recent available results of the preassessment and  
 36 postassessment and the statewide kindergarten screening.

37 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection  
 38 (3) of section 1002.67, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39 1002.67 Performance standards; curricula and  
 40 accountability.—

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42 (b) The office shall periodically review and revise the  
 43 performance standards for the preassessment and postassessment  
 44 administered under this section and the statewide kindergarten  
 45 screening administered under s. 1002.69 and align the standards  
 46 to the standards established by the state board for student  
 47 performance on the statewide assessments administered pursuant  
 48 to s. 1008.22.

49 (3) (a) ~~Contingent upon legislative appropriation,~~ Each  
 50 private prekindergarten provider and public school in the  
 51 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program must implement an  
 52 evidence-based preassessment and postassessment ~~pre and post~~

53 ~~assessment~~ that has been approved by rule of the State Board of  
 54 Education.

55 (b) In order to be approved, the assessments ~~assessment~~  
 56 must:

57 1. Be valid, reliable, developmentally appropriate, and  
 58 observation-based; and

59 2. Be developed using norm samples similar to Florida's  
 60 population of children from birth through age 5;

61 3. Be based upon the performance standards adopted by the  
 62 department under subsection (1) and be designed to measure  
 63 student progress on domains which must include, but are not  
 64 limited to, early literacy, numeracy, and language;

65 4. Be appropriate for English language learners and  
 66 students with disabilities;

67 5. Be available in multiple languages;

68 6. Have processes for ensuring the ongoing reliability of  
 69 the assessments; and

70 7. Be supported by evidence-based professional development  
 71 programs.

72 (c) The preassessment and postassessment ~~pre- and post-~~  
 73 ~~assessment~~ must be administered by prekindergarten instructors  
 74 ~~individuals~~ meeting requirements established by rule of the  
 75 State Board of Education during the first and last 2 weeks of  
 76 the school-year prekindergarten program or summer  
 77 prekindergarten program.

78 (d) Each parent who enrolls his or her child in the

79 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program must submit the  
80 child for the preassessment and postassessment.

81 (e) The preassessment and postassessment data shall be  
82 used in calculating a private prekindergarten provider's and  
83 public school's kindergarten readiness rate pursuant to s.  
84 1002.69(5).

85 Section 3. Subsection (5) of section 1002.69, Florida  
86 Statutes, is amended to read:

87 1002.69 Statewide kindergarten screening; kindergarten  
88 readiness rates; state-approved prekindergarten enrollment  
89 screening; good cause exemption.—

90 (5) The office shall adopt procedures to annually  
91 calculate each private prekindergarten provider's and public  
92 school's kindergarten readiness rate, which must be expressed as  
93 the percentage of the provider's or school's students who are  
94 assessed as ready for kindergarten. The methodology for  
95 calculating each provider's kindergarten readiness rate must  
96 include student learning gains when available and the percentage  
97 of students who meet all state readiness measures. The rates  
98 must not include students who are not administered the statewide  
99 kindergarten screening. The office shall determine learning  
100 gains using a value-added measure based on growth demonstrated  
101 by the results of the preassessment and postassessment, pursuant  
102 to s. 1002.67, from at least 2 successive years of  
103 administration of the preassessment and postassessment. The  
104 office shall annually report to the State Board of Education the

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105 | appropriate level of growth to calculate the kindergarten  
106 | readiness rate of each Voluntary Prekindergarten Education  
107 | Program provider.

108 |       Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.