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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to blended learning courses; amending  
3           s. 1003.498, F.S.; deleting a requirement that  
4           students in a blended learning course receive online  
5           instruction in a classroom setting at the school;  
6           providing an effective date.

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8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1003.498, Florida  
11   Statutes, is amended to read:

12           1003.498   School district virtual course offerings.—

13           (1)   School districts may deliver courses in the  
14   traditional school setting by personnel certified pursuant to s.  
15   1012.55 who provide direct instruction through virtual  
16   instruction or through blended learning courses consisting of  
17   both traditional classroom and online instructional techniques.  
18   Students in a blended learning course must be full-time students  
19   of the school ~~and receive the online instruction in a classroom~~  
20   ~~setting at the school~~. The funding, performance, and  
21   accountability requirements for blended learning courses are the  
22   same as those for traditional courses. To facilitate the  
23   delivery and coding of blended learning courses, the department  
24   shall provide identifiers for existing courses to designate that  
25   they are being used for blended learning courses for the purpose  
26   of ensuring the efficient reporting of such courses. A district

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27 | may report full-time equivalent student membership for credit  
28 | earned by a student who is enrolled in a virtual education  
29 | course provided by the district which is completed after the end  
30 | of the regular school year if the FTE is reported no later than  
31 | the deadline for amending the final student membership report  
32 | for that year.

33 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.