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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 be full-time
5 students and receive online instruction in a classroom
6 setting at their schools; 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 traditional
14 school setting by personnel certified pursuant to s. 1012.55 who
15 provide direct instruction through virtual instruction or
16 through blended learning courses consisting of both traditional
17 classroom and online instructional techniques. ~~Students in a
18 blended learning course must be full-time students of the school
19 and receive the online instruction in a classroom setting at the
20 school.~~ The funding, performance, and accountability
21 requirements for blended learning courses are the same as those
22 for traditional courses. To facilitate the delivery and coding
23 of blended learning courses, the department shall provide
24 identifiers for existing courses to designate that they are
25 being used for blended learning courses for the purpose of
26 ensuring the efficient reporting of such courses. A district may
27 report full-time equivalent student membership for credit earned
28 by a student who is enrolled in a virtual education course
29 provided by the district which is completed after the end of the

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30 regular school year if the FTE is reported no later than the
31 deadline for amending the final student membership report for
32 that year.

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