

FOR CONSIDERATION By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Child Care and Development
3 Block Grant Program; amending s. 39.201, F.S.;
4 providing an exception from a prohibition against the
5 use of information in the Department of Children and
6 Families central abuse hotline for employment
7 screening of certain child care personnel; amending s.
8 39.202, F.S.; expanding the list of entities that have
9 access to child abuse records for purposes of
10 approving providers of school readiness services;
11 amending s. 402.302, F.S.; revising the definition of
12 the term "screening" for purposes of child care
13 licensing requirements; amending s. 402.3057, F.S.;
14 clarifying individuals who are exempt from certain
15 refingerprinting or rescreening requirements; amending
16 s. 402.306, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children
17 and Families and local licensing agencies to
18 electronically post certain information relating to
19 child care and school readiness providers; amending s.
20 402.311, F.S.; requiring school readiness program
21 providers to provide the Department of Children and
22 Families or local licensing agencies with access to
23 facilities, personnel, and records for inspection
24 purposes; amending s. 402.319, F.S.; requiring certain
25 child care providers to submit an affidavit of
26 compliance with certain mandatory reporting
27 requirements; amending s. 409.1757, F.S.; clarifying
28 individuals who are exempt from certain
29 refingerprinting or rescreening requirements; amending
30 s. 435.07, F.S.; providing criteria for a person's
31 disqualification from employment with a school
32 readiness program provider; amending s. 1002.82, F.S.;

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33 revising the duties of the Office of Early Learning of
34 the Department of Education; requiring the office to
35 coordinate with the Department of Children and
36 Families and local licensing agencies for inspections
37 of school readiness program providers; amending s.
38 1002.84, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
39 determination of child eligibility for school
40 readiness programs; revising requirements for
41 determining parent copayments for the programs;
42 amending s. 1002.87, F.S.; revising the prioritization
43 of participation in school readiness programs;
44 revising school readiness program eligibility
45 requirements for parents; amending s. 1002.88, F.S.;
46 revising requirements for school readiness program
47 providers; amending s. 1002.89, F.S.; providing for
48 additional uses of funds for school readiness
49 programs; providing an effective date.

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

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53 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 39.201, Florida
54 Statutes, is amended to read:

55 39.201 Mandatory reports of child abuse, abandonment, or
56 neglect; mandatory reports of death; central abuse hotline.—

57 (6) Information in the central abuse hotline may not be
58 used for employment screening, except as provided in s.
59 39.202(2)(a) and (h) or s. 402.302(15). Information in the
60 central abuse hotline and the department's automated abuse
61 information system may be used by the department, its authorized

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62 agents or contract providers, the Department of Health, or
63 county agencies as part of the licensure or registration process
64 pursuant to ss. 402.301-402.319 and ss. 409.175-409.176.

65 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
66 39.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

67 39.202 Confidentiality of reports and records in cases of
68 child abuse or neglect.—

69 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4), access to such
70 records, excluding the name of the reporter which shall be
71 released only as provided in subsection (5), shall be granted
72 only to the following persons, officials, and agencies:

73 (a) Employees, authorized agents, or contract providers of
74 the department, the Department of Health, the Agency for Persons
75 with Disabilities, the Office of Early Learning, or county
76 agencies responsible for carrying out:

- 77 1. Child or adult protective investigations;
- 78 2. Ongoing child or adult protective services;
- 79 3. Early intervention and prevention services;
- 80 4. Healthy Start services;
- 81 5. Licensure or approval of adoptive homes, foster homes,
82 child care facilities, facilities licensed under chapter 393, ~~or~~
83 family day care homes, or informal child care providers who
84 receive school readiness funding under part VI of chapter 1002,
85 or other homes used to provide for the care and welfare of
86 children; or
- 87 6. Services for victims of domestic violence when provided
88 by certified domestic violence centers working at the
89 department's request as case consultants or with shared clients.

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91 Also, employees or agents of the Department of Juvenile Justice
92 responsible for the provision of services to children, pursuant
93 to chapters 984 and 985.

94 Section 3. Subsection (15) of section 402.302, Florida
95 Statutes, is amended to read:

96 402.302 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

97 (15) "Screening" means the act of assessing the background
98 of child care personnel, in accordance with state and federal
99 law, and volunteers and includes, but is not limited to:7

100 (a) Employment history checks, including documented
101 attempts to contact each employer that employed the applicant
102 within the preceding 5 years and documentation of the findings.

103 (b) A search of the criminal history records, sexual
104 predator and sexual offender registry, and child abuse and
105 neglect registry of any state in which the applicant resided
106 during the preceding 5 years.

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108 An applicant must submit a full set of fingerprints to the
109 department or to a vendor, an entity, or an agency authorized by
110 s. 943.053(13). The department, vendor, entity, or agency shall
111 forward the fingerprints to ~~local criminal records checks~~
112 ~~through local law enforcement agencies, fingerprinting for all~~
113 ~~purposes and checks in this subsection, statewide criminal~~
114 ~~records checks through the Department of Law Enforcement for~~
115 ~~state processing, and the Department of Law Enforcement shall~~
116 ~~forward the fingerprints to, and federal criminal records checks~~
117 ~~through the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national~~
118 ~~processing.~~

119 Section 4. Section 402.3057, Florida Statutes, is amended

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120 to read:

121 402.3057 Individuals ~~Persons~~ not required to be
122 refingerprinted or rescreened.~~Individuals Any provision of law~~
123 ~~to the contrary notwithstanding, human resource personnel~~ who
124 have been fingerprinted or screened pursuant to chapters 393,
125 394, 397, 402, and 409, ~~and teachers and noninstructional~~
126 ~~personnel who have been fingerprinted pursuant to chapter 1012,~~
127 who have not been unemployed for more than 90 days thereafter,
128 and who under the penalty of perjury attest to the completion of
129 such fingerprinting or screening and to compliance with the
130 provisions of this section and the standards for good moral
131 character as contained in such provisions as ss. 110.1127(2)(c),
132 393.0655(1), 394.457(6), 397.451, 402.305(2), and 409.175(6),
133 are ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~ required to be refingerprinted or rescreened in
134 order to comply with any ~~caretaker~~ screening or fingerprinting
135 requirements of this chapter.

136 Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 402.306, Florida
137 Statutes, is amended to read:

138 402.306 Designation of licensing agency; dissemination by
139 the department and local licensing agency of information on
140 child care.-

141 (3) The department and local licensing agencies, or the
142 designees thereof, shall be responsible for coordination and
143 dissemination of information on child care to the community and
144 shall make available through electronic means ~~upon request~~ all
145 licensing standards and procedures, health and safety standards
146 for school readiness providers, monitoring and inspection
147 reports, and ~~in addition to~~ the names and addresses of licensed
148 child care facilities, school readiness program providers, and,

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149 where applicable pursuant to s. 402.313, licensed or registered
150 family day care homes. This information must also include the
151 number of deaths, serious injuries, and instances of
152 substantiated child abuse which have occurred in child care
153 settings each year; research and best practices in child
154 development; and resources regarding social-emotional
155 development, parent and family engagement, healthy eating, and
156 physical activity.

157 Section 6. Section 402.311, Florida Statutes, is amended to
158 read:

159 402.311 Inspection.—

160 (1) A licensed child care facility shall accord to the
161 department or the local licensing agency, whichever is
162 applicable, the privilege of inspection, including access to
163 facilities and personnel and to those records required in s.
164 402.305, at reasonable times during regular business hours, to
165 ensure compliance with ~~the provisions of~~ ss. 402.301-402.319.
166 The right of entry and inspection shall also extend to any
167 premises which the department or local licensing agency has
168 reason to believe are being operated or maintained as a child
169 care facility without a license, but no such entry or inspection
170 of any premises shall be made without the permission of the
171 person in charge thereof unless a warrant is first obtained from
172 the circuit court authorizing such entry or inspection ~~same~~. Any
173 application for a license or renewal made pursuant to this act
174 or the advertisement to the public for the provision of child
175 care as defined in s. 402.302 shall constitute permission for
176 any entry or inspection of the premises for which the license is
177 sought in order to facilitate verification of the information

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178 submitted on or in connection with the application. In the event
179 a licensed facility refuses permission for entry or inspection
180 to the department or local licensing agency, a warrant shall be
181 obtained from the circuit court authorizing entry or inspection
182 before ~~same prior to~~ such entry or inspection. The department or
183 local licensing agency may institute disciplinary proceedings
184 pursuant to s. 402.310~~7~~ for such refusal.

185 (2) A school readiness program provider shall accord to the
186 department or the local licensing agency, whichever is
187 applicable, the privilege of inspection, including access to
188 facilities, personnel, and records, to verify compliance with s.
189 1002.88. Entry, inspection, and issuance of an inspection report
190 by the department or the local licensing agency to verify
191 compliance with s. 1002.88 is an exercise of a discretionary
192 power to enforce compliance with the laws duly enacted by a
193 governmental body.

194 (3) The department's issuance, transmittal, or publication
195 of an inspection report resulting from an inspection under this
196 section does not constitute agency action subject to chapter
197 120.

198 Section 7. Subsection (3) is added to section 402.319,
199 Florida Statutes, to read:

200 402.319 Penalties.—

201 (3) Each child care facility, family day care home, and
202 large family day care home shall annually submit an affidavit of
203 compliance with s. 39.201.

204 Section 8. Section 409.1757, Florida Statutes, is amended
205 to read:

206 409.1757 Individuals ~~Persons~~ not required to be

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207 refingerprinted or rescreened.~~Individuals~~ Any law to the
208 contrary notwithstanding, human resource personnel who have been
209 fingerprinted or screened pursuant to chapters 393, 394, 397,
210 402, and this chapter, teachers who have been fingerprinted
211 pursuant to chapter 1012, and law enforcement officers who meet
212 the requirements of s. 943.13, who have not been unemployed for
213 more than 90 days thereafter, and who under the penalty of
214 perjury attest to the completion of such fingerprinting or
215 screening and to compliance with this section and the standards
216 for good moral character as contained in such provisions as ss.
217 110.1127(2)(c), 393.0655(1), 394.457(6), 397.451, 402.305(2),
218 409.175(6), and 943.13(7), are not required to be
219 refingerprinted or rescreened in order to comply with any
220 caretaker screening or fingerprinting requirements of this
221 chapter.

222 Section 9. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (4) of
223 section 435.07, Florida Statutes, to read:

224 435.07 Exemptions from disqualification.—Unless otherwise
225 provided by law, the provisions of this section apply to
226 exemptions from disqualification for disqualifying offenses
227 revealed pursuant to background screenings required under this
228 chapter, regardless of whether those disqualifying offenses are
229 listed in this chapter or other laws.

230 (4)

231 (c) A person is ineligible for employment with a provider
232 that receives school readiness funding under part VI of chapter
233 1002 if the person has been identified as a sex offender or has
234 been convicted of:

235 1. A felony offense prohibited under any of the following

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236 statutes:

237 a. Chapter 741, relating to domestic violence.

238 b. Section 782.04, relating to murder.

239 c. Section 782.07, relating to manslaughter, aggravated
240 manslaughter of an elderly person or a disabled adult,
241 aggravated manslaughter of a child, or aggravated manslaughter
242 of an officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician,
243 or a paramedic.

244 d. Section 784.021, relating to aggravated assault.

245 e. Section 784.045, relating to aggravated battery.

246 f. Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.

247 g. Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.

248 h. Section 787.04(2), relating to leading, taking,
249 enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or
250 concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent,
251 pending custody proceedings.

252 i. Section 787.04(3), relating to leading, taking,
253 enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or
254 concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent,
255 pending dependency proceedings or proceedings concerning alleged
256 abuse or neglect of a minor.

257 j. Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.

258 k. Former s. 794.041, relating to sexual activity with or
259 solicitation of a child by a person in familial or custodial
260 authority.

261 l. Section 794.05, relating to unlawful sexual activity
262 with certain minors.

263 m. Section 794.08, relating to female genital mutilation.

264 n. Section 806.01, relating to arson.

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- 265 o. Section 826.04, relating to incest.
- 266 p. Section 827.03, relating to child abuse, aggravated
267 child abuse, or neglect of a child.
- 268 q. Section 827.04, relating to contributing to the
269 delinquency or dependency of a child.
- 270 r. Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by a
271 child.
- 272 s. Section 985.701, relating to sexual misconduct in
273 juvenile justice programs.
- 274 2. A misdemeanor offense prohibited under any of the
275 following statutes:
- 276 a. Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim of
277 the offense was a minor.
- 278 b. Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.
- 279 3. A criminal act committed in another state or under
280 federal law which, if committed in this state, would constitute
281 an offense prohibited under any statute listed in subparagraph
282 1. or subparagraph 2.
- 283 Section 10. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of section
284 1002.82, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (s)
285 through (x) are added to that subsection, to read:
- 286 1002.82 Office of Early Learning; powers and duties.—
- 287 (2) The office shall:
- 288 (i) Enter into a memorandum of understanding with local
289 licensing agencies and Develop, in coordination with the Child
290 Care Services Program Office of the Department of Children and
291 Families for inspections of school readiness program providers
292 to monitor and verify compliance with s. 1002.88 and the health
293 and safety checklist adopted by the office. The provider

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294 contract of a school readiness program provider that refuses
295 permission for entry or inspection shall be terminated. The, and
296 adopt a health and safety checklist may to be completed by
297 license-exempt providers that does not exceed the requirements
298 of s. 402.305 and the Child Care and Development Fund pursuant
299 to 45 C.F.R. part 98.

300 (s) Develop and implement strategies to increase the supply
301 and improve the quality of child care services for infants and
302 toddlers, children with disabilities, children who receive care
303 during nontraditional hours, children in underserved areas, and
304 children in areas that have significant concentrations of
305 poverty and unemployment.

306 (t) Establish preservice and inservice training
307 requirements that address, at a minimum, school readiness child
308 development standards, health and safety requirements, and
309 social-emotional behavior intervention models, which may include
310 positive behavior intervention and support models.

311 (u) Establish standards for emergency preparedness plans
312 for school readiness program providers.

313 (v) Establish group sizes.

314 (w) Establish staff-to-children ratios that do not exceed
315 the requirements of s. 402.302(8) or (11) or s. 402.305(4), as
316 applicable, for school readiness program providers.

317 (x) Establish eligibility criteria, including limitations
318 based on income and family assets, in accordance with s. 1002.87
319 and federal law.

320 Section 11. Subsections (7) and (8) of section 1002.84,
321 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

322 1002.84 Early learning coalitions; school readiness powers

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323 and duties.—Each early learning coalition shall:

324 (7) Determine child eligibility pursuant to s. 1002.87 and
325 provider eligibility pursuant to s. 1002.88. ~~At a minimum,~~ Child
326 eligibility must be redetermined annually. ~~Redetermination must~~
327 ~~also be conducted twice per year for an additional 50 percent of~~
328 ~~a coalition's enrollment through a statistically valid random~~
329 ~~sampling.~~ A coalition must document the reason ~~why~~ a child is no
330 longer eligible for the school readiness program according to
331 the standard codes prescribed by the office.

332 (8) Establish a parent sliding fee scale that provides for
333 ~~requires~~ a parent copayment that is not a barrier to families
334 receiving ~~to participate in the~~ school readiness program
335 services. Providers are required to collect the parent's
336 copayment. A coalition may, on a case-by-case basis, waive the
337 copayment for an at-risk child or temporarily waive the
338 copayment for a child whose family's income is at or below the
339 federal poverty level and whose family experiences a natural
340 disaster or an event that limits the parent's ability to pay,
341 such as incarceration, placement in residential treatment, or
342 becoming homeless, or an emergency situation such as a household
343 fire or burglary, or while the parent is participating in
344 parenting classes. A parent may not transfer school readiness
345 program services to another school readiness program provider
346 until the parent has submitted documentation from the current
347 school readiness program provider to the early learning
348 coalition stating that the parent has satisfactorily fulfilled
349 the copayment obligation.

350 Section 12. Subsections (1), (4), (5), and (6) of section
351 1002.87, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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352 1002.87 School readiness program; eligibility and
353 enrollment.—

354 (1) ~~Effective August 1, 2013, or upon reevaluation of~~
355 ~~eligibility for children currently served, whichever is later,~~
356 Each early learning coalition shall give priority for
357 participation in the school readiness program as follows:

358 (a) Priority shall be given first to a child younger than
359 13 years of age from a family that includes a parent who is
360 receiving temporary cash assistance under chapter 414 and
361 subject to the federal work requirements.

362 (b) Priority shall be given next to an at-risk child
363 younger than 9 years of age.

364 (c) Priority shall be given next to a child from birth to
365 the beginning of the school year for which the child is eligible
366 for admission to kindergarten in a public school under s.
367 1003.21(1)(a)2. who is from a working family that is
368 economically disadvantaged, and may include such child's
369 eligible siblings, beginning with the school year in which the
370 sibling is eligible for admission to kindergarten in a public
371 school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2. until the beginning of the
372 school year in which the sibling is eligible to begin 6th grade,
373 provided that the first priority for funding an eligible sibling
374 is local revenues available to the coalition for funding direct
375 services. ~~However, a child eligible under this paragraph ceases~~
376 ~~to be eligible if his or her family income exceeds 200 percent~~
377 ~~of the federal poverty level.~~

378 (d) Priority shall be given next to a child of a parent who
379 transitions from the work program into employment as described
380 in s. 445.032 from birth to the beginning of the school year for

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381 which the child is eligible for admission to kindergarten in a
382 public school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2.

383 (e) Priority shall be given next to an at-risk child who is
384 at least 9 years of age but younger than 13 years of age. An at-
385 risk child whose sibling is enrolled in the school readiness
386 program within an eligibility priority category listed in
387 paragraphs (a)-(c) shall be given priority over other children
388 who are eligible under this paragraph.

389 (f) Priority shall be given next to a child who is younger
390 than 13 years of age from a working family that is economically
391 disadvantaged. A child who is eligible under this paragraph
392 whose sibling is enrolled in the school readiness program under
393 paragraph (c) shall be given priority over other children who
394 are eligible under this paragraph. ~~However, a child eligible~~
395 ~~under this paragraph ceases to be eligible if his or her family~~
396 ~~income exceeds 200 percent of the federal poverty level.~~

397 (g) Priority shall be given next to a child of a parent who
398 transitions from the work program into employment as described
399 in s. 445.032 who is younger than 13 years of age.

400 (h) Priority shall be given next to a child who has special
401 needs, has been determined eligible as a student with a
402 disability, has a current individual education plan with a
403 Florida school district, and is not younger than 3 years of age.
404 A special needs child eligible under this paragraph remains
405 eligible until the child is eligible for admission to
406 kindergarten in a public school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2.

407 (i) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(d), priority shall be
408 given last to a child who otherwise meets one of the eligibility
409 criteria in paragraphs (a)-(d) but who is also enrolled

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410 concurrently in the federal Head Start Program and the Voluntary
411 Prekindergarten Education Program.

412 (4) The parent of a child enrolled in the school readiness
413 program must notify the coalition or its designee within 10 days
414 after any change in employment status, income, or family size or
415 failure to maintain attendance at a job training or educational
416 program in accordance with program requirements. ~~Upon~~
417 ~~notification by the parent, the child's eligibility must be~~
418 ~~reevaluated.~~

419 (5) A child whose eligibility priority category requires
420 the child to be from a working family ceases to be eligible for
421 the school readiness program if a parent with whom the child
422 resides does not reestablish employment or resume attendance at
423 a job training or educational program within 90 ~~60~~ days after
424 becoming unemployed or ceasing to attend a job training or
425 educational program.

426 (6) Eligibility for each child must be reevaluated
427 annually. Upon reevaluation, a child may not continue to receive
428 school readiness program services if he or she has ceased to be
429 eligible under this section. A child who is ineligible due to a
430 parent's job loss or cessation of job training or education
431 shall continue to receive school readiness program services for
432 at least 3 months to enable the parent to obtain employment.

433 Section 13. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of subsection (1)
434 of section 1002.88, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

435 1002.88 School readiness program provider standards;
436 eligibility to deliver the school readiness program.-

437 (1) To be eligible to deliver the school readiness program,
438 a school readiness program provider must:

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439 (c) Provide basic health and safety of its premises and
440 facilities and compliance with requirements for age-appropriate
441 immunizations of children enrolled in the school readiness
442 program.

443 1. For a provider that is licensed child care facility, a
444 large family child care home, or a licensed family day care
445 home, compliance with s. 402.305, s. 402.3131, or s. 402.313 and
446 this subsection, as verified pursuant to s. 402.311, satisfies
447 this requirement.

448 2. For a provider that is a registered family day care home
449 or is not subject to licensure or registration by the Department
450 of Children and Families, compliance with this subsection, as
451 verified pursuant to s. 402.311, satisfies this requirement.
452 Upon such verification, the provider ~~For a public or nonpublic~~
453 ~~school, compliance with s. 402.3025 or s. 1003.22 satisfies this~~
454 ~~requirement. A faith-based child care provider, an informal~~
455 ~~child care provider, or a nonpublic school, exempt from~~
456 ~~licensure under s. 402.316 or s. 402.3025, shall annually post~~
457 ~~complete the health and safety checklist adopted by the office,~~
458 ~~post the checklist prominently on its premises in plain sight~~
459 ~~for visitors and parents,~~ and shall annually submit the
460 checklist ~~it annually~~ to its local early learning coalition.

461 (d) Provide an appropriate group size and staff-to-children
462 ratio, pursuant to s. 402.305(4) or s. 402.302(8) or (11), as
463 applicable, and as verified pursuant to s. 402.311.

464 (e) Employ child care personnel, as defined in s.
465 402.302(3), who have satisfied the screening requirements of
466 chapter 402 and fulfilled the training requirements of the
467 office ~~Provide a healthy and safe environment pursuant to s.~~

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468 ~~402.305(5), (6), and (7), as applicable, and as verified~~
469 ~~pursuant to s. 402.311.~~

470 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) and subsection
471 (7) of section 1002.89, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
472 1002.89 School readiness program; funding.—

473 (6) Costs shall be kept to the minimum necessary for the
474 efficient and effective administration of the school readiness
475 program with the highest priority of expenditure being direct
476 services for eligible children. However, no more than 5 percent
477 of the funds described in subsection (5) may be used for
478 administrative costs and no more than 22 percent of the funds
479 described in subsection (5) may be used in any fiscal year for
480 any combination of administrative costs, quality activities, and
481 nondirect services as follows:

482 (b) Activities to improve the quality of child care as
483 described in 45 C.F.R. s. 98.51, which must ~~shall~~ be limited to
484 the following:

485 1. Developing, establishing, expanding, operating, and
486 coordinating resource and referral programs specifically related
487 to the provision of comprehensive consumer education to parents
488 and the public to promote informed child care choices specified
489 in 45 C.F.R. s. 98.33 ~~regarding participation in the school~~
490 ~~readiness program and parental choice.~~

491 2. Awarding grants and providing financial support to
492 school readiness program providers and their staff to assist
493 them in meeting applicable state requirements for child care
494 performance standards, implementing developmentally appropriate
495 curricula and related classroom resources that support
496 curricula, providing literacy supports, and providing continued

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497 professional development and training. Any grants awarded
498 pursuant to this subparagraph shall comply with ~~the requirements~~
499 ~~of~~ ss. 215.971 and 287.058.

500 3. Providing training, and technical assistance, and
501 financial support to ~~for~~ school readiness program providers and
502 their staff, and parents on standards, child screenings, child
503 assessments, child development research and best practices,
504 developmentally appropriate curricula, character development,
505 teacher-child interactions, age-appropriate discipline
506 practices, health and safety, nutrition, first aid,
507 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the recognition of communicable
508 diseases, and child abuse detection, and prevention, and
509 reporting.

510 4. Providing, from among the funds provided for the
511 activities described in subparagraphs 1.-3., adequate funding
512 for infants and toddlers as necessary to meet federal
513 requirements related to expenditures for quality activities for
514 infant and toddler care.

515 5. Improving the monitoring of compliance with, and
516 enforcement of, applicable state and local requirements as
517 described in and limited by 45 C.F.R. s. 98.40.

518 6. Responding to Warm-Line requests by providers and
519 parents ~~related to school readiness program children~~, including
520 providing developmental and health screenings to school
521 readiness program children.

522 (7) Funds appropriated for the school readiness program may
523 not be expended for the purchase or improvement of land; for the
524 purchase, construction, or permanent improvement of any building
525 or facility; or for the purchase of buses. However, funds may be

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526 expended for minor remodeling and upgrading of child care
527 facilities which is necessary for the administration of the
528 program and to ensure that providers meet state and local child
529 care standards, including applicable health and safety
530 requirements.

531 Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.