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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Baxley moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between lines 1535 and 1536

insert:

(11) VIRTUAL EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION.—The Legislature may annually provide in the Florida Education Finance Program a virtual education contribution. The amount of the virtual education contribution shall be the difference between the amount per FTE established in the General Appropriations Act for virtual education and the amount per FTE for each district and the Florida Virtual School, which may be calculated by taking



12 the sum of the base FEFP allocation, the discretionary local
13 effort, the state-funded discretionary contribution, the
14 discretionary millage compression supplement, the research-based
15 reading instruction allocation, and the instructional materials
16 allocation, and then dividing by the total unweighted FTE. This
17 difference shall be multiplied by the virtual education
18 unweighted FTE for programs and options identified in s.
19 1002.455 ~~s. 1002.455(3)~~ and the Florida Virtual School and its
20 franchises to equal the virtual education contribution and shall
21 be included as a separate allocation in the funding formula.

22 Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 1002.33, Florida
23 Statutes, is amended to read:

24 1002.33 Charter schools.—

25 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—Charter schools shall be part of the
26 state's program of public education. All charter schools in
27 Florida are public schools. A charter school may be formed by
28 creating a new school or converting an existing public school to
29 charter status. A charter school may operate a virtual charter
30 school pursuant to s. 1002.45(1)(d) to provide full-time online
31 instruction to ~~eligible~~ students, pursuant to s. 1002.455, in
32 kindergarten through grade 12. An existing charter school that
33 is seeking to become a virtual charter school must amend its
34 charter or submit a new application pursuant to subsection (6)
35 to become a virtual charter school. A virtual charter school is
36 subject to the requirements of this section; however, a virtual
37 charter school is exempt from subsections (18) and (19),
38 subparagraphs (20)(a)2., 4., 5., and 7., paragraph (20)(c), and
39 s. 1003.03. A public school may not use the term charter in its
40 name unless it has been approved under this section.



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41 Section 19. Subsection (5) and paragraph (b) of subsection
42 (6) of section 1002.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

43 1002.45 Virtual instruction programs.—

44 (5) STUDENT ELIGIBILITY.—A student may enroll in a virtual
45 instruction program provided by the school district or by a
46 virtual charter school ~~operated in the district in which he or~~
47 ~~she resides if the student meets eligibility requirements for~~
48 ~~virtual instruction~~ pursuant to s. 1002.455.

49 (6) STUDENT PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.—Each student
50 enrolled in a virtual instruction program or virtual charter
51 school must:

52 (b) Take statewide assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22.
53 Statewide assessments may be administered ~~state assessment tests~~
54 within the school district in which such student resides, or as
55 specified in the contract in accordance with s. 1008.24(3). If
56 requested by the approved provider or virtual charter school,
57 the district of residence ~~which~~ must provide the student with
58 access to the district's testing facilities.

59 Section 20. Subsection (2) of section 1003.498, Florida
60 Statutes, is amended to read:

61 1003.498 School district virtual course offerings.—

62 (2) School districts may offer virtual courses for students
63 enrolled in a ~~the~~ school district. These courses must be
64 identified in the course code directory. Students ~~who meet the~~
65 ~~eligibility requirements of s. 1002.455~~ may participate in these
66 virtual course offerings pursuant to s. 1002.455.

67 (a) Any eligible student who is enrolled in a school
68 district may register and enroll in an online course ~~offered by~~
69 ~~his or her school district.~~



70 (b)1. Any ~~eligible~~ student who is enrolled in a school
71 district may register and enroll in an online course offered by
72 any other school district in the state. The school district in
73 which the student completes the course shall report the
74 student's completion of that course for funding pursuant to s.
75 1011.61(1)(c)1.b.(VI), and the home school district shall not
76 report the student for funding for that course.

77 2. The full-time equivalent student membership calculated
78 under this subsection is subject to the requirements in s.
79 1011.61(4). The Department of Education shall establish
80 procedures to enable interdistrict coordination for the delivery
81 and funding of this online option.

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83 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

84 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

85 Delete line 1266

86 and insert:

87 Section 17. Paragraphs (l) through (o) of subsection (1)
88 and subsection (11) of

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90 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

91 And the title is amended as follows:

92 Delete line 97

93 and insert:

94 student completion of certain courses; conforming a
95 cross-reference; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; conforming
96 a provision to changes made in the act; amending s.
97 1002.45, F.S.; revising student eligibility and
98 participation requirements for virtual instruction



99 | programs; amending s. 1003.498, F.S.; conforming
100 | provisions and a cross-reference to changes made by
101 | the act; amending s.