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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education Committee
 2 Representative Donalds offered the following:

Amendment

Remove lines 178-421 and insert:

6 (b)1. Annually administer or make provision for students
 7 participating in the program in grades 3 through 10 to take one
 8 of the nationally norm-referenced tests identified by the
 9 department or the statewide assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22.
 10 Students with disabilities for whom standardized testing is not
 11 appropriate are exempt from this requirement. A participating
 12 private school shall report a student's scores to his or her
 13 parent.

14 2. Administer the statewide assessments pursuant to s.
 15 1008.22 if a private school chooses to offer the statewide
 16 assessments. A participating private school may choose to offer

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17 and administer the statewide assessments to all students who
18 attend the private school in grades 3 through 10 and must submit
19 a request in writing to the department by March 1 of each year
20 in order to administer the statewide assessments in the
21 subsequent school year.

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23 If a private school fails to meet the requirements of this
24 subsection, or s. 1002.421 the commissioner may determine that
25 the private school is ineligible to participate in the program.

26 (8) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OBLIGATIONS.—The department
27 shall:

28 (a) Cross-check the list of participating scholarship
29 students with the public school enrollment lists to avoid
30 duplication.

31 (b) Maintain a list of nationally norm-referenced tests
32 identified for purposes of satisfying the testing requirement in
33 paragraph (10) (f). The tests must meet industry standards of
34 quality in accordance with State Board of Education rule.

35 (c) Require quarterly reports by an eligible nonprofit
36 scholarship-funding organization regarding the number of
37 students participating in the program, the private schools in
38 which the students are enrolled, and other information deemed
39 necessary by the department.

40 (d) Contract with an independent entity to provide an
41 annual evaluation of the program by:

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42 1. Reviewing the school climate and code of student
43 conduct of each public school from which 10 or more students
44 transferred to another public school or private school using the
45 Hope scholarship to determine areas in the school or school
46 district procedures involving reporting, investigating, and
47 communicating a parent's and student's rights that are in need
48 of improvement. At a minimum, the review must include:

49 a. An assessment of the investigation time and quality of
50 the response of the school and the school district.

51 b. An assessment of the effectiveness of communication
52 procedures with the students involved in an incident, the
53 students' parents, and the school and school district personnel;

54 c. An analysis of school incident and discipline data;

55 d. The challenges and obstacles relating to implementing
56 recommendations from the review.

57 2. Reviewing the school climate and code of student
58 conduct of each public school to which a student transferred if
59 the student was from a school identified in subparagraph 1. in
60 order to identify best practices and make recommendations to a
61 public school at which the incidents occurred.

62 3. Reviewing the performance of participating students
63 enrolled in a private school in which at least 51 percent of the
64 total enrolled students in the prior school year participated in
65 the program and in which there are at least 10 participating
66 students who have scores for tests administered.

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67 4. Surveying the parents of participating students to
68 determine academic, safety, and school climate satisfaction and
69 to identify any challenges to or obstacles in addressing the
70 incident or relating to the use of the scholarship.