

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Hope Scholarship Program;
3 creating s. 1002.40, F.S.; establishing the Hope
4 Scholarship Program; providing the purpose of the
5 program; providing definitions; providing eligibility
6 requirements; prohibiting the payment of a scholarship
7 under certain circumstances; requiring a school
8 principal to investigate a report of physical violence
9 or emotional abuse; providing for a scholarship to
10 remain in force for a specified period under certain
11 circumstances; requiring a school district to notify
12 an eligible student's parent of the program; requiring
13 a school district to provide certain information
14 relating to the statewide assessment program;
15 providing requirements and obligations for eligible
16 private schools; providing Department of Education
17 obligations relating to participating students and
18 private schools and program requirements; providing
19 parent and student responsibilities for initial and
20 continued participation in the program; providing
21 nonprofit scholarship-funding organization
22 obligations; providing for the calculation of the
23 scholarship amount; providing the scholarship amount
24 for students transferred to certain public schools;
25 requiring verification of specified information before

26 a scholarship may be disbursed; providing requirements
27 for the scholarship payments; providing funds for
28 administrative expenses for certain nonprofit
29 scholarship-funding organizations; providing
30 requirements for administrative expenses; prohibiting
31 a nonprofit scholarship-funding organization from
32 charging an application fee; providing Auditor General
33 obligations; providing requirements for elections to
34 contribute to the program; requiring the Department of
35 Revenue to adopt forms to administer the program;
36 providing reporting requirements for nonprofit
37 scholarship-funding organizations relating to
38 contributions; providing requirements for certain
39 agents of the Department of Revenue and motor vehicle
40 dealers; providing penalties; providing for the
41 restitution of specified funds under certain
42 circumstances; providing the state is not liable for
43 the award or use of program funds; prohibiting
44 additional regulations for private schools
45 participating in the program beyond those necessary to
46 enforce program requirements; requiring the State
47 Board of Education to adopt rules to administer the
48 program; creating s. 212.1832, F.S.; authorizing
49 certain persons to elect to direct certain state sales
50 and use tax revenue to be transferred to a nonprofit

51 scholarship-funding organizations for the Hope
52 Scholarship Program; providing requirements for motor
53 vehicle dealers; requiring the Department of Revenue
54 to disregard certain tax credits for specified
55 purposes; amending s. 213.053, F.S.; requiring the
56 Department of Revenue to share specified information
57 with eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding
58 organizations; providing that certain requirements
59 apply to such organizations; amending s. 1002.421,
60 F.S.; providing private school requirements for
61 participation in educational scholarship programs;
62 providing background screening requirements and
63 procedures for owners of private schools; providing
64 that a private school is ineligible to participate in
65 an educational scholarship program under certain
66 circumstances; providing department obligations
67 relating to educational scholarship programs;
68 providing commissioner authority and responsibilities
69 for educational scholarship programs; authorizing the
70 commissioner to deny, suspend, or revoke a private
71 school's participation in an educational scholarship
72 program; authorizing the Department of Revenue to
73 adopt emergency rules for specified purposes;
74 providing a contingent appropriation; providing an
75 effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1002.40, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1002.40 The Hope Scholarship Program.—

(1) PURPOSE.—The Hope Scholarship Program is established to provide the parent of a public school student who was subjected to an incident listed in subsection (3) an opportunity to transfer the student to another public school or to request a scholarship for the student to enroll in and attend an eligible private school.

(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Dealer" has the same meaning as provided in s. 212.06.

(b) "Department" means the Department of Education.

(c) "Designated agent" has the same meaning as provided in s. 212.06(10).

(d) "Eligible contribution" or "contribution" means a monetary contribution from a person purchasing a motor vehicle, subject to the restrictions provided in this section, to an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization. The person making the contribution may not designate a specific student as the beneficiary of the contribution.

(e) "Eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization"

101 or "organization" has the same meaning as provided in s.
102 1002.395(2) (f).

103 (f) "Eligible private school" has the same meaning as
104 provided in s. 1002.395(2) (g).

105 (g) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in s.
106 320.01(1) (a), but does not include a heavy truck, truck tractor,
107 trailer, or motorcycle.

108 (h) "Parent" means a resident of this state who is a
109 parent, as defined in s. 1000.21, and whose student was
110 subjected to an incident listed in subsection (3).

111 (i) "Program" means the Hope Scholarship Program.

112 (j) "School" means any educational program or activity
113 conducted by a public K-12 educational institution, any school-
114 related or school-sponsored program or activity, and riding on a
115 school bus, as defined in s. 1006.25(1), including waiting at a
116 school bus stop.

117 (k) "Unweighted FTE funding amount" means the statewide
118 average total funds per unweighted full-time equivalent funding
119 amount that is incorporated by reference in the General
120 Appropriations Act, or by a subsequent special appropriations
121 act, for the applicable state fiscal year.

122 (3) PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.—Beginning with the 2018-2019
123 school year, contingent upon available funds, and on a first-
124 come, first-served basis, a student enrolled in a Florida public
125 school in kindergarten through grade 12 is eligible for a

126 scholarship under this program if the student has been subjected
127 to an incident of battery; harassment; hazing; bullying;
128 kidnapping; physical attack; robbery; sexual offenses,
129 harassment, assault, or battery; threat or intimidation; or
130 fighting at school.

131 (4) PROGRAM PROHIBITIONS.—Payment of a scholarship to a
132 student enrolled in a private school may not be made if a
133 student is:

134 (a) Enrolled in a public school, including, but not
135 limited to, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind; the
136 College-Preparatory Boarding Academy; a developmental research
137 school authorized under s. 1002.32; or a charter school
138 authorized under s. 1002.33, s. 1002.331, or s. 1002.332;

139 (b) Enrolled in a school operating for the purpose of
140 providing educational services to youth in the Department of
141 Juvenile Justice commitment programs;

142 (c) Participating in a virtual school, correspondence
143 school, or distance learning program that receives state funding
144 pursuant to the student's participation unless the participation
145 is limited to no more than two courses per school year; or

146 (d) Receiving any other educational scholarship pursuant
147 to this chapter.

148 (5) TERM OF HOPE SCHOLARSHIP.—For purposes of continuity
149 of educational choice, a Hope scholarship shall remain in force
150 until the student returns to public school or graduates from

151 high school, whichever occurs first. A scholarship student who
152 enrolls in a public school or public school program is
153 considered to have returned to a public school for the purpose
154 of determining the end of the scholarship's term.

155 (6) SCHOOL DISTRICT OBLIGATIONS; PARENTAL OPTIONS.—

156 (a) Upon receipt of a report of an incident listed in
157 subsection (3), the school principal or his or her designee
158 shall provide a copy of the report to the parent and investigate
159 the incident to determine if the incident must be reported as
160 required by s. 1006.09(6). Upon conclusion of the investigation
161 or within 15 days after the incident was reported, whichever
162 occurs first, the school district shall notify the parent of the
163 program and offer the parent an opportunity to enroll his or her
164 student in another public school or to request and receive a
165 scholarship to attend an eligible private school, subject to
166 available funding. A parent who chooses to enroll his or her
167 student in a public school located outside the district in which
168 the student resides pursuant to s. 1002.31 shall be eligible for
169 a scholarship to transport the student as provided in paragraph
170 (11) (b).

171 (b) For each student participating in the program in an
172 eligible private school who chooses to participate in the
173 statewide assessments under s. 1008.22 or the Florida Alternate
174 Assessment, the school district in which the student resides
175 must notify the student and his or her parent about the

176 locations and times to take all statewide assessments.

177 (7) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—An
178 eligible private school may be sectarian or nonsectarian and
179 shall:

180 (a) Comply with all requirements for private schools
181 participating in state school choice scholarship programs
182 pursuant to this section and s. 1002.421.

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

191 2. Administer the statewide assessments pursuant to s.
192 1008.22 if a private school chooses to offer the statewide
193 assessments. A participating private school may choose to offer
194 and administer the statewide assessments to all students who
195 attend the private school in grades 3 through 10 and must submit
196 a request in writing to the department by March 1 of each year
197 in order to administer the statewide assessments in the
198 subsequent school year.

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200 If a private school fails to meet the requirements of this

201 subsection or s. 1002.421, the Commissioner of Education may
202 determine that the private school is ineligible to participate
203 in the program.

204 (8) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OBLIGATIONS.—The department
205 shall:

206 (a) Cross-check the list of participating scholarship
207 students with the public school enrollment lists to avoid
208 duplication.

209 (b) Maintain a list of nationally norm-referenced tests
210 identified for purposes of satisfying the testing requirement in
211 paragraph (9) (f). The tests must meet industry standards of
212 quality in accordance with State Board of Education rule.

213 (c) Require quarterly reports by an eligible nonprofit
214 scholarship-funding organization regarding the number of
215 students participating in the program, the private schools in
216 which the students are enrolled, and other information deemed
217 necessary by the department.

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

220 1. Reviewing the school climate and code of student
221 conduct of each public school from which 10 or more students
222 transferred to another public school or private school using the
223 Hope scholarship to determine areas in the school or school
224 district procedures involving reporting, investigating, and
225 communicating a parent's and student's rights that are in need

226 of improvement. At a minimum, the review must include:

227 a. An assessment of the investigation time and quality of

228 the response of the school and the school district.

229 b. An assessment of the effectiveness of communication

230 procedures with the students involved in an incident, the

231 students' parents, and the school and school district personnel.

232 c. An analysis of school incident and discipline data.

233 d. The challenges and obstacles relating to implementing

234 recommendations from the review.

235 2. Reviewing the school climate and code of student

236 conduct of each public school to which a student transferred if

237 the student was from a school identified in subparagraph 1. in

238 order to identify best practices and make recommendations to a

239 public school at which the incidents occurred.

240 3. Reviewing the performance of participating students

241 enrolled in a private school in which at least 51 percent of the

242 total enrolled students in the prior school year participated in

243 the program and in which there are at least 10 participating

244 students who have scores for tests administered.

245 4. Surveying the parents of participating students to

246 determine academic, safety, and school climate satisfaction and

247 to identify any challenges to or obstacles in addressing the

248 incident or relating to the use of the scholarship.

249 (9) PARENT AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROGRAM

250 PARTICIPATION.—A parent who applies for a Hope scholarship is

251 exercising his or her parental option to place his or her
252 student in an eligible private school.

253 (a) The parent must select an eligible private school and
254 apply for the admission of his or her student.

255 (b) The parent must inform the student's school district
256 when the parent withdraws his or her student to attend an
257 eligible private school.

258 (c) Any student participating in the program must remain
259 in attendance throughout the school year unless excused by the
260 school for illness or other good cause.

261 (d) Each parent and each student has an obligation to the
262 private school to comply with such school's published policies.

263 (e) Upon reasonable notice to the department and the
264 school district, the parent may remove the student from the
265 private school and place the student in a public school in
266 accordance with this section.

267 (f) The parent must ensure that the student participating
268 in the program takes the norm-referenced assessment offered by
269 the private school. The parent may also choose to have the
270 student participate in the statewide assessments pursuant to s.
271 1008.22. If the parent requests that the student take the
272 statewide assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22 and the private
273 school has not chosen to offer and administer the statewide
274 assessments, the parent is responsible for transporting the
275 student to the assessment site designated by the school

276 district.

277 (g) Upon receipt of a scholarship warrant, the parent to
278 whom the warrant is made must restrictively endorse the warrant
279 to the private school for deposit into the account of such
280 school. If payment is made by funds transfer in accordance with
281 paragraph (11) (d), the parent must approve each payment before
282 the scholarship funds may be deposited. The parent may not
283 designate any entity or individual associated with the
284 participating private school as the parent's attorney in fact to
285 endorse a scholarship warrant or approve a funds transfer. A
286 parent who fails to comply with this paragraph forfeits the
287 scholarship.

288 (10) OBLIGATIONS OF ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT SCHOLARSHIP-FUNDING
289 ORGANIZATIONS.—An eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding
290 organization may establish scholarships for eligible students
291 by:

292 (a) Receiving applications and determining student
293 eligibility in accordance with the requirements of this section.

294 (b) Notifying parents of their receipt of a scholarship on
295 a first-come, first-served basis, based upon available funds.

296 (c) Establishing a date by which the parent of a
297 participating student must confirm continuing participation in
298 the program.

299 (d) Awarding scholarship funds to eligible students,
300 giving priority to renewing students from the previous year.

301 (e) Preparing and submitting quarterly reports to the
302 department pursuant to paragraph (8)(c). In addition, an
303 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization must submit
304 in a timely manner any information requested by the department
305 relating to the program.

306 (f) Notifying the department of any violation of this
307 section.

308 (11) FUNDING AND PAYMENT.—

309 (a) The maximum amount awarded to a student enrolled in an
310 eligible private school shall be determined as a percentage of
311 the unweighted FTE funding amount for that state fiscal year and
312 thereafter as follows:

313 1. Eighty-eight percent for a student enrolled in
314 kindergarten through grade 5.

315 2. Ninety-two percent for a student enrolled in grade 6
316 through grade 8.

317 3. Ninety-six percent for a student enrolled in grade 9
318 through grade 12.

319 (b) The maximum amount awarded to a student enrolled in a
320 public school located outside of the district in which the
321 student resides shall be \$750.

322 (c) When a student enters the program, the eligible
323 nonprofit scholarship-funding organization must receive all
324 documentation required for the student's participation,
325 including a copy of the report of the incident received pursuant

326 to subsection (6) and the private school's and the student's fee
327 schedules. The initial payment shall be made after verification
328 of admission acceptance, and subsequent payments shall be made
329 upon verification of continued enrollment and attendance at the
330 private school.

331 (d) Payment of the scholarship by the eligible nonprofit
332 scholarship-funding organization may be by individual warrant
333 made payable to the student's parent or by funds transfer,
334 including, but not limited to, debit cards, electronic payment
335 cards, or any other means of payment that the department deems
336 to be commercially viable or cost-effective. If payments are
337 made by warrant, the warrant must be delivered by the eligible
338 nonprofit scholarship-funding organization to the private school
339 of the parent's choice, and the parent shall restrictively
340 endorse the warrant to the private school. If payment is made by
341 funds transfer, the parent must approve each payment before the
342 scholarship funds may be deposited. The parent may not designate
343 any entity or individual associated with the participating
344 private school as the parent's attorney in fact to endorse a
345 scholarship warrant or approve a funds transfer.

346 (e) An eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization
347 shall obtain verification from the private school of a student's
348 continued attendance at the school for each period covered by a
349 scholarship payment.

350 (f) Payment of the scholarship shall be made by the

351 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization no less
352 frequently than on a quarterly basis.

353 (g) An eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization
354 may use up to 3 percent of eligible contributions received
355 during the state fiscal year in which such contributions are
356 collected for administrative expenses if the organization has
357 operated as an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding
358 organization for at least the preceding 3 fiscal years and did
359 not have any findings of material weakness or material
360 noncompliance in its most recent audit under s. 1002.395(6)(m).
361 Such administrative expenses must be reasonable and necessary
362 for the organization's management and distribution of eligible
363 contributions under this section. Funds authorized under this
364 paragraph may not be used for lobbying or political activity or
365 expenses related to lobbying or political activity. Up to one-
366 third of the funds authorized for administrative expenses under
367 this paragraph may be used for expenses related to the
368 recruitment of contributions. An eligible nonprofit scholarship-
369 funding organization may not charge an application fee.

370 (h) Moneys received pursuant to this section do not
371 constitute taxable income to the qualified student or his or her
372 parent.

373 (12) OBLIGATIONS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL.—

374 (a) The Auditor General shall conduct an annual
375 operational audit of accounts and records of each organization

376 that participates in the program. As part of this audit, the
377 Auditor General shall verify, at a minimum, the total number of
378 students served and transmit that information to the department.
379 The Auditor General shall provide the commissioner with a copy
380 of each annual operational audit performed pursuant to this
381 paragraph within 10 days after the audit is finalized.

382 (b) The Auditor General shall notify the department of any
383 organization that fails to comply with a request for
384 information.

385 (13) SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING TAX CREDITS—

386 (a) A tax credit is available under s. 212.1832(1) for use
387 by a person that makes an eligible contribution. Each eligible
388 contribution is limited to a single payment of \$105 per motor
389 vehicle purchased at the time of purchase of a motor vehicle or
390 a single payment of \$105 per motor vehicle purchased at the time
391 of registration of a motor vehicle that was not purchased from a
392 dealer. Payments of contributions shall be made to a dealer at
393 the time of purchase of a motor vehicle or to a designated agent
394 or private tag agent at the time of registration of a motor
395 vehicle that was not purchased from a dealer. An eligible
396 contribution shall be accompanied by a contribution election
397 form provided by the Department of Revenue. The form shall
398 include, at a minimum, a brief description of the Hope
399 Scholarship Program and a section allowing the consumer to
400 designate, from all participating scholarship funding

401 organizations, which organization will receive his or her
402 donation. For purposes of this subsection, the term "purchase"
403 does not include the lease or rental of a motor vehicle.

404 (b) A dealer, designated agent, or private tag agent
405 shall:

406 1. Provide the purchaser the contribution election form,
407 as provided by the Department of Revenue, at the time of
408 purchase of a motor vehicle or at the time of registration of a
409 motor vehicle that was not purchased from a dealer.

410 2. Collect eligible contributions.

411 3. Using a form provided by the Department of Revenue,
412 which shall include the dealer's or agent's federal employer
413 identification number, remit to an organization no later than
414 the date the return filed pursuant to s. 212.11 is due the total
415 amount of contributions made to that organization and collected
416 during the preceding reporting period. The dealer or agent shall
417 also report this information to the Department of Revenue no
418 later than the date the return filed pursuant to s. 212.11 is
419 due.

420 4. Report to the Department of Revenue on each return
421 filed pursuant to s. 212.11 the total amount of credits granted
422 under s. 212.1832 for the preceding reporting period.

423 (c) An organization shall report to the Department of
424 Revenue, on or before the 20th day of each month, the total
425 amount of contributions received pursuant to paragraph (b) in

426 the preceding calendar month, on a form provided by the
427 Department of Revenue. Such report shall include:

428 1. The federal employer identification number of each
429 designated agent, private tag agent, or dealer who remitted
430 contributions to the organization during that reporting period.

431 2. The amount of contributions received from each
432 designated agent, private tag agent, or dealer during that
433 reporting period.

434 (d) A person who, with the intent to unlawfully deprive or
435 defraud the program of its moneys or the use or benefit thereof,
436 fails to remit a contribution collected under this section is
437 guilty of theft, punishable as follows:

438 1. If the total amount stolen is less than \$300, the
439 offense is a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as
440 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Upon a second conviction,
441 the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree,
442 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Upon a third
443 or subsequent conviction, the offender is guilty of a felony of
444 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
445 775.083, or s. 775.084.

446 2. If the total amount stolen is \$300 or more, but less
447 than \$20,000, the offense is a felony of the third degree,
448 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

449 3. If the total amount stolen is \$20,000 or more, but less
450 than \$100,000, the offense is a felony of the second degree,

451 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

452 4. If the total amount stolen is \$100,000 or more, the
453 offense is a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided
454 in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

455 (e) A person convicted of an offense under paragraph (d)
456 shall be ordered by the sentencing judge to make restitution to
457 the organization in the amount that was stolen from the program.

458 (f) Upon a finding that a dealer failed to remit a
459 contribution under subparagraph(b)3. for which the dealer
460 claimed a credit pursuant to s. 212.1832(2), the Department of
461 Revenue shall notify the dealer of such finding and request
462 evidence from the dealer that demonstrates the remittance
463 obligation was met within 30 days after such notice is issued.
464 If, within 30 days after such notice was issued, the dealer
465 fails to provide evidence to the Department of Revenue that the
466 contribution in question was remitted, the Department of Revenue
467 may impose a civil fine in an amount equal to twice the amount
468 of contributions the dealer failed to remit, which fine shall be
469 transferred into the General Revenue Fund. If the fine is not
470 paid within 60 days after it is imposed, the Department of
471 Revenue may bring a civil action under s. 120.69 to recover such
472 fine.

473 (g) Any dealer, designated agent, private tag agent, or
474 organization that fails to timely submit reports to the
475 Department of Revenue as required in paragraphs (b) and (c) is

476 subject to a penalty of \$1,000 for every month, or part thereof,
477 the report is not provided, up to a maximum amount of \$10,000.
478 Such penalty shall be collected by the Department of Revenue and
479 shall be transferred into the General Revenue Fund. Such penalty
480 must be settled or compromised if it is determined by the
481 Department of Revenue that the noncompliance is due to
482 reasonable cause and not due to willful negligence, willful
483 neglect, or fraud.

484 (14) LIABILITY.—The state is not liable for the award or
485 any use of awarded funds under this section.

486 (15) SCOPE OF AUTHORITY.—This section does not expand the
487 regulatory authority of this state, its officers, or any school
488 district to impose additional regulation on participating
489 private schools beyond those reasonably necessary to enforce
490 requirements expressly set forth in this section.

491 (16) RULES.—The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
492 to administer this section, except the Department of Revenue
493 shall adopt rules to administer subsection (13).

494 Section 2. Section 212.1832, Florida Statutes, is created
495 to read:

496 212.1832 Credit for contributions to the Hope Scholarship
497 Program.—

498 (1) Upon adoption of rules, the purchaser of a motor
499 vehicle shall be granted a credit of 100 percent of an eligible
500 contribution made to an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding

501 organization under s. 1002.40 against any tax imposed by the
502 state and collected from the purchaser by a dealer, designated
503 agent, or private tag agent as a result of the purchase or
504 acquisition of a motor vehicle. For purposes of this subsection,
505 the term "purchase" does not include the lease or rental or a
506 motor vehicle.

507 (2) A dealer shall take a credit against any tax imposed
508 by the state under this chapter on the purchase of a motor
509 vehicle in an amount equal to the credit granted to the
510 purchaser under subsection (1).

511 (3) For purposes of the distributions of tax revenue under
512 s. 212.20, the department shall disregard any tax credits
513 allowed under this section to ensure that any reduction in tax
514 revenue received that is attributable to the tax credits results
515 only in a reduction in distributions to the General Revenue
516 Fund. The provisions of s. 1002.40 apply to the credit
517 authorized by this section.

518 Section 3. Subsection (21) is added to section 213.053,
519 Florida Statutes, to read:

520 213.053 Confidentiality and information sharing.—

521 (21) (a) The department may provide to an eligible
522 nonprofit scholarship-funding organization, as defined in s.
523 1004.20, a dealer's name, address, federal employer
524 identification number, and information related to differences
525 between credits taken by the dealer pursuant to s. 212.1832(2)

526 and amounts remitted to the eligible nonprofit scholarship-
 527 funding organization under s. 1002.40(13)(b)3. The scholarship-
 528 funding organization may use the information for purposes of
 529 recovering eligible contributions designated for that
 530 organization which were collected by the dealer but never
 531 remitted to the organization.

532 (b) Nothing in this subsection authorizes the disclosure
 533 of information if such disclosure is prohibited by federal law.
 534 The eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization is bound
 535 by the same requirements of confidentiality and the same
 536 penalties for a violation of the requirements as the department.

537 Section 4. Section 1002.421, Florida Statutes, is amended
 538 to read:

539 1002.421 ~~Accountability of private schools participating~~
 540 ~~in~~ State school choice scholarship program accountability and
 541 oversight programs.-

542 (1) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.-A Florida
 543 private school participating in ~~the Florida Tax Credit~~
 544 ~~Scholarship Program established pursuant to s. 1002.395 or an~~
 545 educational scholarship program established pursuant to this
 546 chapter must be a Florida private school as defined in s.
 547 1002.01(2), be registered, and be in compliance ~~comply~~ with all
 548 requirements of this section in addition to private school
 549 requirements outlined in s. 1002.42, specific requirements
 550 identified within respective scholarship program laws, and other

551 provisions of Florida law that apply to private schools, and
552 must:

553 ~~(2) A private school participating in a scholarship~~
554 ~~program must be a Florida private school as defined in s.~~
555 ~~1002.01(2), must be registered in accordance with s. 1002.42,~~
556 ~~and must:~~

557 (a) Comply with the antidiscrimination provisions of 42
558 U.S.C. s. 2000d.

559 (b) Notify the department of its intent to participate in
560 a scholarship program.

561 (c) Notify the department of any change in the school's
562 name, school director, mailing address, or physical location
563 within 15 days after the change.

564 (d) Provide to the department or scholarship-funding
565 organization all documentation required for a student's
566 participation, including the private school's and student's
567 individual fee schedule, and ~~Complete student enrollment and~~
568 ~~attendance verification requirements, including use of an online~~
569 ~~attendance verification~~ as required by the department or
570 scholarship-funding organization form, prior to scholarship
571 payment.

572 (e) Annually complete and submit to the department a
573 notarized scholarship compliance statement certifying that all
574 school employees and contracted personnel with direct student
575 contact have undergone background screening pursuant to s.

576 | 943.0542 and have met the screening standards of s. 435.04.

577 | (f) Demonstrate fiscal soundness and accountability by:

578 | 1. Being in operation for at least 3 school years or
579 | obtaining a surety bond or letter of credit for the amount equal
580 | to the scholarship funds for any quarter and filing the surety
581 | bond or letter of credit with the department.

582 | 2. Requiring the parent of each scholarship student to
583 | personally restrictively endorse the scholarship warrant to the
584 | school or approve a funds transfer before any funds are
585 | deposited for a student. The school may not act as attorney in
586 | fact for the parent of a scholarship student under the authority
587 | of a power of attorney executed by such parent, or under any
588 | other authority, to endorse a scholarship warrant or approve a
589 | funds transfer warrants on behalf of such parent.

590 | (g) Meet applicable state and local health, safety, and
591 | welfare laws, codes, and rules, including:

- 592 | 1. Firesafety.
593 | 2. Building safety.

594 | (h) Employ or contract with teachers who hold
595 | baccalaureate or higher degrees, have at least 3 years of
596 | teaching experience in public or private schools, or have
597 | special skills, knowledge, or expertise that qualifies them to
598 | provide instruction in subjects taught.

599 | (i) Maintain a physical location in the state at which
600 | each student has regular and direct contact with teachers.

601 (j) Publish on the school's website, or in a written
602 format, information for parents regarding the school, including,
603 but not limited to, programs, services, and the qualifications
604 of classroom teachers.

605 (k) At a minimum, provide the parent of each scholarship
606 student with a written explanation of the student's progress on
607 a quarterly basis.

608 (l) Cooperate with a student whose parent chooses to
609 participate in the statewide assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22.

610 (m)~~(i)~~ Require each employee and contracted personnel with
611 direct student contact, upon employment or engagement to provide
612 services, to undergo a state and national background screening,
613 pursuant to s. 943.0542, by electronically filing with the
614 Department of Law Enforcement a complete set of fingerprints
615 taken by an authorized law enforcement agency or an employee of
616 the private school, a school district, or a private company who
617 is trained to take fingerprints and deny employment to or
618 terminate an employee if he or she fails to meet the screening
619 standards under s. 435.04. Results of the screening shall be
620 provided to the participating private school. For purposes of
621 this paragraph:

622 1. An "employee or contracted personnel with direct
623 student contact" means any employee or contracted personnel who
624 has unsupervised access to a scholarship student for whom the
625 private school is responsible.

626 2. The costs of fingerprinting and the background check
627 shall not be borne by the state.

628 3. Continued employment of an employee or contracted
629 personnel after notification that he or she has failed the
630 background screening under this paragraph shall cause a private
631 school to be ineligible for participation in a scholarship
632 program.

633 4. An employee or contracted personnel holding a valid
634 Florida teaching certificate who has been fingerprinted pursuant
635 to s. 1012.32 is not required to comply with the provisions of
636 this paragraph.

637 5.~~(3)(a)~~ All fingerprints submitted to the Department of
638 Law Enforcement as required by this section shall be retained by
639 the Department of Law Enforcement in a manner provided by rule
640 and entered in the statewide automated biometric identification
641 system authorized by s. 943.05(2)(b). Such fingerprints shall
642 thereafter be available for all purposes and uses authorized for
643 arrest fingerprints entered in the statewide automated biometric
644 identification system pursuant to s. 943.051.

645 6.~~(b)~~ The Department of Law Enforcement shall search all
646 arrest fingerprints received under s. 943.051 against the
647 fingerprints retained in the statewide automated biometric
648 identification system under subparagraph 5 ~~paragraph (a)~~. Any
649 arrest record that is identified with the retained fingerprints
650 of a person subject to the background screening under this

651 section shall be reported to the employing school with which the
652 person is affiliated. Each private school participating in a
653 scholarship program is required to participate in this search
654 process by informing the Department of Law Enforcement of any
655 change in the employment or contractual status of its personnel
656 whose fingerprints are retained under subparagraph 5 ~~paragraph~~
657 ~~(a)~~. The Department of Law Enforcement shall adopt a rule
658 setting the amount of the annual fee to be imposed upon each
659 private school for performing these searches and establishing
660 the procedures for the retention of private school employee and
661 contracted personnel fingerprints and the dissemination of
662 search results. The fee may be borne by the private school or
663 the person fingerprinted.

664 7.~~(e)~~ Employees and contracted personnel whose
665 fingerprints are not retained by the Department of Law
666 Enforcement under subparagraphs 5. and 6. ~~paragraphs (a) and (b)~~
667 are required to be refingerprinted and must meet state and
668 national background screening requirements upon reemployment or
669 reengagement to provide services in order to comply with the
670 requirements of this section.

671 8.~~(d)~~ Every 5 years following employment or engagement to
672 provide services with a private school, employees or contracted
673 personnel required to be screened under this section must meet
674 screening standards under s. 435.04, at which time the private
675 school shall request the Department of Law Enforcement to

676 forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation
677 for national processing. If the fingerprints of employees or
678 contracted personnel are not retained by the Department of Law
679 Enforcement under subparagraph 5. ~~paragraph (a)~~, employees and
680 contracted personnel must electronically file a complete set of
681 fingerprints with the Department of Law Enforcement. Upon
682 submission of fingerprints for this purpose, the private school
683 shall request that the Department of Law Enforcement forward the
684 fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national
685 processing, and the fingerprints shall be retained by the
686 Department of Law Enforcement under subparagraph 5 ~~paragraph~~
687 ~~(a)~~.

688 ~~(4) A private school that accepts scholarship students~~
689 ~~under s. 1002.39 or s. 1002.395 must:~~

690 ~~(a) Disqualify instructional personnel and school~~
691 ~~administrators, as defined in s. 1012.01, from employment in any~~
692 ~~position that requires direct contact with students if the~~
693 ~~personnel or administrators are ineligible for such employment~~
694 ~~under s. 1012.315.~~

695 ~~(n) (b)~~ Adopt policies establishing standards of ethical
696 conduct for instructional personnel and school administrators.
697 The policies must require all instructional personnel and school
698 administrators, as defined in s. 1012.01, to complete training
699 on the standards; establish the duty of instructional personnel
700 and school administrators to report, and procedures for

701 reporting, alleged misconduct by other instructional personnel
702 and school administrators which affects the health, safety, or
703 welfare of a student; and include an explanation of the
704 liability protections provided under ss. 39.203 and 768.095. A
705 private school, or any of its employees, may not enter into a
706 confidentiality agreement regarding terminated or dismissed
707 instructional personnel or school administrators, or personnel
708 or administrators who resign in lieu of termination, based in
709 whole or in part on misconduct that affects the health, safety,
710 or welfare of a student, and may not provide the instructional
711 personnel or school administrators with employment references or
712 discuss the personnel's or administrators' performance with
713 prospective employers in another educational setting, without
714 disclosing the personnel's or administrators' misconduct. Any
715 part of an agreement or contract that has the purpose or effect
716 of concealing misconduct by instructional personnel or school
717 administrators which affects the health, safety, or welfare of a
718 student is void, is contrary to public policy, and may not be
719 enforced.

720 (o)~~(e)~~ Before employing instructional personnel or school
721 administrators in any position that requires direct contact with
722 students, conduct employment history checks of each of the
723 personnel's or administrators' previous employers, screen the
724 personnel or administrators through use of the educator
725 screening tools described in s. 1001.10(5), and document the

726 findings. If unable to contact a previous employer, the private
727 school must document efforts to contact the employer.

728 (p) Require each owner or operator of the private school,
729 prior to employment or engagement to provide services, to
730 undergo level 2 background screening as provided under chapter
731 435. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "owner or
732 operator" means an owner, operator, superintendent, or principal
733 of, or a person with equivalent decisionmaking authority over, a
734 private school participating in a scholarship program
735 established pursuant to this chapter. The fingerprints for the
736 background screening must be electronically submitted to the
737 Department of Law Enforcement and may be taken by an authorized
738 law enforcement agency or a private company who is trained to
739 take fingerprints. However, the complete set of fingerprints of
740 an owner or operator may not be taken by the owner or operator.
741 The owner or operator shall provide a copy of the results of the
742 state and national criminal history check to the Department of
743 Education. The cost of the background screening may be borne by
744 the owner or operator.

745 1. Every 5 years following employment or engagement to
746 provide services, each owner or operator must meet level 2
747 screening standards as described in s. 435.04, at which time the
748 owner or operator shall request the Department of Law
749 Enforcement to forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of
750 Investigation for level 2 screening. If the fingerprints of an

751 owner or operator are not retained by the Department of Law
752 Enforcement under subparagraph 2., the owner or operator must
753 electronically file a complete set of fingerprints with the
754 Department of Law Enforcement. Upon submission of fingerprints
755 for this purpose, the owner or operator shall request that the
756 Department of Law Enforcement forward the fingerprints to the
757 Federal Bureau of Investigation for level 2 screening, and the
758 fingerprints shall be retained by the Department of Law
759 Enforcement under subparagraph 2.

760 2. Fingerprints submitted to the Department of Law
761 Enforcement as required by this paragraph must be retained by
762 the Department of Law Enforcement in a manner approved by rule
763 and entered in the statewide automated biometric identification
764 system authorized by s. 943.05(2)(b). The fingerprints must
765 thereafter be available for all purposes and uses authorized for
766 arrest fingerprints entered in the statewide automated biometric
767 identification system pursuant to s. 943.051.

768 3. The Department of Law Enforcement shall search all
769 arrest fingerprints received under s. 943.051 against the
770 fingerprints retained in the statewide automated biometric
771 identification system under subparagraph 2. Any arrest record
772 that is identified with an owner's or operator's fingerprints
773 must be reported to the owner or operator, who must report to
774 the Department of Education. Any costs associated with the
775 search shall be borne by the owner or operator.

776 4. An owner or operator who fails the level 2 background
777 screening is not eligible to participate in a scholarship
778 program under this chapter.

779 5. In addition to the offenses listed in s. 435.04, a
780 person required to undergo background screening pursuant to this
781 part or authorizing statutes must not have an arrest awaiting
782 final disposition for, must not have been found guilty of, or
783 entered a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of
784 adjudication, and must not have been adjudicated delinquent for,
785 and the record must not have been sealed or expunged for, any of
786 the following offenses or any similar offense of another
787 jurisdiction:

788 a. Any authorizing statutes, if the offense was a felony.

789 b. This chapter, if the offense was a felony.

790 c. Section 409.920, relating to Medicaid provider fraud.

791 d. Section 409.9201, relating to Medicaid fraud.

792 e. Section 741.28, relating to domestic violence.

793 f. Section 817.034, relating to fraudulent acts through
794 mail, wire, radio, electromagnetic, photoelectronic, or
795 photooptical systems.

796 g. Section 817.234, relating to false and fraudulent
797 insurance claims.

798 h. Section 817.505, relating to patient brokering.

799 i. Section 817.568, relating to criminal use of personal
800 identification information.

- 801 j. Section 817.60, relating to obtaining a credit card
802 through fraudulent means.
- 803 k. Section 817.61, relating to fraudulent use of credit
804 cards, if the offense was a felony.
- 805 l. Section 831.01, relating to forgery.
- 806 m. Section 831.02, relating to uttering forged
807 instruments.
- 808 n. Section 831.07, relating to forging bank bills, checks,
809 drafts, or promissory notes.
- 810 o. Section 831.09, relating to uttering forged bank bills,
811 checks, drafts, or promissory notes.
- 812 p. Section 831.30, relating to fraud in obtaining
813 medicinal drugs.
- 814 q. Section 831.31, relating to the sale, manufacture,
815 delivery, or possession with the intent to sell, manufacture, or
816 deliver any counterfeit controlled substance, if the offense was
817 a felony.
- 818 6. At least 30 calendar days before a transfer of
819 ownership of a private school, the owner or operator shall
820 notify the parent of each scholarship student.
- 821 7. The owner or operator of a private school that has been
822 deemed ineligible to participate in a scholarship program
823 pursuant to this chapter may not transfer ownership or
824 management authority of the school to a relative in order to
825 participate in a scholarship program as the same school or a new

826 school. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "relative"
827 means father, mother, son, daughter, grandfather, grandmother,
828 brother, sister, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew, niece, husband,
829 wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law,
830 brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson,
831 stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-
832 sister.

833 (q) Provide a report from an independent certified public
834 accountant who performs the agreed-upon procedures developed
835 pursuant to s. 1002.395(6)(o) if the private school receives
836 more than \$250,000 in funds from scholarships awarded under this
837 chapter in a state fiscal year. A private school subject to this
838 subsection must annually submit the report by September 15 to
839 the scholarship-funding organization that awarded the majority
840 of the school's scholarship funds. However, a school that
841 receives more than \$250,000 in scholarship funds only through
842 the John M. McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities
843 Program pursuant to s. 1002.39 must submit the report by
844 September 15 to the department. The agreed-upon procedures must
845 be conducted in accordance with attestation standards
846 established by the American Institute of Certified Public
847 Accountants.

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849 The department shall suspend the payment of funds ~~under ss.~~
850 ~~1002.39 and 1002.395~~ to a private school that knowingly fails to

851 comply with this subsection, and shall prohibit the school from
852 enrolling new scholarship students, for 1 fiscal year and until
853 the school complies.

854 ~~(5) If The inability of a private school fails to meet the~~
855 ~~requirements of this subsection or has consecutive years of~~
856 ~~material exceptions listed in the report required under~~
857 ~~paragraph (q), the commissioner may determine that the private~~
858 ~~school is ineligible section shall constitute a basis for the~~
859 ~~ineligibility of the private school to participate in a~~
860 ~~scholarship program as determined by the department.~~

861 (2) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OBLIGATIONS.-

862 (a) The Department of Education shall:

863 1. Annually verify the eligibility of private schools that
864 meet the requirements of this section, specific requirements
865 identified within respective scholarship program laws, and other
866 provisions of state law that apply to private schools.

867 2. Establish a toll-free hotline that provides parents and
868 private schools with information on participation in the
869 scholarship programs.

870 3. Establish a process by which individuals may notify the
871 department of any violation by a parent, private school, or
872 school district of state laws relating to program participation.
873 If the department has reasonable cause to believe that a
874 violation of this section or any rule adopted by the State Board
875 of Education has occurred, it shall conduct an inquiry or make a

876 referral to the appropriate agency for an investigation. A
877 department inquiry is not subject to the requirements of chapter
878 120.

879 4. Require an annual, notarized, sworn compliance
880 statement from participating private schools certifying
881 compliance with state laws, and retain such records.

882 5. Coordinate with the entities conducting the health
883 inspection for a private school to obtain copies of the
884 inspection reports.

885 6. Conduct site visits to private schools entering a
886 scholarship program for the first time. Beginning with the 2019-
887 2020 school year, a private school is not eligible to receive
888 scholarship payments until a satisfactory site visit has been
889 conducted and the school is in compliance with all other
890 requirements of this section.

891 7. Coordinate with the State Fire Marshal to obtain access
892 to fire inspection reports for private schools. The authority
893 conducting the fire safety inspection shall certify to the State
894 Fire Marshal that the annual inspection has been completed and
895 that the school is in full compliance. The certification shall
896 be made electronically or by such other means as directed by the
897 State Fire Marshal.

898 8. Upon the request of a participating private school
899 authorized to administer statewide assessments, provide at no
900 cost to the school the statewide assessments administered under

901 s. 1008.22 and any related materials for administering the
902 assessments. Students at a private school may be assessed using
903 the statewide assessments if the addition of those students and
904 the school does not cause the state to exceed its contractual
905 caps for the number of students tested and the number of testing
906 sites. The state shall provide the same materials and support to
907 a private school that it provides to a public school. A private
908 school that chooses to administer statewide assessments under s.
909 1008.22 shall follow the requirements set forth in ss. 1008.22
910 and 1008.24, rules adopted by the State Board of Education to
911 implement those sections, and district-level testing policies
912 established by the district school board.

913 (b) The department may conduct site visits to any private
914 school participating in a scholarship program pursuant to this
915 chapter which has received a complaint about a violation of
916 state law or state board rule pursuant to subparagraph (a)3. or
917 has received a notice of noncompliance or a notice of proposed
918 action within the previous 2 years.

919 (c) Annually, by December 15, the department shall report
920 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
921 the House of Representatives its actions in implementing
922 accountability in the scholarship programs under this section,
923 any substantiated allegations or violations of law or rule by an
924 eligible private school under this section, and the corrective
925 action taken.

926 (3) COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION AUTHORITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—

927 The Commissioner of Education:

928 (a) Shall deny, suspend, or revoke a private school's
929 participation in a scholarship program if it is determined that
930 the private school has failed to comply with this section or
931 exhibits a previous pattern of failure to comply. However, if
932 the noncompliance is correctable within a reasonable amount of
933 time, not to exceed 45 days, and if the health, safety, or
934 welfare of the students is not threatened, the commissioner may
935 issue a notice of noncompliance which provides the private
936 school with a timeframe within which to provide evidence of
937 compliance before taking action to suspend or revoke the private
938 school's participation in the scholarship program.

939 (b) May deny, suspend, or revoke a private school's
940 participation in a scholarship program if the commissioner
941 determines that an owner or operator of the private school is
942 operating or has operated an educational institution in this
943 state or in another state or jurisdiction in a manner contrary
944 to the health, safety, or welfare of the public or if the owner
945 or operator has exhibited a previous pattern of failure to
946 comply with this section or specific requirements identified
947 within respective scholarship program laws. For purposes of this
948 subsection, the term "owner or operator" has the same meaning as
949 provided in paragraph (1) (p).

950 (c)1. In making such a determination, may consider factors

951 that include, but are not limited to, acts or omissions by an
952 owner or operator which led to a previous denial, suspension, or
953 revocation of participation in a state or federal education
954 scholarship program; an owner's or operator's failure to
955 reimburse the department or scholarship-funding organization for
956 scholarship funds improperly received or retained by a school;
957 the imposition of a prior criminal sanction related to an
958 owner's or operator's management or operation of an educational
959 institution; the imposition of a civil fine or administrative
960 fine, license revocation or suspension, or program eligibility
961 suspension, termination, or revocation related to an owner's or
962 operator's management or operation of an educational
963 institution; or other types of criminal proceedings in which an
964 owner or operator was found guilty of, regardless of
965 adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to,
966 any offense involving fraud, deceit, dishonesty, or moral
967 turpitude.

968 2. The commissioner's determination is subject to the
969 following:

970 a. If the commissioner intends to deny, suspend, or revoke
971 a private school's participation in the scholarship program, the
972 department shall notify the private school of such proposed
973 action in writing by certified mail and regular mail to the
974 private school's address of record with the department. The
975 notification shall include the reasons for the proposed action

976 and notice of the timelines and procedures set forth in this
977 paragraph.

978 b. The private school that is adversely affected by the
979 proposed action shall have 15 days after receipt of the notice
980 of proposed action to file with the department's agency clerk a
981 request for a proceeding pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. If
982 the private school is entitled to a hearing under s. 120.57(1),
983 the department shall forward the request to the Division of
984 Administrative Hearings.

985 c. Upon receipt of a request referred pursuant to this
986 subparagraph, the director of the Division of Administrative
987 Hearings shall expedite the hearing and assign an administrative
988 law judge who shall commence a hearing within 30 days after the
989 receipt of the formal written request by the division and enter
990 a recommended order within 30 days after the hearing or within
991 30 days after receipt of the hearing transcript, whichever is
992 later. Each party shall be allowed 10 days in which to submit
993 written exceptions to the recommended order. A final order shall
994 be entered by the agency within 30 days after the entry of a
995 recommended order. The provisions of this sub-subparagraph may
996 be waived upon stipulation by all parties.

997 (d) May immediately suspend payment of scholarship funds
998 if it is determined that there is probable cause to believe that
999 there is:

1000 1. An imminent threat to the health, safety, or welfare of

1001 the students;

1002 2. A previous pattern of failure to comply with this

1003 section; or

1004 3. Fraudulent activity on the part of the private school.

1005 Notwithstanding s. 1002.22, in incidents of alleged fraudulent

1006 activity pursuant to this section, the department's Office of

1007 Inspector General is authorized to release personally

1008 identifiable records or reports of students to the following

1009 persons or organizations:

1010 a. A court of competent jurisdiction in compliance with an

1011 order of that court or the attorney of record in accordance with

1012 a lawfully issued subpoena, consistent with the Family

1013 Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g.

1014 b. A person or entity authorized by a court of competent

1015 jurisdiction in compliance with an order of that court or the

1016 attorney of record pursuant to a lawfully issued subpoena,

1017 consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act,

1018 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g.

1019 c. Any person, entity, or authority issuing a subpoena for

1020 law enforcement purposes when the court or other issuing agency

1021 has ordered that the existence or the contents of the subpoena

1022 or the information furnished in response to the subpoena not be

1023 disclosed, consistent with the Family Educational Rights and

1024 Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g, and 34 C.F.R. s. 99.31.

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1026 The commissioner's order suspending payment pursuant to this
1027 paragraph may be appealed pursuant to the same procedures and
1028 timelines as the notice of proposed action set forth in
1029 subparagraph (c)2.

1030 ~~(4)(6)~~ The inclusion of eligible private schools within
1031 options available to Florida public school students does not
1032 expand the regulatory authority of the state, its officers, or
1033 any school district to impose any additional regulation of
1034 private schools beyond those reasonably necessary to enforce
1035 requirements expressly set forth in this section.

1036 ~~(5)(7)~~ The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
1037 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this
1038 section, including rules to establish a deadline for private
1039 school applications for participation and timelines for the
1040 department to conduct site visits.

1041 Section 5. The Department of Revenue may, and all
1042 conditions are deemed met to, adopt emergency rules pursuant to
1043 ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, Florida Statutes, to administer this
1044 act.

1045 Section 6. Contingent upon CS/HB 7055 or similar
1046 legislation in the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature or an
1047 extension thereof failing to become law, for the 2018-2019
1048 fiscal year, the sum of \$2 million in recurring funds from the
1049 General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Department of
1050 Education to implement the provisions of this act.

1051 | Section 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. |