

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Appropriations

BILL: SB 654

INTRODUCER: Senator Perry

SUBJECT: Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program

DATE: February 21, 2018

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Olenick</u>	<u>Graf</u>	<u>ED</u>	Favorable
2.	<u>Sikes</u>	<u>Elwell</u>	<u>AED</u>	Recommend: Fav/CS
3.	<u>Sikes</u>	<u>Hansen</u>	<u>AP</u>	Pre-meeting

I. Summary:

SB 654 extends the scheduled expiration of the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program from June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

The bill appropriates \$300,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Education for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to implement the pilot program.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2018.

II. Present Situation:

The legislature established the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program (pilot program) in 2017,¹ for three years, to assist certain school districts in implementing comprehensive music education programs in kindergarten through grade 2, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.²

For a school district to be eligible for participation in the pilot program, the district school superintendent must certify to the Commissioner of Education (commissioner) that each elementary school within the district has established a comprehensive music education program that:³

- Includes all students enrolled at the school in kindergarten through grade 2.
- Is staffed by certified music educators.
- Provides music instruction for at least 30 consecutive minutes 2 days a week.

¹ Section 69, ch. 2017-116, L.O.F.

² Section 1003.481(1), F.S.

³ Section 1003.481(2)(a)-(e), F.S.

- Complies with class size requirements under the law.⁴
- Complies with the Department of Education's standards for early childhood music education programs for students in kindergarten through grade 2.

The commissioner must select school districts for participation in the pilot program, subject to legislative appropriation, based on the school district's proximity to the University of Florida and needs-based criteria established by the State Board of Education.⁵ Selected school districts must annually receive \$150 per full-time equivalent student in kindergarten through grade 2 who is enrolled in a comprehensive music education program.⁶

The University of Florida's College of Education is required to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program.⁷ The State Board of Education may adopt rules to administer the pilot program.⁸

The pilot program is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2020.⁹

The pilot program has not been implemented by the Department of Education.¹⁰

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill extends the scheduled expiration of the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program (pilot program) from June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and appropriates \$300,000 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to the Department of Education for program implementation. The funding for the pilot program may assist with the implementation of the pilot program.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

⁴ The maximum number of students assigned to each teacher who is teaching core-curriculum courses in public school classrooms for prekindergarten through grade 3 may not exceed 18 students. Section 1003.03(1)(a), F.S.

⁵ Section 1003.481(3)(a), F.S.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Section 1003.481(4), F.S.

⁸ Section 1003.481(5), F.S.

⁹ Section 1003.481(6), F.S.

¹⁰ Telephone interview with staff, Florida Department of Education (Jan 10, 2018). In 2017, the Legislature appropriated \$250,000 for the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program, which was vetoed by the Governor. Specific Appropriation 108, s. 2, ch. 2017-70, L.O.F.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill appropriates \$300,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to the Department of Education to implement the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends section 1003.481 of the Florida Statutes.

This bill creates one undesignated section of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.