

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to voluntary prekindergarten
3 education; amending s. 1002.67, F.S.; requiring
4 certain assessment results be provided to parents
5 within a specified timeframe; requiring the Office of
6 Early Learning to aggregate specified assessment
7 results to be distributed to certain entities and
8 posted on the office's website within a specified
9 timeframe; amending s. 1002.71, F.S.; authorizing
10 certain students to reenroll in the Voluntary
11 Prekindergarten Education Program; requiring that such
12 students reenroll in a program offered by a provider
13 that meets certain criteria; providing for funding for
14 such students; requiring the office to establish
15 criteria and procedures for the reenrollment of such
16 students; providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (e) are added to subsection
21 (3) of section 1002.67, Florida Statutes, to read:

22 1002.67 Performance standards; curricula and
23 accountability.—

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25 (d) Each private prekindergarten provider and public

26 school prekindergarten provider shall provide the results of the
27 pre- and post-assessment to parents within 10 days after the
28 administration of the assessment, including any resources that
29 might be helpful for students.

30 (e) The office shall, within 30 days after the
31 administration of the pre- and post-assessment:

32 1. Report the results of the pre- and post-assessment at
33 the aggregate level.

34 2. Distribute the aggregated pre- and post-assessment
35 results to the respective early learning coalitions and school
36 districts.

37 3. Display the aggregated pre- and post-assessment results
38 on the office's website.

39 Section 2. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (4) of
40 section 1002.71, Florida Statutes, to read:

41 1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.—

42 (4) Notwithstanding s. 1002.53(3) and subsection (2):

43 (c)1. Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, a child who
44 has completed a school-year prekindergarten program or summer
45 prekindergarten program but is determined by the office to be at
46 risk of not attaining the performance standards established
47 pursuant to s. 1002.67(1) may reenroll in a school-year program
48 during the subsequent school year at the request of the child's
49 parent. The school-year program must be offered by a provider
50 that has met the adopted minimum readiness rate adopted pursuant

51 to 1002.69(6). The child shall be reported for funding purposes
52 as a full-time equivalent student in the school-year program for
53 which he or she is enrolled.

54 2. By December 1, 2018, to implement the reenrollment of
55 eligible students pursuant to subparagraph 1., the office shall:

56 a. Establish the eligibility criteria for determining if a
57 student is at risk of not attaining the performance standards
58 listed in s. 1002.67(1).

59 b. Prepare an estimate of the potential number of students
60 participating in the program in 2018-2019 school year by county
61 and by early learning coalition whom may be eligible to reenroll
62 in the program.

63 c. Establish the procedures for the reenrollment of
64 eligible students in the prekindergarten program and inform
65 parents of this option.

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67 A child may reenroll only once in a prekindergarten program
68 under this section. A child who reenrolls in a prekindergarten
69 program under this subsection may not subsequently withdraw from
70 the program and reenroll, unless the child is granted a good
71 cause exemption under this subsection. The Office of Early
72 Learning shall establish criteria specifying whether a good
73 cause exists for a child to withdraw from a program under
74 paragraph (a), whether a child has substantially completed a
75 program under paragraph (b), and whether an extreme hardship

76 | exists which is beyond the child's or parent's control under
77 | paragraph (b).

78 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.