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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

Representative Trabulsy offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 1001.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.02 General powers of State Board of Education.-

8 (5) The State Board of Education is responsible for
9 reviewing and administering the state program of support for the
10 Florida College System institutions and, subject to existing
11 law, shall establish the tuition and out-of-state fees for
12 developmental education and for credit instruction that may be
13 counted toward an associate in arts degree, an associate in
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14 applied science degree, or an associate in science degree. 15 Section 2. Subsection (17) of section 1001.03, Florida 16 Statutes, is amended to read: 1001.03 Specific powers of State Board of Education.-17 18 (17) PLAN SPECIFYING COALS AND OBJECTIVES. - By July 1, 19 2013, the State Board of Education shall identify performance 20 metrics for the Florida College System and develop a plan that 21 specifies goals and objectives for each Florida College System 22 institution. The plan must include: 23 (a) Performance metrics and standards common for all 24 institutions and metrics and standards unique to institutions 25 depending on institutional core missions, including, but not 26 limited to, remediation success, retention, graduation, 27 employment, transfer rates, licensure passage, excess hours, 28 student loan burden and default rates, job placement, faculty 29 awards, and highly respected rankings for institution and 30 program achievements. (b) Student enrollment and performance data delineated by 31 method of instruction, including, but not limited to, 32 33 traditional, online, and distance learning instruction. 34 Section 3. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (4) of 35 section 1002.3105, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 36 1002.3105 Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance 37 Learning (ACCEL) options.-38 (4) ACCEL REQUIREMENTS.-944089 Approved For Filing: 2/23/2024 3:36:19 PM

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39	(c) If a student participates in an ACCEL option pursuant
40	to the parental request under subparagraph (b)1., a performance
41	contract is not required but may be used at the discretion of
42	the principal must be executed by the student, the parent, and
43	the principal. At a minimum, the performance contract must
44	require compliance with:
45	1. Minimum student attendance requirements.
46	2. Minimum student conduct requirements.
47	3. ACCEL option requirements established by the principal,
48	which may include participation in extracurricular activities,
49	educational outings, field trips, interscholastic competitions,
50	and other activities related to the ACCEL option selected.
51	(d) If a principal initiates a student's participation in
52	an ACCEL option, the student's parent must be notified. A
53	performance contract, pursuant to paragraph (c), is not required
54	when a principal initiates participation but may be used at the
55	discretion of the principal.
56	Section 4. <u>Section 1002.311, Florida Statutes, is</u>
57	repealed.
58	Section 5. Subsection (19) of section 1002.34, Florida
59	Statutes, is amended to read:
60	1002.34 Charter technical career centers
61	(19) EVALUATION; REPORT.—The Commissioner of Education
62	shall provide for an annual comparative evaluation of charter
63	technical career centers and public technical centers. The
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64	evaluation may be conducted in cooperation with the sponsor,
65	through private contracts, or by department staff. At a minimum,
66	the comparative evaluation must address the demographic and
67	socioeconomic characteristics of the students served, the types
68	and costs of services provided, and the outcomes achieved. By
69	December 30 of each year, the Commissioner of Education shall
70	submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker
71	of the House of Representatives, and the Senate and House
72	committees that have responsibility for secondary and
73	postsecondary career and technical education a report of the
74	comparative evaluation completed for the previous school year.
75	Section 6. Paragraphs (c) through (e) of subsection (1) of
76	section 1002.45, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
77	paragraphs (b) through (d), respectively, and present paragraphs
78	(b), (c), and (e) of that subsection, subsection (2), paragraph
79	(d) of subsection (3), subsection (5), and paragraph (a) of
80	subsection (6) are amended to read:
81	1002.45 Virtual instruction programs
82	(1) PROGRAM
83	(b)1. Each school district shall provide at least one
84	option for part-time and full-time virtual instruction for
85	students residing within the school district. All school
86	districts must provide parents with timely written notification
87	of at least one open enrollment period for full-time students of
88	90 days or more which ends 30 days before the first day of the
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89	school year. A school district virtual instruction program shall
90	consist of the following:
91	a. Full-time and part-time virtual instruction for
92	students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12.
93	b. Full-time or part-time virtual instruction for students
94	enrolled in dropout prevention and academic intervention
95	programs under s. 1003.53, Department of Juvenile Justice
96	education programs under s. 1003.52, core-curricula courses to
97	meet class size requirements under s. 1003.03, or Florida
98	College System institutions under this section.
99	2. Each virtual instruction program established under
100	paragraph (c) by a school district either directly or through a
101	contract with an approved virtual instruction program provider
102	shall operate under its own Master School Identification Number
103	as prescribed by the department.
104	<u>(b)</u> To provide students residing within the school
105	district the option of participating in virtual instruction
106	programs as required by paragraph (b) , a school district may:
107	1. Contract with the Florida Virtual School or establish a
108	franchise of the Florida Virtual School pursuant to s.
109	1002.37(2) for the provision of a program under paragraph (b).
110	2. Contract with an approved virtual instruction program
111	provider under subsection (2) for the provision of a full-time
112	or part-time program under paragraph (b).
113	3. Enter into an agreement with other school districts to
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114 allow the participation of its students in an approved virtual 115 instruction program provided by the other school district. The 116 agreement must indicate a process for the transfer of funds 117 required by paragraph (6)(b).

Establish school district operated part-time or full time kindergarten through grade 12 virtual instruction programs.

1205. Enter into an agreement with a virtual charter school121authorized by the school district under s. 1002.33.

123 Contracts under subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. may include multidistrict contractual arrangements executed by a regional 124 125 consortium service organization established pursuant to s. 126 1001.451 for its member districts. A multidistrict contractual 127 arrangement or an agreement under subparagraph 3. is not subject 128 to s. 1001.42(4)(d) and does not require the participating 129 school districts to be contiguous. These arrangements may be 130 used to fulfill the requirements of paragraph (b).

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(d)(e) Each school district shall:

1. Provide to the department by each October 1_{τ} a copy of each contract and the amount paid per unweighted full-time equivalent virtual student for services procured pursuant to subparagraphs (b)1. and 2. (c)1. and 2.

136 2. Expend any difference in the amount of funds per 137 unweighted full-time equivalent virtual student allocated to the 138 school district pursuant to subsection (6) and the amount paid 944089

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per unweighted full-time equivalent virtual student by the school district for a contract executed pursuant to subparagraph (b)1. (c)1. or subparagraph (b)2. (c)2. on acquiring computer and device hardware and associated operating system software that comply with the requirements of s. 1001.20(4)(a)1.b.

144 3. Provide to the department by September 1 of each year145 an itemized list of items acquired in subparagraph 2.

4. Limit the enrollment of full-time equivalent virtual
students residing outside of the school district providing the
virtual instruction pursuant to paragraph (b) (c) to no more
than those that can be funded from state Florida Education
Finance Program funds.

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(2) PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS.-

(a) The department shall annually publish on its website a
list of providers approved by the State Board of Education to
offer virtual instruction programs. To be approved, a virtual
instruction program provider must document that it:

1. Is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies,
 employment practices, and operations;

158 2. Complies with the antidiscrimination provisions of s. 159 1000.05;

160 <u>2.3.</u> Locates an administrative office or offices in this
161 state, requires its administrative staff to be state residents,
162 requires all instructional staff to be Florida-certified

163 teachers under chapter 1012 and conducts background screenings 944089

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164 for all employees or contracted personnel, as required by s. 165 1012.32, using state and national criminal history records;

166 <u>3.4.</u> Electronically provides to parents and students 167 specific information that includes, but is not limited to, the 168 following teacher-parent and teacher-student contact information 169 for each course:

a. How to contact the instructor via phone, e-mail, oronline messaging tools.

b. How to contact technical support via phone, e-mail, oronline messaging tools.

174 c. How to contact the administration office via phone, e-175 mail, or online messaging tools.

d. Any requirement for regular contact with the instructor
for the course and clear expectations for meeting the
requirement.

e. The requirement that the instructor in each course
must, at a minimum, conduct one contact with the parent and the
student each month;

<u>4.5.</u> Possesses prior, successful experience offering
 virtual instruction courses to elementary, middle, or high
 school students as demonstrated by quantified student learning
 gains in each subject area and grade level provided for
 consideration as an instructional program option. However, for a
 virtual instruction program provider without sufficient prior,
 successful experience offering online courses, the State Board
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of Education may conditionally approve the virtual instruction program provider to offer courses measured pursuant to subparagraph (7)(a)2. Conditional approval shall be valid for 1 school year only and, based on the virtual instruction program provider's experience in offering the courses, the State Board of Education may grant approval to offer a virtual instruction program;

196 <u>5.6.</u> Is accredited by a regional accrediting association 197 as defined by State Board of Education rule;

198 <u>6.7.</u> Ensures instructional and curricular quality through 199 a detailed curriculum and student performance accountability 200 plan that addresses every subject and grade level it intends to 201 provide through contract with the school district, including:

a. Courses and programs that meet the standards of the
 International Association for K-12 Online Learning and the
 Southern Regional Education Board.

b. Instructional content and services that align with, and measure student attainment of, student proficiency in the state academic standards.

208 c. Mechanisms that determine and ensure that a student has 209 satisfied requirements for grade level promotion and high school 210 graduation with a standard diploma, as appropriate;

211 <u>7.8.</u> Publishes, in accordance with disclosure requirements 212 adopted in rule by the State Board of Education, as part of its 213 application as an approved virtual instruction program provider 944089

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and in all contracts negotiated pursuant to this section: 214 Information and data about the curriculum of each full-215 a. 216 time and part-time virtual instruction program. 217 b. School policies and procedures. 218 с. Certification status and physical location of all 219 administrative and instructional personnel. 220 d. Hours and times of availability of instructional 221 personnel. 222 e. Student-teacher ratios. 223 f. Student completion and promotion rates. Student, educator, and school performance 224 q. 225 accountability outcomes; 226 8.9. If the approved virtual instruction program provider 227 is a Florida College System institution, employs instructors who 228 meet the certification requirements for instructional staff 229 under chapter 1012; and 230 9.10. Performs an annual financial audit of its accounts 231 and records conducted by an independent auditor who is a 232 certified public accountant licensed under chapter 473. The 233 independent auditor shall conduct the audit in accordance with 234 rules adopted by the Auditor General and in compliance with 235 generally accepted auditing standards, and include a report on 236 financial statements presented in accordance with generally 237 accepted accounting principles. The audit report shall be accompanied by a written statement from the approved virtual 238 944089

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instruction program provider in response to any deficiencies identified within the audit report and shall be submitted by the approved virtual instruction program provider to the State Board of Education and the Auditor General no later than 9 months after the end of the preceding fiscal year.

(b) An approved virtual instruction program provider that maintains compliance with all requirements of this section shall retain its approved status for a period of 3 school years after the date of approval by the State Board of Education.

248 (3) VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.-Each virtual 249 instruction program under this section must:

(d) Provide each full-time student enrolled in the virtual instruction program who qualifies for free or reduced-price school lunches under the National School Lunch Act, or who is on the direct certification list, and who does not have a computer or Internet access in his or her home with:

255 1. All equipment necessary for participants in the virtual 256 instruction program, including, but not limited to, a computer, 257 computer monitor, and printer, if a printer is necessary to 258 participate in the virtual instruction program; and

259 2. Access to or reimbursement for all Internet services260 necessary for online delivery of instruction.

261 262 <u>A school district may provide each full-time student enrolled in</u> 263 <u>the virtual instruction program with the equipment and access</u> 944089

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2.64 necessary for participation in the program. 265 STUDENT PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.-Each student (5) 266 enrolled in the school district's virtual instruction program 267 authorized pursuant to paragraph (1)(b) $\frac{(1)(c)}{(1)(c)}$ must: 268 Comply with the compulsory attendance requirements of (a) 269 s. 1003.21. Student attendance must be verified by the school 270 district. 271 Take statewide assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22 and (b) 272 participate in the coordinated screening and progress monitoring system under s. 1008.25(9). Statewide assessments and progress 273 274 monitoring may be administered within the school district in 275 which such student resides, or as specified in the contract in 276 accordance with s. 1008.24(3). If requested by the approved 277 virtual instruction program provider or virtual charter school, 278 the district of residence must provide the student with access 279 to the district's testing facilities. 280 (6) VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM AND VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL 281 FUNDING.-282 All virtual instruction programs established pursuant (a) 283 to paragraph (1)(b) (1)(c) are subject to the requirements of s. 1011.61(1)(c)1.b.(III), (IV), (VI), and (4), and the school 284 285 district providing the virtual instruction program shall report 286 the full-time equivalent students in a manner prescribed by the 287 department. A school district may report a full-time equivalent student for credit earned by a student who is enrolled in a 288 944089

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virtual instruction course provided by the district which was completed after the end of the regular school year if the fulltime equivalent student is reported no later than the deadline for amending the final full-time equivalent student membership report for that year.

294 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 295 1002.61, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

296 1002.61 Summer prekindergarten program delivered by public 297 schools and private prekindergarten providers.-

(1) (a) Each school district shall administer the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program at the district level for students enrolled under s. 1002.53(3) (b) in a summer prekindergarten program delivered by a public school. <u>A school</u> <u>district may satisfy this requirement by contracting with</u> private prekindergarten providers.

304 Section 8. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 305 1002.82, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

306 1002.82 Department of Education; powers and duties.-307 (2) The department shall:

308 (e) Review each early learning coalition's school 309 readiness program plan every <u>3</u> 2 years and provide final 310 approval of the plan and any amendments submitted.

311 Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 1002.85, Florida 312 Statutes, is amended to read:

313 1002.85 Early learning coalition plans.-

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Each early learning coalition must biennially submit a 314 (2) 315 school readiness program plan every 3 years to the department before the expenditure of funds. A coalition may not implement 316 317 its school readiness program plan until it receives approval 318 from the department. A coalition may not implement any revision 319 to its school readiness program plan until the coalition submits 320 the revised plan to and receives approval from the department. 321 If the department rejects a plan or revision, the coalition must 322 continue to operate under its previously approved plan. The plan 323 must include, but is not limited to:

(a) The coalition's operations, including its membership and business organization, and the coalition's articles of incorporation and bylaws if the coalition is organized as a corporation. If the coalition is not organized as a corporation or other business entity, the plan must include the contract with a fiscal agent.

(b) The coalition's procedures for implementing the requirements of this part, including:

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1. Single point of entry.

333 2. Uniform waiting list.

334 3. Eligibility and enrollment processes and local

335 eligibility priorities for children pursuant to s. 1002.87.

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- 4. Parent access and choice.

337 5. Sliding fee scale and policies on applying the waiver338 or reduction of fees in accordance with s. 1002.84(9).

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339 6. Use of preassessments and postassessments, as340 applicable.

341 7. Use of contracted slots, as applicable, based on the342 results of the assessment required under paragraph (i).

343 (c) A detailed description of the coalition's quality 344 activities and services, including, but not limited to:

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2. Infant and toddler early learning.

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3. Inclusive early learning programs.

348 4. Quality improvement strategies that strengthen teaching349 practices and increase child outcomes.

1. Resource and referral and school-age child care.

350 A detailed budget that outlines estimated expenditures (d) 351 for state, federal, and local matching funds at the lowest level 352 of detail available by other-cost-accumulator code number; all 353 estimated sources of revenue with identifiable descriptions; a 354 listing of full-time equivalent positions; contracted 355 subcontractor costs with related annual compensation amount or 356 hourly rate of compensation; and a capital improvements plan 357 outlining existing fixed capital outlay projects and proposed 358 capital outlay projects that will begin during the budget year.

(e) A detailed accounting, in the format prescribed by the
department, of all revenues and expenditures during the <u>2</u>
previous state fiscal <u>years</u> year. Revenue sources should be
identifiable, and expenditures should be reported by two
categories: state and federal funds and local matching funds.

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(f) Updated policies and procedures, including those governing procurement, maintenance of tangible personal property, maintenance of records, information technology security, and disbursement controls.

(g) A description of the procedures for monitoring school readiness program providers, including in response to a parental complaint, to determine that the standards prescribed in ss. 1002.82 and 1002.88 are met using a standard monitoring tool adopted by the department. Providers determined to be high risk by the coalition as demonstrated by substantial findings of violations of law shall be monitored more frequently.

(h) Documentation that the coalition has solicited and considered comments regarding the proposed school readiness program plan from the local community.

(i) An assessment of local priorities within the county or
 multicounty region based on the needs of families and provider
 capacity using available community data.

381 Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
382 1003.435, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

383 1003.435 High school equivalency diploma program.-

(4) (a) A candidate who has filed a formal declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment pursuant to 1003.21(1)(c) may take for a high school equivalency diploma shall be at least 18 years of age on the date of the examination, except that in extraordinary circumstances, as provided for in rules of the 944089

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389	district school board of the district in which the candidate
390	resides or attends school, a candidate may take the examination
391	after reaching the age of 16.
392	Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 1003.4935, Florida
393	Statutes, is amended to read:
394	1003.4935 Middle grades career and professional academy
395	courses and career-themed courses
396	(3) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, if a school
397	district implements a middle school career and professional
398	academy or a career-themed course, the Department of Education
399	shall collect and report student achievement data pursuant to
400	performance factors identified under s. 1003.492(3) for students
401	enrolled in an academy or a career-themed course.
402	Section 12. Section 1003.4995, Florida Statutes, is
403	repealed.
404	Section 13. Section 1003.4996, Florida Statutes, is
405	repealed.
406	Section 14. Subsection (2) of section 1003.49965, Florida
407	Statutes, is amended to read:
408	1003.49965 Art in the Capitol Competition
409	(2) <u>A Each school district may shall annually hold an Art</u>
410	in the Capitol Competition for all public, private, and home
411	education students in grades 6 through 8. Submissions shall be
412	judged by a selection committee consisting of art teachers whose
413	students have not submitted artwork for consideration.
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414 Section 15. Paragraphs (s) and (t) of subsection (2) of section 1003.51, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 415 416 paragraphs (r) and (s), respectively, and present paragraphs (g) 417 and (r) of that subsection are amended to read: 418 1003.51 Other public educational services.-419 The State Board of Education shall adopt rules (2)420 articulating expectations for effective education programs for 421 students in Department of Juvenile Justice programs, including, 422 but not limited to, education programs in juvenile justice prevention, day treatment, residential, and detention programs. 423 424 The rule shall establish policies and standards for education 425 programs for students in Department of Juvenile Justice programs 426 and shall include the following: 427 (g) Assessment procedures that, which:

1. For prevention, day treatment, and residential programs, include appropriate academic and career assessments administered at program entry and exit that are selected by the Department of Education in partnership with representatives from the Department of Juvenile Justice, district school boards, and education providers. Assessments must be completed within the first 10 school days after a student's entry into the program.

435 2. provide for determination of the areas of academic need 436 and strategies for appropriate intervention and instruction for 437 each student in a detention facility within 5 school days after 438 the student's entry into the program and <u>for the administration</u> 944089

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439 of administer a research-based assessment that will assist the 440 student in determining his or her educational and career options 441 and goals within 22 school days after the student's entry into 442 the program. The results of the these assessments required under 443 this paragraph and s. 1003.52(3)(d), together with a portfolio 444 depicting the student's academic and career accomplishments, 445 must shall be included in the discharge packet assembled for 446 each student.

447 (r) A series of graduated sanctions for district school 448 boards whose educational programs in Department of Juvenile 449 Justice programs are considered to be unsatisfactory and for 450 instances in which district school boards fail to meet standards 451 prescribed by law, rule, or State Board of Education policy. 452 These sanctions shall include the option of requiring a district 453 school board to contract with a provider or another district 454 school board if the educational program at the Department of 455 Juvenile Justice program is performing below minimum standards 456 and, after 6 months, is still performing below minimum 457 standards. 458 Section 16. Subsection (4) of section 1003.621, Florida

458 Section 16. Subsection (4) of section 1003.621, Florida 459 Statutes, is amended to read:

460 1003.621 Academically high-performing school districts.-It 461 is the intent of the Legislature to recognize and reward school 462 districts that demonstrate the ability to consistently maintain 463 or improve their high-performing status. The purpose of this 944089

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464 section is to provide high-performing school districts with 465 flexibility in meeting the specific requirements in statute and 466 rules of the State Board of Education.

467 (4) REPORTS.—The academically high-performing school 468 district shall submit to the State Board of Education and the 469 Legislature an annual report on December 1 which delineates the 470 performance of the school district relative to the academic 471 performance of students at each grade level in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and any other subject that is included as 472 473 a part of the statewide assessment program in s. 1008.22. The annual report shall be submitted in a format prescribed by the 474 475 Department of Education and shall include:

476 (a) Longitudinal performance of students on statewide, 477 standardized assessments taken under s. 1008.22;

478 (b) Longitudinal performance of students by grade level 479 and subgroup on statewide, standardized assessments taken under 480 s. 1008.22;

481 (c) Longitudinal performance regarding efforts to close 482 the achievement gap;

483 (d)1. Number and percentage of students who take an 484 Advanced Placement Examination; and

485 2. Longitudinal performance regarding students who take an
 486 Advanced Placement Examination by demographic group,

487 specifically by age, gender, race, and Hispanic origin, and by

488 participation in the National School Lunch Program;

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489	(c) Evidence of compliance with subsection (1); and
490	(f) A description of each waiver and the status of each
491	waiver.
492	Section 17. Section 1004.925, Florida Statutes, is
493	repealed.
494	Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1), paragraphs
495	(a) and (e) of subsection (2), paragraph (b) of subsection (3),
496	and paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 1006.28, Florida
497	Statutes, are amended to read:
498	1006.28 Duties of district school board, district school
499	superintendent; and school principal regarding K-12
500	instructional materials
501	(1) DEFINITIONS
502	(a) As used in this section, the term:
503	1. "Adequate instructional materials" means a sufficient
504	number of student or site licenses or sets of materials that are
505	available in bound, unbound, kit, or package form and may
506	consist of hardbacked or softbacked textbooks, electronic
507	content, consumables, learning laboratories, manipulatives,
508	electronic media, and computer courseware or software that serve
509	as the basis for instruction for each student in the core
510	subject areas of mathematics, language arts, social studies,
511	science, reading, and literature.
512	2. "Instructional materials" has the same meaning as in s.
513	1006.29(2).
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3. "Library media center" means any collection of books,
ebooks, periodicals, or videos maintained and accessible on the
site of a school, including in classrooms.

517 (2) DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.—The district school board has
518 the constitutional duty and responsibility to select and provide
519 adequate instructional materials for all students in accordance
520 with the requirements of this part. The district school board
521 also has the following specific duties and responsibilities:

(a) Courses of study; adoption.-Adopt courses of study,
including instructional materials, for use in the schools of the
district.

525 1. Each district school board is responsible for the 526 content of all instructional materials and any other materials 527 used in a classroom, made available in a school or classroom 528 library, or included on a reading list, whether adopted and 529 purchased from the state-adopted instructional materials list, 530 adopted and purchased through a district instructional materials program under s. 1006.283, or otherwise purchased or made 531 532 available.

533 2. Each district school board must adopt a policy 534 regarding an objection by a parent or a resident of the county 535 to the use of a specific material, which clearly describes a 536 process to handle all objections and provides for resolution. 537 The objection form, as prescribed by State Board of Education 538 rule, and the district school board's process must be easy to 944089

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read and understand and be easily accessible on the homepage of the school district's website. The objection form must also identify the school district point of contact and contact information for the submission of an objection. The process must provide the parent or resident the opportunity to proffer evidence to the district school board that:

a. An instructional material does not meet the criteria of s. 1006.31(2) or s. 1006.40(3)(d) if it was selected for use in a course or otherwise made available to students in the school district but was not subject to the public notice, review, comment, and hearing procedures under s. 1006.283(2)(b)8., 9., and 11.

b. Any material used in a classroom, made available in a school or classroom library, or included on a reading list contains content which:

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(I) Is pornographic or prohibited under s. 847.012;

(II) Depicts or describes sexual conduct as defined in s. 847.001(19), unless such material is for a course required by s. 1003.46, s. 1003.42(2)(n)1.g., or s. 1003.42(2)(n)3., or identified by State Board of Education rule;

(III) Is not suited to student needs and their ability to comprehend the material presented; or

(IV) Is inappropriate for the grade level and age groupfor which the material is used.

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564 A resident of the county who is not the parent of a student with 565 access to school district materials may not object to more than 566 one material per month; the State Board of Education may adopt 567 rules to implement this provision. Any material that is subject 568 to an objection on the basis of sub-sub-subparagraph b.(I) or 569 sub-sub-subparagraph b. (II) must be removed within 5 school days 570 after of receipt of the objection and remain unavailable to 571 students of that school until the objection is resolved. Parents 572 shall have the right to read passages from any material that is 573 subject to an objection. If the school board denies a parent the 574 right to read passages due to content that meets the 575 requirements under sub-sub-subparagraph b.(I), the school 576 district shall discontinue the use of the material. If the 577 district school board finds that any material meets the 578 requirements under sub-subparagraph a. or that any other 579 material contains prohibited content under sub-subparagraph 580 b.(I), the school district shall discontinue use of the material 581 in the school district. If the district school board finds that 582 any other material contains prohibited content under sub-sub-583 subparagraphs b.(II)-(IV), the school district shall discontinue 584 use of the material for any grade level or age group for which 585 such use is inappropriate or unsuitable.

586 3. Each district school board must establish a process by 587 which the parent of a public school student or a resident of the 588 county may contest the district school board's adoption of a 944089

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589 specific instructional material. The parent or resident must 590 file a petition, on a form provided by the school board, within 591 30 calendar days after the adoption of the instructional 592 material by the school board. The school board must make the 593 form available to the public and publish the form on the school 594 district's website. The form must be signed by the parent or 595 resident, include the required contact information, and state 596 the objection to the instructional material based on the 597 criteria of s. 1006.31(2) or s. 1006.40(3)(d). Within 30 days 598 after the 30-day period has expired, the school board must, for 599 all petitions timely received, conduct at least one open public 600 hearing before an unbiased and qualified hearing officer. The 601 hearing officer may not be an employee or agent of the school 602 district. The hearing is not subject to the provisions of 603 chapter 120; however, the hearing must provide sufficient 604 procedural protections to allow each petitioner an adequate and 605 fair opportunity to be heard and present evidence to the hearing 606 officer. The school board's decision after convening a hearing 607 is final and not subject to further petition or review.

608 4. Meetings of committees convened for the purpose of 609 ranking, eliminating, or selecting instructional materials for 610 recommendation to the district school board must be noticed and 611 open to the public in accordance with s. 286.011. Any committees 612 convened for such purposes must include parents of students who 613 will have access to such materials.

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5. Meetings of committees convened for the purpose of resolving an objection by a parent or resident to specific materials must be noticed and open to the public in accordance with s. 286.011. Any committees convened for such purposes must include parents of students who will have access to such materials.

620 6. If a parent disagrees with the determination made by 621 the district school board on the objection to the use of a 622 specific material, a parent may request the Commissioner of 623 Education to appoint a special magistrate who is a member of The 624 Florida Bar in good standing and who has at least 5 years' 625 experience in administrative law. The special magistrate shall 626 determine facts relating to the school district's determination, 627 consider information provided by the parent and the school 628 district, and render a recommended decision for resolution to 629 the State Board of Education within 30 days after receipt of the 630 request by the parent. The State Board of Education must approve or reject the recommended decision at its next regularly 631 632 scheduled meeting that is more than 7 calendar days and no more 633 than 30 days after the date the recommended decision is transmitted. The costs of the special magistrate shall be borne 634 635 by the school district. The State Board of Education shall adopt 636 rules, including forms, necessary to implement this 637 subparagraph.

638 (e) Public participation.-Publish on its website, in a 944089

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639 searchable format prescribed by the department, a list of all 640 instructional materials, including those used to provide 641 instruction required by s. 1003.42. Each district school board 642 must:

1. Provide access to all materials, excluding teacher editions, in accordance with s. 1006.283(2)(b)8.a. before the district school board takes any official action on such materials. This process must include reasonable safeguards against the unauthorized use, reproduction, and distribution of instructional materials considered for adoption.

Select, approve, adopt, or purchase all materials as a
separate line item on the agenda and provide a reasonable
opportunity for public comment. The use of materials described
in this paragraph may not be selected, approved, or adopted as
part of a consent agenda.

3. Annually, beginning June 30, 2023, submit to theCommissioner of Education a report that identifies:

a. Each material for which the school district received an
objection pursuant to subparagraph (a)2., including the grade
level and course the material was used in, for the school year
and the specific objections thereto.

b. Each material that was removed or discontinued.

c. Each material that was not removed or discontinued and
 the rationale for not removing or discontinuing the material.

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The department shall publish and regularly update a list of materials that were removed or discontinued, sorted by grade <u>level</u>, as a result of an objection and disseminate the list to school districts for consideration in their selection procedures.

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(3) DISTRICT SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.-

(b) Each district school superintendent shall <u>annually</u>
notify the department by April 1 of each year the state-adopted
instructional materials that will be requisitioned for use in
his or her school district. The notification shall include a
district school board plan for instructional materials use to
assist in determining if adequate instructional materials have
been requisitioned.

677 (4) SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.—The school principal has the
678 following duties for the management and care of materials at the
679 school:

680 Money collected for lost or damaged instructional (b) 681 materials; enforcement.-The school principal may shall collect 682 from each student or the student's parent the purchase price of any instructional material the student has lost, destroyed, or 683 684 unnecessarily damaged and to report and transmit the money collected to the district school superintendent. A student who 685 686 fails to pay such sum may be suspended the failure to collect 687 such sum upon reasonable effort by the school principal may result in the suspension of the student from participation in 688 944089

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689 extracurricular activities. A student may satisfy or 690 satisfaction of the debt by the student through community 691 service activities at the school site as determined by the 692 school principal, pursuant to policies adopted by district 693 school board rule.

694 Section 19. Subsection (1) of section 1006.283, Florida 695 Statutes, is amended to read:

696 1006.283 District school board instructional materials 697 review process.-

698 (1)A district school board or consortium of school 699 districts may implement an instructional materials program that 700 includes the review, recommendation, adoption, and purchase of 701 instructional materials. The district school superintendent 702 shall annually certify to the department by March 31 of each 703 year that all instructional materials for core courses used by 704 the district are aligned with applicable state standards. A list 705 of the core instructional materials that will be used or 706 purchased for use by the school district shall be included in 707 the certification.

708 Section 20. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 709 1006.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

710 1006.33 Bids or proposals; advertisement and its 711 contents.-

(1) (a) <u>1. Beginning with the 2026-2027 instructional</u> materials adoption cycle and thereafter, the department shall 944089

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714	publish an instructional materials adoption timeline which must	
715	include, but is not limited to, publishing bid specifications,	
716	advertising in the Florida Administrative Register, and	
717	deadlines for the submission of bids. The adoption cycle must	
718	include at least 6 months between the release of the bid	
719	specifications and the deadline for the submission of bids, and	
720	publication of an initial list of state-adopted instructional	
721	materials no later than July 31 in the year preceding the	
722	adoption.	
723	2. For the 2025-2026 instructional materials adoption	
724	cycle, the department shall publish an instructional materials	
725	adoption timeline which must include, but is not limited to,	
726	publishing bid specifications, advertising in the Florida	
727	Administrative Register, and deadlines for the submission of	
728	bids. The adoption cycle must include at least 6 months between	
729	the release of the bid specifications and the deadline for the	
730	submission of bids. The adoption cycle must specify that the	
731	Commissioner of Education shall publish an initial list of	
732	state-adopted instructional materials no later than December 1,	
733	2025. This subparagraph shall expire July 1, 2026. Beginning on	
734	or before May 15 of any year in which an instructional materials	
735	adoption is to be initiated, the department shall advertise in	
736	the Florida Administrative Register 4 weeks preceding the date	
737	on which the bids shall be received, that at a certain	
738	designated time, not later than June 15, sealed bids or	
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739	proposals to be deposited with the department will be received
740	from publishers or manufacturers for the furnishing of
741	instructional materials proposed to be adopted as listed in the
742	advertisement beginning April 1 following the adoption.
743	Section 21. Subsection (4) of section 1007.33, Florida
744	Statutes, is amended to read:
745	1007.33 Site-determined baccalaureate degree access
746	(4) A Florida College System institution may:
747	(a) Offer specified baccalaureate degree programs through
748	formal agreements between the Florida College System institution
749	and other regionally accredited postsecondary educational
750	institutions pursuant to s. 1007.22.
751	(b) Offer baccalaureate degree programs that were
752	authorized by law <u>before</u> prior to July 1, 2009.
753	(c) Establish a first or subsequent baccalaureate degree
754	program for purposes of meeting district, regional, or statewide
755	workforce needs if approved by the State Board of Education
756	under this section.
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758	The Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College is authorized to
759	establish one or more bachelor of applied science degree
760	programs based on an analysis of workforce needs in Pinellas,
761	Pasco, and Hernando Counties and other counties approved by the
762	Department of Education. For each program selected, St.
763	Petersburg College must offer a related associate in science or
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764 associate in applied science degree program, and the baccalaureate degree level program must be designed to 765 articulate fully with at least one associate in science degree 766 767 program. The college is encouraged to develop articulation 768 agreements for enrollment of graduates of related associate in 769 applied science degree programs. The Board of Trustees of St. 770 Petersburg College is authorized to establish additional 771 baccalaureate degree programs if it determines a program is 772 warranted and feasible based on each of the factors in paragraph 773 (5) (d). Prior to developing or proposing a new baccalaureate degree program, St. Petersburg College shall engage in need, 774 775 demand, and impact discussions with the state university in its 776 service district and other local and regional, accredited 777 postsecondary providers in its region. Documentation, data, and 778 other information from inter-institutional discussions regarding 779 program need, demand, and impact shall be provided to the 780 college's board of trustees to inform the program approval 781 process. Employment at St. Petersburg College is governed by the 782 same laws that govern Florida College System institutions, 783 except that upper-division faculty are eligible for continuing 784 contracts upon the completion of the fifth year of teaching. Employee records for all personnel shall be maintained as 785 required by s. 1012.81. 786 787 Section 22. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2), paragraphs

788 (a) and (b) of subsection (3), paragraph (c) of subsection (4), 944089

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paragraphs (a), (b), and (d) of subsection (5), paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (6), paragraph (b) of subsection (7), and paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of section 1008.25, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (h) is added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:

794 1008.25 Public school student progression; student 795 support; coordinated screening and progress monitoring; 796 reporting requirements.-

(2) STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN.-Each district school board
shall establish a comprehensive plan for student progression
which must provide for a student's progression from one grade to
another based on the student's mastery of the standards in s.
1003.41, specifically English Language Arts, mathematics,
science, and social studies standards. The plan must:

803 Include criteria that emphasize student reading (a) 804 proficiency in kindergarten through grade 3 and provide targeted 805 instructional support for students with identified deficiencies 806 in English Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social 807 studies, including students who have been referred to the school 808 district from the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program pursuant to paragraph (5) (b). High schools shall use all 809 available assessment results, including the results of 810 811 statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessments and 812 end-of-course assessments for Algebra I and Geometry, to advise students of any identified deficiencies and to provide 813 944089

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appropriate postsecondary preparatory instruction before high 814 815 school graduation. The results of evaluations used to monitor a 816 student's progress in grades K-12 must be provided to the 817 student's teacher in a timely manner and as otherwise required 818 by law. Thereafter, evaluation results must be provided to the 819 student's parent in a timely manner. When available, instructional personnel must be provided with information on 820 821 student achievement of standards and benchmarks in order to 822 improve instruction.

823 (h) Specify retention requirements for students in 824 kindergarten through grade 2 based upon each student's 825 performance in English Language Arts and mathematics. For 826 students who are retained in kindergarten through grade 2, the 827 plan must incorporate the parental notification requirements 828 provided in subsections (5) and (6), include an opportunity for 829 parental input on the retention decision, and include 830 information on the importance of students mastering early 831 literacy and communication skills in order to be reading at or 832 above grade level by the end of grade 3. ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES.-District school boards shall 833 (3) 834 allocate remedial and supplemental instruction resources to 835 students in the following priority: 836 (a) Students in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education 837 Program who have a substantial deficiency in early literacy skills and students in kindergarten through grade 3 who have a 838 944089

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839 substantial deficiency in reading or the characteristics of 840 dyslexia as determined in paragraph (5)(a).

(b) Students in <u>the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education</u>
Program who have a substantial deficiency in early mathematics
skills and students in kindergarten through grade 4 who have a
substantial deficiency in mathematics or the characteristics of
dyscalculia as determined in paragraph (6) (a).

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(4) ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT.-

847 (c) A student who has a substantial reading deficiency as 848 determined in paragraph (5) (a) or a substantial mathematics deficiency as determined in paragraph (6)(a) must be covered by 849 850 a federally required student plan, such as an individual 851 education plan or an individualized progress monitoring plan, or 852 both, as necessary. The individualized progress monitoring plan 853 must be developed within 45 days after the results of the 854 coordinated screening and progress monitoring system become 855 available. The plan must shall include, at a minimum, include:

856 1. The student's specific, identified reading or857 mathematics skill deficiency.

858 2. Goals and benchmarks for student growth in reading or 859 mathematics.

3. A description of the specific measures that will be
used to evaluate and monitor the student's reading or
mathematics progress.

863 4. For a substantial reading deficiency, the specific 944089

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864 evidence-based literacy instruction grounded in the science of 865 reading which the student will receive.

5. Strategies, resources, and materials that will be provided to the student's parent to support the student to make reading or mathematics progress.

869 6. Any additional services the student's teacher deems
870 available and appropriate to accelerate the student's reading or
871 mathematics skill development.

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(5) READING DEFICIENCY AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION. -

873 Any student in a Voluntary Prekindergarten Education (a) 874 Program provided by a public school who exhibits a substantial 875 deficiency in early literacy skills and any student in 876 kindergarten through grade 3 who exhibits a substantial 877 deficiency in reading or the characteristics of dyslexia based 878 upon screening, diagnostic, progress monitoring, or assessment 879 data; statewide assessments; or teacher observations must be provided intensive, explicit, systematic, and multisensory 880 reading interventions immediately following the identification 881 882 of the reading deficiency or the characteristics of dyslexia to 883 address his or her specific deficiency or dyslexia. For the 884 purposes of this subsection, a Voluntary Prekindergarten 885 Education Program student is deemed to exhibit a substantial 886 deficiency in early literacy skills based upon the results of 887 the midyear or final administration of the coordinated screening and progress monitoring under subsection (9). 888 944089

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889 1. The department shall provide a list of state examined 890 and approved comprehensive reading and intervention programs. 891 The intervention programs shall be provided in addition to the 892 comprehensive core reading instruction that is provided to all 893 students in the general education classroom. Dyslexia-specific 894 interventions, as defined by rule of the State Board of 895 Education, shall be provided to students who have the 896 characteristics of dyslexia. The reading intervention programs 897 must do all of the following:

a. Provide explicit, direct instruction that is
systematic, sequential, and cumulative in language development,
phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and
comprehension, as applicable.

b. Provide daily targeted small group reading
interventions based on student need in phonological awareness,
phonics, including decoding and encoding, sight words,
vocabulary, or comprehension.

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c. Be implemented during regular school hours.

907 A school may not wait for a student to receive a 2. 908 failing grade at the end of a grading period or wait until a 909 plan under paragraph (4) (b) is developed to identify the student 910 as having a substantial reading deficiency and initiate 911 intensive reading interventions. In addition, a school may not 912 wait until an evaluation conducted pursuant to s. 1003.57 is completed to provide appropriate, evidence-based interventions 913 944089

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914 for a student whose parent submits documentation from a 915 professional licensed under chapter 490 which demonstrates that 916 the student has been diagnosed with dyslexia. Such interventions 917 must be initiated upon receipt of the documentation and based on 918 the student's specific areas of difficulty as identified by the 919 licensed professional.

920 3. A student's reading proficiency must be monitored and 921 the intensive interventions must continue until the student 922 demonstrates grade level proficiency in a manner determined by 923 the district, which may include achieving a Level 3 on the 924 statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment. The 925 State Board of Education shall identify by rule quidelines for 926 determining whether a student in a Voluntary Prekindergarten 927 Education Program has a deficiency in early literacy skills or a 928 student in kindergarten through grade 3 has a substantial 929 deficiency in reading.

930 A Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program student (b) 931 who exhibits a substantial deficiency in early literacy skills 932 based upon the results of the administration of the midyear or 933 final coordinated screening and progress monitoring under subsection (9) shall be referred to the local school district 934 935 and may be eligible to receive instruction in early literacy 936 skills before participating in kindergarten. A student with an 937 individual education plan who has been retained pursuant to paragraph (2)(g) and has demonstrated a substantial deficiency 938 944089

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939 in early literacy skills must receive instruction in early 940 literacy skills.

941 (d) The parent of any student who exhibits a substantial 942 deficiency in reading, as described in paragraph (a), must be 943 <u>immediately</u> notified in writing of the following:

944 1. That his or her child has been identified as having a 945 substantial deficiency in reading, including a description and 946 explanation, in terms understandable to the parent, of the exact 947 nature of the student's difficulty in learning and lack of 948 achievement in reading.

949 2. A description of the current services that are provided950 to the child.

3. A description of the proposed intensive interventions
and supports that will be provided to the child that are
designed to remediate the identified area of reading deficiency.

954 4. <u>The student progression requirements under paragraph</u> 955 <u>(2)(h) and that if the child's reading deficiency is not</u> 956 remediated by the end of grade 3, the child must be retained 957 unless he or she is exempt from mandatory retention for good 958 cause.

5. Strategies, including multisensory strategies and programming, through a read-at-home plan the parent can use in helping his or her child succeed in reading. The read-at-home plan must provide access to the resources identified in paragraph (e) (f).

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964 6. That the statewide, standardized English Language Arts 965 assessment is not the sole determiner of promotion and that 966 additional evaluations, portfolio reviews, and assessments are 967 available to the child to assist parents and the school district 968 in knowing when a child is reading at or above grade level and 969 ready for grade promotion.

970 7. The district's specific criteria and policies for a 971 portfolio as provided in subparagraph (7)(b)4. and the evidence 972 required for a student to demonstrate mastery of Florida's 973 academic standards for English Language Arts. A school must 974 immediately begin collecting evidence for a portfolio when a 975 student in grade 3 is identified as being at risk of retention 976 or upon the request of the parent, whichever occurs first.

8. The district's specific criteria and policies for
midyear promotion. Midyear promotion means promotion of a
retained student at any time during the year of retention once
the student has demonstrated ability to read at grade level.

981 9. Information about the student's eligibility for the New 982 Worlds Reading Initiative under s. 1003.485 and the New Worlds 983 Scholarship Accounts under s. 1002.411 and information on parent 984 training modules and other reading engagement resources 985 available through the initiative.

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987 After initial notification, the school shall apprise the parent 988 at least monthly of the student's progress in response to the 944089

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989 intensive interventions and supports. Such communications must 990 be in writing and must explain any additional interventions or 991 supports that will be implemented to accelerate the student's 992 progress if the interventions and supports already being 993 implemented have not resulted in improvement. Upon the request 994 of the parent, the teacher or school administrator shall meet to 995 discuss the student's progress. The parent may request more 996 frequent notification of the student's progress, more frequent 997 interventions or supports, and earlier implementation of the 998 additional interventions or supports described in the initial 999 notification.

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(6) MATHEMATICS DEFICIENCY AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION. -

1001 Any student in a Voluntary Prekindergarten Education (a) 1002 Program provided by a public school who exhibits a substantial 1003 deficiency in early mathematics skills and any student in 1004 kindergarten through grade 4 who exhibits a substantial 1005 deficiency in mathematics or the characteristics of dyscalculia 1006 based upon screening, diagnostic, progress monitoring, or 1007 assessment data; statewide assessments; or teacher observations 1008 must:

1009 1. Immediately following the identification of the 1010 mathematics deficiency, be provided systematic and explicit 1011 mathematics instruction to address his or her specific 1012 deficiencies through either:

1013 a. Daily targeted small group mathematics intervention 944089

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1014 based on student need; or

b. Supplemental, evidence-based mathematics interventions
before or after school, or both, delivered by a highly qualified
teacher of mathematics or a trained tutor.

1018 2. The performance of a student receiving mathematics 1019 instruction under subparagraph 1. must be monitored, and 1020 instruction must be adjusted based on the student's need.

The department shall provide a list of state examined 1021 3. 1022 and approved mathematics intervention programs, curricula, and 1023 high-quality supplemental materials that may be used to improve 1024 a student's mathematics deficiencies. In addition, the 1025 department shall work, at a minimum, with the Florida Center for 1026 Mathematics and Science Education Research established in s. 1027 1004.86 to disseminate information to school districts and 1028 teachers on effective evidence-based explicit mathematics 1029 instructional practices, strategies, and interventions.

1030 A school may not wait for a student to receive a 4. 1031 failing grade at the end of a grading period or wait until a 1032 plan under paragraph (4) (b) is developed to identify the student 1033 as having a substantial mathematics deficiency and initiate intensive mathematics interventions. In addition, a school may 1034 1035 not wait until an evaluation conducted pursuant to s. 1003.57 is completed to provide appropriate, evidence-based interventions 1036 1037 for a student whose parent submits documentation from a professional licensed under chapter 490 which demonstrates that 1038 944089

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1039 the student has been diagnosed with dyscalculia. Such 1040 interventions must be initiated upon receipt of the 1041 documentation and based on the student's specific areas of 1042 difficulty as identified by the licensed professional.

1043 The mathematics proficiency of a student receiving 5. 1044 additional mathematics supports must be monitored and the 1045 intensive interventions must continue until the student 1046 demonstrates grade level proficiency in a manner determined by 1047 the district, which may include achieving a Level 3 on the 1048 statewide, standardized Mathematics assessment. The State Board 1049 of Education shall identify by rule guidelines for determining 1050 whether a student in a Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program has a deficiency in early mathematics skills or a 1051 1052 student in kindergarten through grade 4 has a substantial 1053 deficiency in mathematics.

For the purposes of this subsection, a Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program student is deemed to exhibit a substantial deficiency in mathematics skills based upon the results of the midyear or final administration of the coordinated screening and progress monitoring under subsection (9).

(b) A Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program student who exhibits a substantial deficiency in early math skills based upon the results of the administration of the <u>midyear or</u> final coordinated screening and progress monitoring under subsection 944089

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(8) shall be referred to the local school district and may be eligible to receive intensive mathematics interventions before participating in kindergarten.

1067 (c) The parent of a student who exhibits a substantial 1068 deficiency in mathematics, as described in paragraph (a), must 1069 be immediately notified in writing of the following:

1070 1. That his or her child has been identified as having a 1071 substantial deficiency in mathematics, including a description 1072 and explanation, in terms understandable to the parent, of the 1073 exact nature of the student's difficulty in learning and lack of 1074 achievement in mathematics.

1075 2. A description of the current services that are provided 1076 to the child.

1077 3. A description of the proposed intensive interventions 1078 and supports that will be provided to the child that are 1079 designed to remediate the identified area of mathematics 1080 deficiency.

4. Strategies, including multisensory strategies and programming, through a home-based plan the parent can use in helping his or her child succeed in mathematics. The home-based plan must provide access to the resources identified in paragraph (d) (e).

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1087 After the initial notification, the school shall apprise the 1088 parent at least monthly of the student's progress in response to 944089

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1089 the intensive interventions and supports. Such communications 1090 must be in writing and must explain any additional interventions 1091 or supports that will be implemented to accelerate the student's 1092 progress if the interventions and supports already being 1093 implemented have not resulted in improvement. Upon the request 1094 of the parent, the teacher or school administrator shall meet to 1095 discuss the student's progress. The parent may request more 1096 frequent notification of the student's progress, more frequent 1097 interventions or supports, and earlier implementation of the 1098 additional interventions or supports described in the initial 1099 notification.

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(7) ELIMINATION OF SOCIAL PROMOTION.-

1101 (b) The district school board may only exempt students 1102 from mandatory retention, as provided in paragraph (5)(c), for 1103 good cause. A student who is promoted to grade 4 with a good 1104 cause exemption shall be provided intensive reading instruction 1105 and intervention that include specialized diagnostic information 1106 and specific reading strategies to meet the needs of each 1107 student so promoted. The school district shall assist schools 1108 and teachers with the implementation of explicit, systematic, 1109 and multisensory reading instruction and intervention strategies 1110 for students promoted with a good cause exemption which research has shown to be successful in improving reading among students 1111 1112 who have reading difficulties. Upon the request of the parent, the teacher or school administrator shall meet to discuss the 1113

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1114 <u>student's progress. The parent may request more frequent</u> 1115 <u>notification of the student's progress, more frequent</u> 1116 <u>interventions or supports, and earlier implementation of the</u> 1117 <u>additional interventions or supports described in the initial</u> 1118 <u>notification.</u> Good cause exemptions are limited to the 1119 following:

1120 1. Limited English proficient students who have had less 1121 than 2 years of instruction in an English for Speakers of Other 1122 Languages program based on the initial date of entry into a 1123 school in the United States.

1124 2. Students with disabilities whose individual education 1125 plan indicates that participation in the statewide assessment 1126 program is not appropriate, consistent with the requirements of 1127 s. 1008.212.

3. Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternative standardized reading or English Language Arts assessment approved by the State Board of Education.

4. A student who demonstrates through a student portfolio
that he or she is performing at least at Level 2 on the
statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment.

5. Students with disabilities who take the statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment and who have an individual education plan or a Section 504 plan that reflects that the student has received intensive instruction in reading 944089

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1139 or English Language Arts for more than 2 years but still 1140 demonstrates a deficiency and was previously retained in 1141 prekindergarten, kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3.

6. Students who have received intensive reading
 intervention for 2 or more years but still demonstrate a
 deficiency in reading and who were previously retained in
 kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3 for a total of 2
 years. A student may not be retained more than once in grade 3.

(9) COORDINATED SCREENING AND PROGRESS MONITORING SYSTEM.-

(b) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, private
Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program providers and public
schools must participate in the coordinated screening and
progress monitoring system pursuant to this paragraph.

1152 1. For students in the <u>school-year</u> Voluntary 1153 Prekindergarten Education Program through grade 2, the 1154 coordinated screening and progress monitoring system must be 1155 administered at least three times within a program year or 1156 school year, as applicable, with the first administration 1157 occurring no later than the first 30 instructional days after a 1158 student's enrollment or the start of the program year or school 1159 year, the second administration occurring midyear, and the third 1160 administration occurring within the last 30 days of the program 1161 or school year pursuant to state board rule. The state board may 1162 adopt alternate timeframes to address nontraditional school year 1163 calendars or summer programs to ensure the coordinated screening 944089

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1164 and progress monitoring program is administered a minimum of 1165 three times within a year or program.

1166 2. For students in the summer prekindergarten program, the 1167 coordinated screening and progress monitoring system must be 1168 administered two times, with the first administration occurring 1169 no later than the first 10 instructional days after a student's 1170 enrollment or the start of the summer prekindergarten program, 1171 and the final administration occurring within the last 10 days 1172 of the summer prekindergarten program pursuant to state board 1173 rule.

1174 3.2. For grades 3 through 10 English Language Arts and 1175 grades 3 through 8 Mathematics, the coordinated screening and 1176 progress monitoring system must be administered at the 1177 beginning, middle, and end of the school year pursuant to state 1178 board rule. The end-of-year administration of the coordinated 1179 screening and progress monitoring system must be a comprehensive 1180 progress monitoring assessment administered in accordance with 1181 the scheduling requirements under s. 1008.22(7)(c).

1182Section 23. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section11831008.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1184 1008.31 Florida's Early Learning-20 education performance 1185 accountability system; legislative intent; mission, goals, and 1186 systemwide measures; data quality improvements.-

1187 (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.-It is the intent of the 1188 Legislature that:

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1189 The Early Learning-20 education performance (C) accountability system comply with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-95 "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001," Pub. L. No. 107-110, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 1008.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1008.33 Authority to enforce public school improvement.-

(4) (a) The state board shall apply intensive intervention 1198 and support strategies tailored to the needs of schools earning two consecutive grades of "D" or a grade of "F." In the first 1199 1200 full school year after a school initially earns a grade of "D," the school district must immediately implement intervention and 1201 1202 support strategies prescribed in rule under paragraph (3)(c). 1203 For a school that initially earns a grade of "F" or a second 1204 consecutive grade of "D," the school district must either 1205 continue implementing or immediately begin implementing 1206 intervention and support strategies prescribed in rule under 1207 paragraph (3)(c) and provide the department, by September 1, 1208 with the memorandum of understanding negotiated pursuant to s. 1001.42(21) and, by October 1, a district-managed turnaround 1209 1210 plan for approval by the state board. The district-managed 1211 turnaround plan may include a proposal for the district to 1212 implement an extended school day, a summer program, a combination of an extended school day and a summer program, or 1213 944089

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1214 any other option authorized under paragraph (b) for state board 1215 approval. A school district is not required to wait until a 1216 school earns a second consecutive grade of "D" to submit a 1217 turnaround plan for approval by the state board under this paragraph. Upon approval by the state board, the school district 1218 1219 must implement the plan for the remainder of the school year and 1220 continue the plan for 1 full school year. The state board may 1221 allow a school an additional year of implementation before the 1222 school must implement a turnaround option required under 1223 paragraph (b) if it determines that the school is likely to improve to a grade of "C" or higher after the first full school 1224 1225 year of implementation. The state board may also allow a school 1226 that has received a grant pursuant to s. 1003.64 additional time 1227 to implement a community school model.

1228 Section 25. Section 1008.332, Florida Statutes, is amended 1229 to read:

1230 1008.332 Committee of practitioners pursuant to federal 1231 Every Student Succeeds No Child Left Behind Act.-The Department 1232 of Education shall establish a committee of practitioners 1233 pursuant to federal requirements of the Every Student Succeeds 1234 No Child Left Behind Act of 2015 2001. The committee members 1235 shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Education and shall 1236 annually report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, 1237 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1. The committee shall meet regularly and is authorized to review 1238 944089

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1239 potential rules and policies that will be considered by the 1240 State Board of Education.

1241 Section 26. Subsection (5) of section 1008.34, Florida 1242 Statutes, is amended to read:

1243 1008.34 School grading system; school report cards; 1244 district grade.-

1245 (5) DISTRICT GRADE.-Beginning with the 2014-2015 school 1246 year, a school district's grade shall include a district-level 1247 calculation of the components under paragraph (3)(b). This 1248 calculation methodology captures each eligible student in the 1249 district who may have transferred among schools within the 1250 district or is enrolled in a school that does not receive a 1251 grade. The department shall develop a district report card that 1252 includes the district grade; the information required under s. 1253 1008.345(3) s. 1008.345(5); measures of the district's progress 1254 in closing the achievement gap between higher-performing student 1255 subgroups and lower-performing student subgroups; measures of 1256 the district's progress in demonstrating Learning Gains of its 1257 highest-performing students; measures of the district's success 1258 in improving student attendance; the district's grade-level 1259 promotion of students scoring achievement levels 1 and 2 on 1260 statewide, standardized English Language Arts and Mathematics 1261 assessments; and measures of the district's performance in 1262 preparing students for the transition from elementary to middle school, middle to high school, and high school to postsecondary 1263 944089

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1264 institutions and careers.

Section 27. Subsections (5) through (7) of section 1266 1008.345, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) 1267 through (5), respectively, and present subsections (3), (4), and 1268 (5) and paragraph (d) of present subsection (6) of that section 1269 are amended to read:

1270 1008.345 Implementation of state system of school 1271 improvement and education accountability.-

1272 (3) The annual feedback report shall be developed by the 1273 Department of Education.

1274 (4) The commissioner shall review each district school 1275 board's feedback report and submit findings to the State Board 1276 of Education. If adequate progress is not being made toward 1277 implementing and maintaining a system of school improvement and 1278 education accountability, the State Board of Education shall 1279 direct the commissioner to prepare and implement a corrective 1280 action plan. The commissioner and State Board of Education shall 1281 monitor the development and implementation of the corrective 1282 action plan.

1283 <u>(3)</u> (5) The commissioner shall annually report to the State 1284 Board of Education and the Legislature and recommend changes in 1285 state policy necessary to foster school improvement and 1286 education accountability. The report <u>must</u> shall include:

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(a) for each school district:

1288 <u>(a)</u>^{1.} The percentage of students, by school and grade 944089

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1289 level, demonstrating learning growth in English Language Arts 1290 and mathematics.

1291 (b)^{2.} The percentage of students, by school and grade 1292 level, in both the highest and lowest quartiles demonstrating 1293 learning growth in English Language Arts and mathematics.

1294 <u>(c)</u>^{3.} The information contained in the school district's 1295 annual report required pursuant to s. 1008.25(10).

1296 (b) Intervention and support strategies used by school 1297 districts whose students in both the highest and lowest 1298 quartiles exceed the statewide average learning growth for 1299 students in those quartiles.

1300 (c) Intervention and support strategies used by school 1301 districts whose schools provide educational services to youth in 1302 Department of Juvenile Justice programs that demonstrate 1303 learning growth in English Language Arts and mathematics that 1304 exceeds the statewide average learning growth for students in 1305 those subjects.

1306 (d) Based upon a review of each school district's reading 1307 instruction plan submitted pursuant to s. 1003.4201, 1308 intervention and support strategies used by school districts 1309 that were effective in improving the reading performance of 1310 students, as indicated by student performance data, who are 1311 identified as having a substantial reading deficiency pursuant 1312 to s. 1008.25(5)(a).

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School reports <u>must</u> shall be distributed pursuant to this subsection and s. 1001.42(18)(c) and according to rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

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The commissioner shall assign a community assessment 1318 (d) 1319 team to each school district or governing board with a school 1320 that earned a grade of "D" or "F" pursuant to s. 1008.34 to 1321 review the school performance data and determine causes for the 1322 low performance, including the role of school, area, and 1323 district administrative personnel. The community assessment team 1324 shall review a high school's graduation rate calculated without 1325 high school equivalency diploma recipients for the past 3 years, 1326 disaggregated by student ethnicity. The team shall make 1327 recommendations to the school board or the governing board and to the State Board of Education based on the interventions and 1328 1329 support strategies identified pursuant to subsection (5) to 1330 address the causes of the school's low performance and to 1331 incorporate the strategies into the school improvement plan. The 1332 assessment team shall include, but not be limited to, a 1333 department representative, parents, business representatives, 1334 educators, representatives of local governments, and community 1335 activists, and shall represent the demographics of the community 1336 from which they are appointed.

Section 28. Subsection (3) of section 1008.45, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

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1339	1008.45 Florida College System institution accountability
1340	process
1341	(3) The State Board of Education shall address within the
1342	annual evaluation of the performance of the executive director,
1343	and the Florida College System institution boards of trustees
1344	shall address within the annual evaluation of the presidents $_{m au}$
1345	the achievement of the performance goals established by the
1346	accountability process.
1347	Section 29. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
1348	1000.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1349	1000.05 Discrimination against students and employees in
1350	the Florida K-20 public education system prohibited; equality of
1351	access required
1352	(2)
1353	(d) Students may be separated by sex for a single-gender
1354	program as provided under s. 1002.311 , for any portion of a
1355	class that deals with human reproduction, or during
1356	participation in bodily contact sports. For the purpose of this
1357	section, bodily contact sports include wrestling, boxing, rugby,
1358	ice hockey, football, basketball, and other sports in which the
1359	purpose or major activity involves bodily contact.
1360	Section 30. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
1361	1002.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1362	1002.31 Controlled open enrollment; public school parental
1363	choice
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1365 Each school district and charter school capacity (b) 1366 determinations for its schools, by grade level, must be updated 1367 every 12 weeks and be identified on the school district and 1368 charter school's websites. In determining the capacity of each 1369 district school, the district school board shall incorporate the 1370 specifications, plans, elements, and commitments contained in 1371 the school district educational facilities plan and the long-1372 term work programs required under s. 1013.35. Each charter 1373 school governing board shall determine capacity based upon its 1374 charter school contract. Each virtual charter school and each 1375 school district with a contract with an approved virtual 1376 instruction program provider shall determine capacity based upon 1377 the enrollment requirements established under s. 1002.45(1)(d)4. 1378 s. 1002.45(1)(e)4.

Section 31. Subsection (3) of section 1002.321, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1002.321 Digital learning.-

(3) CUSTOMIZED AND ACCELERATED LEARNING.—A school district must establish multiple opportunities for student participation in part-time and full-time kindergarten through grade 12 virtual instruction. Options include, but are not limited to:

(a) School district operated part-time or full-time virtual instruction programs under <u>s. 1002.45</u> s. 1002.45(1)(b) for kindergarten through grade 12 students enrolled in the 944089

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1389 school district. A full-time program shall operate under its own 1390 Master School Identification Number.

(b) Florida Virtual School instructional servicesauthorized under s. 1002.37.

1393 (c) Blended learning instruction provided by charter1394 schools authorized under s. 1002.33.

(d) Virtual charter school instruction authorized under s.1396 1002.33.

(e) Courses delivered in the traditional school setting by
personnel providing direct instruction through virtual
instruction or through blended learning courses consisting of
both traditional classroom and online instructional techniques
pursuant to s. 1003.498.

(f) Virtual courses offered in the course code directory to students within the school district or to students in other school districts throughout the state pursuant to s. 1003.498.

1405 Section 32. Subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection 1406 (6), and paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section 1002.33, 1407 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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1002.33 Charter schools.-

(1) AUTHORIZATION.—All charter schools in Florida are public schools and shall be part of the state's program of public education. A charter school may be formed by creating a new school or converting an existing public school to charter status. A charter school may operate a virtual charter school 944089

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1414 pursuant to s. 1002.45(1)(c) s. 1002.45(1)(d) to provide online 1415 instruction to students, pursuant to s. 1002.455, in 1416 kindergarten through grade 12. The school district in which the 1417 student enrolls in the virtual charter school shall report the 1418 student for funding pursuant to s. 1011.61(1)(c)1.b.(VI), and 1419 the home school district shall not report the student for 1420 funding. An existing charter school that is seeking to become a 1421 virtual charter school must amend its charter or submit a new 1422 application pursuant to subsection (6) to become a virtual 1423 charter school. A virtual charter school is subject to the 1424 requirements of this section; however, a virtual charter school 1425 is exempt from subparagraph (7)(a)13., subsections (18) and (19), paragraph (20) (c), and s. 1003.03. A public school may not 1426 1427 use the term charter in its name unless it has been approved 1428 under this section.

(6) APPLICATION PROCESS AND REVIEW.-Charter schoolapplications are subject to the following requirements:

(a) A person or entity seeking to open a charter school
shall prepare and submit an application on the standard
application form prepared by the Department of Education which:

1434 1. Demonstrates how the school will use the guiding 1435 principles and meet the statutorily defined purpose of a charter 1436 school.

1437 2. Provides a detailed curriculum plan that illustrates 1438 how students will be provided services to attain the state 944089

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academic standards.

3. Contains goals and objectives for improving student learning and measuring that improvement. These goals and objectives must indicate how much academic improvement students are expected to show each year, how success will be evaluated, and the specific results to be attained through instruction.

4. Describes the reading curriculum and differentiated strategies that will be used for students reading at grade level or higher and a separate curriculum and strategies for students who are reading below grade level. Reading instructional strategies for foundational skills shall include phonics instruction for decoding and encoding as the primary instructional strategy for word reading. Instructional strategies may not employ the three-cueing system model of reading or visual memory as a basis for teaching word reading. Such strategies may include visual information and strategies that improve background and experiential knowledge, add context, and increase oral language and vocabulary to support comprehension, but may not be used to teach word reading. A sponsor shall deny an application if the school does not propose a reading curriculum that is consistent with effective teaching strategies that are grounded in scientifically based reading 1461 research.

1462 5. Contains an annual financial plan for each year requested by the charter for operation of the school for up to 5 1463 944089

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1464 years. This plan must contain anticipated fund balances based on 1465 revenue projections, a spending plan based on projected revenues 1466 and expenses, and a description of controls that will safeguard 1467 finances and projected enrollment trends.

1468 Discloses the name of each applicant, governing board 6. 1469 member, and all proposed education services providers; the name 1470 and sponsor of any charter school operated by each applicant, each governing board member, and each proposed education 1471 1472 services provider that has closed and the reasons for the 1473 closure; and the academic and financial history of such charter 1474 schools, which the sponsor shall consider in deciding whether to 1475 approve or deny the application.

1476 7. Contains additional information a sponsor may require,
1477 which shall be attached as an addendum to the charter school
1478 application described in this paragraph.

1479 8. For the establishment of a virtual charter school, 1480 documents that the applicant has contracted with a provider of 1481 virtual instruction services pursuant to <u>s. 1002.45(1)(c)</u> s. 1482 1002.45(1)(d).

9. Describes the mathematics curriculum and differentiated strategies that will be used for students performing at grade level or higher and a separate mathematics curriculum and strategies for students who are performing below grade level.

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- (10) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.-

1488 (a)1. A charter school may be exempt from the requirements 944089

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1489 of s. 1002.31 if the school is open to any student covered in an 1490 interdistrict agreement and any student residing in the school 1491 district in which the charter school is located.

2. A virtual charter school when enrolling students shall comply with the applicable requirements of s. 1002.31 and with the enrollment requirements established under <u>s. 1002.45(1)(d)4.</u> s. 1002.45(1)(e)4.

3. A charter lab school shall be open to any student eligible to attend the lab school as provided in s. 1002.32 or who resides in the school district in which the charter lab school is located.

4. Any eligible student shall be allowed interdistrict transfer to attend a charter school when based on good cause. Good cause shall include, but is not limited to, geographic proximity to a charter school in a neighboring school district.

504Section 33.Subsections (1), (2), and (5) of section5051002.455, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1002.455 Student eligibility for K-12 virtual instruction.—All students, including home education and private school students, are eligible to participate in any of the following virtual instruction options:

(1) School district operated part-time or full-time kindergarten through grade 12 virtual instruction programs pursuant to <u>s. 1002.45(1)(b)4.</u> <u>s. 1002.45(1)(c)4.</u> to students within the school district.

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Part-time or full-time virtual charter school 1514 (2)instruction authorized pursuant to s. 1002.45(1)(b)5. s. 1515 1516 1002.45(1)(c)5. to students within the school district or to students in other school districts throughout the state pursuant 1517 1518 to s. 1002.31; however, the school district enrolling the full-1519 time equivalent virtual student shall comply with the enrollment 1520 requirements established under s. 1002.45(1)(d)4. s. 1002.45(1)(e)4. 1521

1522 (5) Virtual instruction provided by a school district 1523 through a contract with an approved virtual instruction program 1524 provider pursuant to s. 1002.45(1)(b)2. s. 1002.45(1)(c)2. to 1525 students within the school district or to students in other 1526 school districts throughout the state pursuant to s. 1002.31; 1527 however the school district enrolling the full-time equivalent 1528 virtual student shall comply with the enrollment requirements 1529 established under s. 1002.45(1)(d)4. s. 1002.45(1)(e)4.

1530 Section 34. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and paragraph 1531 (e) of subsection (7) of section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, are 1532 amended to read:

1533 1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools.1534 (3) STATEWIDE, STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.-The
1535 Commissioner of Education shall design and implement a
1536 statewide, standardized assessment program aligned to the core
1537 curricular content established in the state academic standards.
1538 The commissioner also must develop or select and implement a
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1539 common battery of assessment tools that will be used in all 1540 juvenile justice education programs in the state. These tools 1541 must accurately measure the core curricular content established 1542 in the state academic standards. Participation in the assessment 1543 program is mandatory for all school districts and all students 1544 attending public schools, including adult students seeking a 1545 standard high school diploma under s. 1003.4282 and students in 1546 Department of Juvenile Justice education programs, except as 1547 otherwise provided by law. If a student does not participate in 1548 the assessment program, the school district must notify the 1549 student's parent and provide the parent with information 1550 regarding the implications of such nonparticipation. The 1551 statewide, standardized assessment program shall be designed and 1552 implemented as follows:

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(a) Statewide, standardized comprehensive assessments.-

1554 1. The statewide, standardized English Language Arts (ELA) 1555 assessments shall be administered to students in grades 3 1556 through 10. Retake opportunities for the grade 10 ELA assessment 1557 must be provided. Reading passages and writing prompts for ELA 1558 assessments shall incorporate grade-level core curricula content 1559 from social studies. The statewide, standardized Mathematics 1560 assessments shall be administered annually in grades 3 through 1561 8. The statewide, standardized Science assessment shall be 1562 administered annually at least once at the elementary and middle grades levels. In order to earn a standard high school diploma, 1563 944089

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a student who has not earned a passing score on the grade 10 ELA assessment must earn a passing score on the assessment retake or earn a concordant score as authorized under subsection (9).

2. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the end-ofyear comprehensive progress monitoring assessment administered pursuant to <u>s. 1008.25(9)(b)3.</u> <u>s. 1008.25(9)(b)2.</u> is the statewide, standardized ELA assessment for students in grades 3 through 10 and the statewide, standardized Mathematics assessment for students in grades 3 through 8.

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(7) ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES AND REPORTING OF RESULTS. -

1574 (e) A school district may not schedule more than 5 percent 1575 of a student's total school hours in a school year to administer 1576 statewide, standardized assessments; the coordinated screening 1577 and progress monitoring system under s. 1008.25(9)(b)3. s. 1578 1008.25(9)(b)2.; and district-required local assessments. The 1579 district must secure written consent from a student's parent 1580 before administering district-required local assessments that, 1581 after applicable statewide, standardized assessments and 1582 coordinated screening and progress monitoring are scheduled, 1583 exceed the 5 percent test administration limit for that student 1584 under this paragraph. The 5 percent test administration limit 1585 for a student under this paragraph may be exceeded as needed to 1586 provide test accommodations that are required by an IEP or are 1587 appropriate for an English language learner who is currently receiving services in a program operated in accordance with an 1588 944089

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approved English language learner district plan pursuant to s. 1590 1003.56. Notwithstanding this paragraph, a student may choose 1591 within a school year to take an examination or assessment 1592 adopted by State Board of Education rule pursuant to this 1593 section and ss. 1007.27, 1008.30, and 1008.44.

1594 Section 35. Subsection (4) of section 1008.37, Florida 1595 Statutes, is amended to read:

1596 1008.37 Postsecondary feedback of information to high 1597 schools.-

(4) As a part of the school improvement plan pursuant to s. 1008.345, the State Board of Education shall ensure that each school district and high school develops strategies to improve student readiness for the public postsecondary level based on annual analysis of the feedback report data.

1603Section 36. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section16041013.841, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1605 1013.841 End of year balance of Florida College System 1606 institution funds.-

(4) A Florida College System institution identified in
paragraph (3)(b) must include in its carry forward spending plan
the estimated cost per planned expenditure and a timeline for
completion of the expenditure. Authorized expenditures in a
carry forward spending plan may include:

1612 (a) Commitment of funds to a public education capital
1613 outlay project for which an appropriation was previously
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1614	provided, which requires additional funds for completion, and
1615	which is included in the list required by <u>s. 1001.03(18)(d)</u> s.
1616	1001.03(19)(d) ;
1617	Section 37. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.
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1620	TITLE AMENDMENT
1621	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
1622	A bill to be entitled
1623	An act relating to education; amending s. 1001.02,
1624	F.S.; deleting a requirement that the State Board of
1625	Education establish the cost of certain tuition and
1626	fees; amending s. 1001.03, F.S.; deleting a
1627	requirement that the state board identify certain
1628	metrics and develop a specified plan relating to the
1629	Florida College System; amending s. 1002.3105, F.S.;
1630	deleting a requirement that a performance contract be
1631	completed if a student participates in an Academically
1632	Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning option;
1633	providing that a performance contract may be used at
1634	the discretion of the principal; repealing s.
1635	1002.311, F.S., relating to single-gender programs;
1636	amending s. 1002.34, F.S.; deleting a requirement for
1637	the Commissioner of Education to provide for an annual
1638	comparative evaluation of charter technical career
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1639 centers and public technical centers; amending s. 1640 1002.45, F.S.; deleting a requirement that school 1641 districts provide certain virtual instruction options 1642 to students; deleting a requirement that virtual 1643 instruction program providers be nonsectarian; 1644 authorizing school districts to provide certain 1645 students with the equipment and access necessary for 1646 participation in virtual instruction programs; 1647 amending s. 1002.61, F.S.; authorizing school 1648 districts to satisfy specified requirements for such program by contracting with certain providers; 1649 1650 amending s. 1002.82, F.S.; requiring the Department of 1651 Education to review school readiness program plans 1652 every 3 years, rather than every 2 years; amending s. 1653 1002.85, F.S.; requiring early learning coalitions to 1654 submit school readiness program plans to the 1655 department every 3 years, rather than every 2 years; 1656 amending s. 1003.435, F.S.; revising the eligibility 1657 requirements for students to take the high school 1658 equivalency examination; amending s. 1003.4935, F.S.; 1659 deleting a requirement that the department collect and 1660 report certain data relating to a middle school career 1661 and professional academy or a career-themed course; repealing s. 1003.4995, F.S., relating to the fine 1662 1663 arts report prepared by the Commissioner of Education; 944089

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repealing s. 1003.4996, F.S., relating to the 1664 1665 Competency-Based Education Pilot Program; amending s. 1666 1003.49965, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, 1667 a school district to hold an Art in the Capitol 1668 Competition; amending s. 1003.51, F.S.; deleting a 1669 requirement regarding assessment procedures for 1670 Department of Juvenile Justice education programs; revising requirements for which assessment results 1671 1672 must be included in a student's discharge packet; 1673 deleting requirements for specified sanctions against 1674 district school boards for unsatisfactory performance 1675 in their Department of Juvenile Justice education 1676 programs; amending s. 1003.621, F.S.; deleting a 1677 requirement for academically high-performing school 1678 districts to submit an annual report to the state 1679 board; repealing s. 1004.925, F.S., relating to 1680 automotive service technology education programs and 1681 certification; amending s. 1006.28, F.S.; revising the 1682 definition of the term "adequate instructional 1683 materials"; limiting the number of objections to 1684 materials that specified residents of the county may 1685 make; authorizing the State Board of Education to 1686 adopt rules to implement certain provisions; requiring 1687 certain materials to be discontinued throughout a 1688 school district; requiring certain information

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1689 published and regularly updated by the Department of Education to be sorted by grade level; deleting a 1690 1691 timeframe requirement for each district school 1692 superintendent to notify the department about 1693 instructional materials; deleting a requirement for 1694 such notification; authorizing, rather than requiring, 1695 a school principal to collect the purchase price of instructional materials lost, destroyed, or 1696 1697 unnecessarily damaged by a student; amending s. 1698 1006.283, F.S.; deleting a timeframe requirement for a 1699 district school superintendent to certify to the 1700 department that certain instructional materials meet 1701 applicable state standards; amending s. 1006.33, F.S.; 1702 beginning with a specified adoption cycle, requiring 1703 the department to publish an instructional materials 1704 adoption timeline; providing requirements for such 1705 timeline and adoption cycle; providing requirements 1706 for the 2025-2026 instructional materials adoption 1707 cycle; providing an expiration date for such 1708 requirements; deleting certain timelines relating to 1709 the adoption of instructional materials; amending s. 1710 1007.33, F.S.; deleting a provision authorizing the 1711 Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College to 1712 establish certain degree programs; amending s. 1008.25, F.S.; revising the requirements for 1713

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1714 comprehensive plans for student progression; revising 1715 the students who receive priority for allocation of 1716 remedial and supplemental instruction resources; 1717 requiring individualized progress monitoring plans to be developed within a specified timeframe; providing 1718 1719 requirements for students in the Voluntary 1720 Prekindergarten Education Program who exhibit a 1721 substantial deficiency in early literacy skills and 1722 early mathematics skills; providing that substantial 1723 deficiencies in early literacy skills and early 1724 mathematics skills for such students are determined by 1725 specified results of the coordinated screening and 1726 progress monitoring; requiring the State Board of 1727 Education to identify specified guidelines in rule; 1728 requiring teachers and school administrators to meet 1729 with specified parents upon the request of such 1730 parents; authorizing such parents to request specified 1731 actions; revising requirements for the administration 1732 of the coordinated screening and progress monitoring 1733 system; providing requirements for the administration 1734 of such system for students in the summer 1735 prekindergarten program; amending s. 1008.31, F.S.; 1736 revising a provision relating to the No Child Left 1737 Behind Act of 2001 to relate to the Every Student 1738 Succeeds Act of 2015; amending s. 1008.33, F.S.;

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1739	authorizing the state board to allow certain schools
1740	additional time to implement a community school model;
1741	amending s. 1008.332, F.S.; revising a provision
1742	relating to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 to
1743	relate to the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015;
1744	deleting a requirement for certain committee members
1745	to annually report to specified entities; amending s.
1746	1008.34, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending
1747	s. 1008.345, F.S.; deleting a requirement for the
1748	department to develop an annual feedback report;
1749	deleting a requirement for the Commissioner of
1750	Education to review specified feedback reports and
1751	submit findings to the state board; deleting certain
1752	requirements for a report the commissioner produces
1753	annually for the state board and the Legislature;
1754	revising what information certain community assessment
1755	team recommendations are based on; amending s.
1756	1008.45, F.S.; deleting a requirement that the state
1757	board provide a specified annual evaluation; amending
1758	ss. 1000.05, 1002.31, 1002.321, 1002.33, 1002.455,
1759	1008.22, 1008.37, and 1013.841, F.S.; conforming
1760	provisions and cross-references to changes made by the
1761	act; providing an effective date.

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