

Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

CS/SB 478 — Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program

by Appropriations Committee on Education and Senator Perry

The bill converts the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program into a permanent program administered by the Department of Education. The DOE must approve any school district that seeks to participate in the program.

The program is contingent on legislative appropriation to provide school districts with a maximum of \$150 per full-time equivalent student in kindergarten through second grade who is enrolled in a comprehensive music education program.

The bill removes the responsibilities assigned to the University of Florida and Florida International University to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program and removes proximity to the University of Florida as a factor in eligibility to participate in the program.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 115-0