By Senator Rich

34-1531-06 See HB 1301

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Voluntary
3	Prekindergarten Education Program; amending s.
4	402.3057, F.S.; exempting certain Voluntary
5	Prekindergarten Education Program personnel
6	from refingerprinting or rescreening; amending
7	s. 1002.67, F.S.; requiring curriculum selected
8	or designed by a private prekindergarten
9	provider or a public school to include certain
10	assessments of a student's progress; amending
11	s. 1002.69, F.S.; deleting a restriction with
12	respect to the minimum kindergarten readiness
13	rate adopted by the State Board of Education as
14	satisfactory for a private prekindergarten
15	provider or a public school; providing an
16	effective date.
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18	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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20	Section 1. Section 402.3057, Florida Statutes, is
21	amended to read:
22	402.3057 Persons not required to be refingerprinted or
23	rescreenedAny provision of law to the contrary
24	notwithstanding, human resource personnel who have been
25	fingerprinted or screened pursuant to chapters 393, 394, 397,
26	402, and 409, and teachers and noninstructional personnel who
27	have been fingerprinted pursuant to chapter 1012 or
28	requirements of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
29	Program, who have not been unemployed for more than 90 days
30	thereafter, and who under the penalty of perjury attest to the
31	completion of such fingerprinting or screening and to

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compliance with the provisions of this section and the 2 standards for good moral character as contained in such provisions as ss. 110.1127(3), 393.0655(1), 394.457(6), 3 397.451, 402.305(2), and 409.175(6), shall not be required to 4 be refingerprinted or rescreened in order to comply with any 5 caretaker screening or fingerprinting requirements. 7 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 1002.67, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 8 1002.67 Performance standards; curricula and 9 10 accountability .--(2)(a) Each private prekindergarten provider and 11 12 public school may select or design the curriculum that the 13 provider or school uses to implement the Voluntary 14 Prekindergarten Education Program, except as otherwise required for a provider or school that is placed on probation 15 16 under paragraph (3)(c). The curriculum selected or designed pursuant to this paragraph must include a curriculum-based 18 preassessment and postassessment for the purpose of determining a student's progress during the program year. 19 Section 3. Subsection (6) of section 1002.69, Florida 20 21 Statutes, is amended to read: 22 1002.69 Statewide kindergarten screening; kindergarten 23 readiness rates. --(6) (a) The State Board of Education shall periodically 2.4 adopt a minimum kindergarten readiness rate that, if achieved 2.5 26 by a private prekindergarten provider or public school, would 27 demonstrate the provider's or school's satisfactory delivery 2.8 of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. 29 (b) The minimum rate must not exceed the rate at which more than 15 percent of the kindergarten readiness rates of

all private prekindergarten providers and public schools

1	delivering the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program in
2	the state would fall below the minimum rate.
3	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
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