

Amendment No. 2

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee  
2 Representative Coley offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 756-810 and insert:

6 1.(a) Priority shall be given first to a child younger  
7 than 13 years of age from a working family that includes ~~in~~  
8 ~~which there is~~ an adult receiving temporary cash assistance  
9 under chapter 414 ~~who is subject to federal work requirements.~~

10 2.(b) Priority shall be given next to an at-risk ~~a~~ child  
11 younger than 9 years of age ~~who is eligible for a school~~  
12 ~~readiness program but who has not yet entered school, who is~~  
13 ~~served by the Family Safety Program Office of the Department of~~  
14 ~~Children and Family Services or a community-based lead agency~~  
15 ~~under chapter 39 or chapter 409, and for whom child care is~~  
16 ~~needed to minimize risk of further abuse, neglect, or~~  
17 ~~abandonment.~~

18 3. Priority shall be given next to a child from birth to  
19 the beginning of the school year for which the child is eligible

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20 for admission to kindergarten in a public school under s.  
21 1003.21(1)(a)2. from a working family that is economically  
22 disadvantaged. However, the child ceases to be eligible if his  
23 or her family income exceeds 200 percent of the federal poverty  
24 level.

25 4. Priority shall be given next to an at-risk child who is  
26 at least 9 years of age, but younger than 13 years of age. An  
27 at-risk child whose sibling is enrolled in the school readiness  
28 program within an eligibility priority category listed in  
29 subparagraphs 1.-3. shall be given priority over other children  
30 who are eligible under this subparagraph.

31 5. Priority shall be given last to a child who meets one  
32 of the eligibility criteria in subparagraphs 1.-4. and is  
33 enrolled concurrently in the federal Head Start Program and the  
34 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.

35 (b) A school readiness provider may be paid only for  
36 authorized hours of care provided for a child in the school  
37 readiness program. A child enrolled in the Voluntary  
38 Prekindergarten Education Program may receive part-time care  
39 from the school readiness program if the child is eligible  
40 according to the eligibility priorities provided in paragraph  
41 (a).

42 (c) A coalition shall enroll all eligible children,  
43 including those from its waiting list, according to the  
44 eligibility priorities provided in paragraph (a).

45 (d) The parent of a child enrolled in the school readiness  
46 program must notify the coalition or its designee within 10 days  
47 after any change in employment, income, or family size. Upon

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48 notification by a parent, the eligibility of the child must be  
49 reevaluated.

50 (e) A child ceases to be eligible for the school readiness  
51 program if a parent with whom the child resides does not  
52 reestablish employment within 30 days after becoming unemployed.

53 (f) Eligibility for each child must be reevaluated  
54 annually. Upon reevaluation, a child may not continue to receive  
55 school readiness services if he or she has ceased to be eligible  
56 under this subsection.

57 (g) If a coalition disenrolls children from the school  
58 readiness program, the coalition shall disenroll the children in  
59 reverse order of the priorities listed in paragraph (a),  
60 beginning with children from families with the highest family  
61 incomes. A notice of disenrollment must be sent to parents and  
62 school readiness providers at least two weeks prior to  
63 disenrollment to ensure adequate time for parents to arrange  
64 alternative care for their children.

65 (h)1. If a child is absent for 5 consecutive days without  
66 contact from the parent, the school readiness provider shall  
67 report the absences to the early learning coalition for a  
68 determination of the need for continued care.

69 2. Notwithstanding s. 39.604, a school readiness provider,  
70 regardless of whether the provider is licensed, shall comply  
71 with the reporting requirements of the Rilya Wilson Act for each  
72 at-risk child enrolled in the school readiness program,  
73 regardless of the child's age or eligibility for protective  
74 services.

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Remove line 18 and insert:

enrolled; providing procedures and notice requirements for the  
disenrollment of children; providing reporting requirements for  
children who are absent from the program; providing for the  
allocation of school