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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to homebound instruction; creating s. 3 1003.5713, F.S.; defining the term "homebound 4 instruction"; providing that certain students are 5 eligible for homebound instruction by an in-hospital 6 teacher; requiring the in-hospital teacher to be 7 certified and to coordinate his or her teaching plan with the student's regular school instructors; 8 9 requiring that the in-hospital teacher be authorized 10 to administer certain assessments; requiring that standard course credits be awarded for the successful 11 12 completion of a course while receiving homebound 13 instruction under certain circumstances; encouraging 14 school districts to pursue alternative means of 15 instruction delivery; requiring each district school 16 board to develop rules; providing an effective date. 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 18 19 20 Section 1. Section 1003.5713, Florida Statutes, is created 21 to read: 2.2 1003.5713 Homebound instruction.-23 (1)As used in this section, the term "homebound 24 instruction" means in-hospital instruction provided by a 25 certified teacher which continues the appropriate grade-level 26 instruction of a student who is prevented from attending classes Page 1 of 3

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27	at his or her home school and needs alternative educational
28	instruction.
29	(2) A student who is admitted to a hospital for an
30	extended period or who is diagnosed with a chronic illness that
31	requires repeated hospital stays is eligible for homebound
32	instruction at that hospital by an in-hospital teacher. The in-
33	hospital teacher must:
34	(a) Be a certified teacher under s. 1012.56.
35	(b) Coordinate his or her teaching plan with the student's
36	regular instructors to ensure that the student is able to
37	continue his or her educational progress in any course the
38	student is enrolled in at his or her home school.
39	(c) Be authorized to administer any assessments required
40	by the statewide, standardized assessment program or by the
41	student's school district under s. 1008.22.
42	(3) The school district shall award standard course credit
43	for a student's successful completion of a course offered
44	through homebound instruction if the homebound instruction is
45	equivalent to the instruction offered in the course at the
46	student's home school, the coursework is done under the
47	supervision of the in-hospital teacher, and the student has
48	successfully completed all course requirements, including
49	assessments associated with the course.
50	(4) Each school district is encouraged to pursue
51	alternative means of instruction to accommodate student needs
52	through the use of emerging technologies and other similar

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53	methods.
54	(5) Each district school board shall develop rules to
55	implement this section.
56	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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