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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the John M. McKay Scholarships for 3 Students with Disabilities Program; amending s. 4 1002.39, F.S.; requiring parents of certain students 5 to annually acknowledge the receipt of certain 6 information relating to John M. McKay Scholarships; 7 requiring a school district to keep the acknowledgment and annually submit a copy to the Department of 8 9 Education; authorizing the department to provide a 10 standard acknowledgement form to all school districts; requiring each school district to use the standard 11 12 acknowledgment form if one is provided by the department; providing an effective date. 13 14 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 16 17 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 1002.39, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 18 19 1002.39 The John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with 20 Disabilities Program.-There is established a program that is 21 separate and distinct from the Opportunity Scholarship Program 2.2 and is named the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with 23 Disabilities Program. SCHOOL DISTRICT OBLIGATIONS; PARENTAL OPTIONS.-24 (5)25 By April 1 of each year and within 10 days after an (a)1. 26 individual education plan meeting or a 504 accommodation plan is Page 1 of 3

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27 issued under s. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a school district shall notify the parent of the student of all options 28 29 available pursuant to this section, inform the parent of the 30 availability of the department's telephone hotline and Internet 31 website for additional information on John M. McKay 32 Scholarships, and offer that student's parent an opportunity to 33 enroll the student in another public school in the district. Upon receipt of the information required under this 34 35 subparagraph, the parent must sign a statement acknowledging 36 that he or she has received the information and is aware of the 37 options available to his or her student. The school district 38 shall keep the acknowledgment and annually submit a copy to the 39 department in the format prescribed by the department. The 40 department may provide school districts with a standard acknowledgment form to provide to parents. If a standard 41 42 acknowledgment form is provided by the department, each school 43 district must use the standard acknowledgment form.

2. The parent is not required to accept the offer of enrolling in another public school in lieu of requesting a John M. McKay Scholarship to a private school. However, if the parent chooses the public school option, the student may continue attending a public school chosen by the parent until the student graduates from high school.

3. If the parent chooses a public school consistent with
the district school board's choice plan under s. 1002.31, the
school district shall provide transportation to the public

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53 school selected by the parent. The parent is responsible to 54 provide transportation to a public school chosen that is not 55 consistent with the district school board's choice plan under s. 56 1002.31.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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