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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Opportunity Scholarship Program; amending s. 1002.38, F.S.; providing that a student being promoted to grade 6 or grade 9 may not receive an opportunity scholarship if the middle school or high school to which the student is assigned meets specified criteria; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 1002.38, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.38 Opportunity Scholarship Program.—

- (3) SCHOOL DISTRICT OBLIGATIONS.-
- (a) A school district shall, for each student enrolled in or assigned to a school that has been designated as provided in subsection (2):
- 1. Timely notify the parent of the student as soon as such designation is made of all options available pursuant to this section.
- 2. Offer that student's parent an opportunity to enroll the student in a public school within the district that has been designated by the state as a school performing higher than that in which the student is currently enrolled or to which the student has been assigned, but not less than performance grade category "C." The student shall have the opportunity to continue

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attendance in the higher-performing public school feeder pattern until the student graduates from high school. Beginning July 1, 2016, a student who meets the eligibility requirements of paragraph (2) (a) and who is being promoted to grade 6 or grade 9 may not be granted an opportunity scholarship if the middle school or high school that he or she will attend within his or her assigned school attendance area has earned a grade of "C" or better, pursuant to s. 1008.34, for the previous school year.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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