

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to auditory-oral education programs;
 3 amending s. 1002.391, F.S.; requiring a school
 4 district to annually add a specified number of points
 5 to the total score of all domains on a matrix of
 6 services for certain children; specifying that such
 7 children are eligible for auditory-oral education
 8 grants under certain circumstances; providing an
 9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 1002.391,
 14 Florida Statutes, to read:

15 1002.391 Auditory-oral education programs.—

16 (4) Notwithstanding s. 1011.62, a child who is deaf or
 17 hard of hearing and who is enrolled in an auditory-oral
 18 education program in this state shall:

19 (a) Have seven special consideration points added annually
 20 by the child's school district to the total score of all domains
 21 on his or her matrix of services until the child is no longer
 22 enrolled in the program or turns 7 years of age, whichever
 23 occurs first.

24 (b) Be eligible for auditory-oral education grants until
 25 the child is 7 years of age if the child is enrolled in a
 26 program that serves multiple counties, including rural and

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27 underserved areas. The school that offers the program must offer
28 solely auditory-oral education programs and must have a
29 supervisor and faculty who are certified as listening and spoken
30 language specialists.

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