

HB 1229

2017

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Committee on Early Grade  
3           Success; creating the Committee on Early Grade Success  
4           within the Department of Education; specifying  
5           committee purpose; requiring the committee to develop  
6           a proposal for specified purposes; providing proposal  
7           requirements; providing for membership of the  
8           committee; providing requirements for electing a  
9           committee chair and vice chair; providing committee  
10          meeting requirements; requiring the University of  
11          Florida Lastinger Center for Learning to provide  
12          necessary staff for the committee; requiring the  
13          committee to submit a report by a specified date;  
14          providing for the expiration of the committee;  
15          authorizing rulemaking; providing an effective date.

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

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19           Section 1. Committee on Early Grade Success.—The Committee  
20 on Early Grade Success, a committee as defined in s. 20.03,  
21 Florida Statutes, is created within the Department of Education  
22 to develop a proposal for establishing and implementing a  
23 coordinated child assessment system for the School Readiness  
24 Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, and  
25 the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment and, except as otherwise

26 provided in this section, shall operate consistent with s.  
27 20.052, Florida Statutes.

28 (1) The committee's proposal must include legislative  
29 recommendations for the design and implementation of a  
30 coordinated child assessment system, including, but not limited  
31 to:

32 (a) The purpose of a child assessment, with a focus on  
33 developmentally appropriate learning gains.

34 (b) Attributes for tool selection that provide guidance on  
35 procurement policies.

36 (c) An implementation schedule and protocols, including  
37 the frequency of data collection and a timeline for training to  
38 ensure reliability of the system.

39 (d) The methodology for collecting and analyzing data that  
40 define reporting requirements.

41 (e) A budget for the system, including cost analyses for  
42 purchasing materials and the necessary technology, training to  
43 ensure reliability, and data system management.

44 (f) Considerations for student privacy and tracking child  
45 development over time.

46 (2) The committee is composed of 17 members who are  
47 residents of the state and appointed as follows:

48 (a) Three members appointed by the Governor:

49 1. One representative from the Office of Early Learning.

50 2. One representative from the Department of Education.

- 51           3. One parent of a child who is 3 to 6 years of age.
- 52           (b) Fourteen members jointly appointed by the President of  
 53 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
- 54           1. One representative of an urban school district.
- 55           2. One representative of a rural school district.
- 56           3. One representative of an urban early learning  
 57 coalition.
- 58           4. One representative of a rural early learning coalition.
- 59           5. One representative of an early learning provider.
- 60           6. One representative of a faith-based early learning  
 61 provider.
- 62           7. One representative who is a kindergarten teacher with  
 63 at least 5 years of teaching experience.
- 64           8. One representative who is an elementary school  
 65 principal.
- 66           9. Four representatives with subject matter expertise in  
 67 early learning, early grade success, or child assessments. The  
 68 four representatives may not be direct stakeholders within the  
 69 early learning or public school systems or potential recipients  
 70 of a contract resulting from the committee's proposal.
- 71           10. One member of the Senate.
- 72           11. One member of the House of Representatives.
- 73           (3) The committee shall elect a chair and vice chair. The  
 74 chair must be one of the four members with subject matter  
 75 expertise in early learning, early grade success, or child

76 assessments. The vice chair must be a member appointed by the  
77 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
78 Representatives, who is not one of the four members who are  
79 subject matter experts in early learning, early grade success,  
80 or child assessments. Members of the committee shall serve  
81 without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for per  
82 diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, Florida  
83 Statutes.

84 (4) The committee must meet at least three times and shall  
85 meet by teleconference or other electronic means, if possible,  
86 to reduce costs.

87 (5) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum.

88 (6) The University of Florida Lastinger Center for  
89 Learning shall provide the committee with staff necessary to  
90 assist the committee in the performance of its duties.

91 (7) The committee shall submit a report of its findings  
92 and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the  
93 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
94 December 1, 2017. Upon submission of the report, the committee  
95 shall expire.

96 (8) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
97 implement and administer this section.

98 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.