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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Stargel) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 283 and 284
insert:

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1002.41, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (11) is added to that section, to read:

1002.41 Home education programs.—

(1) A "home education program" is defined in s. 1002.01.
The parent is not required to hold a valid regular Florida



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11 teaching certificate.

12 (a)1. The parent shall notify the district school
13 superintendent of the county in which the parent resides of her
14 or his intent to establish and maintain a home education
15 program. The notice shall be in writing, signed by the parent,
16 and shall include the full legal names, addresses, and
17 birthdates of all children who shall be enrolled as students in
18 the home education program. The notice shall be filed in the
19 district school superintendent's office within 30 days of the
20 establishment of the home education program. A written notice of
21 termination of the home education program shall be filed in the
22 district school superintendent's office within 30 days after
23 said termination.

24 2. The school district may not require the parent to
25 provide additional information or verification unless the
26 student chooses to participate in a school district program or
27 service.

28 (11) A school district may not further regulate, exercise
29 control over, or require documentation from parents of home
30 education program students beyond the requirements of this
31 section unless the regulation, control, or documentation is
32 necessary for participation in a school district program or
33 service.

34 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 1003.21, Florida
35 Statutes, is amended to read:

36 1003.21 School attendance.—

37 (4) Before admitting a child to kindergarten, the principal
38 shall require evidence that the child has attained the age at
39 which he or she should be admitted in accordance with the



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40 provisions of subparagraph (1)(a)2. The district school
41 superintendent may require evidence of the age of any child whom
42 he or she believes to be within the limits of compulsory
43 attendance as provided for by law; however, he or she may not
44 require evidence from children meeting regular attendance
45 requirements by attending a school or program listed in s.
46 1003.01(13)(b)-(e). If the first prescribed evidence is not
47 available, the next evidence obtainable in the order set forth
48 below shall be accepted:

49 (a) A duly attested transcript of the child's birth record
50 filed according to law with a public officer charged with the
51 duty of recording births;

52 (b) A duly attested transcript of a certificate of baptism
53 showing the date of birth and place of baptism of the child,
54 accompanied by an affidavit sworn to by the parent;

55 (c) An insurance policy on the child's life that has been
56 in force for at least 2 years;

57 (d) A bona fide contemporary religious record of the
58 child's birth accompanied by an affidavit sworn to by the
59 parent;

60 (e) A passport or certificate of arrival in the United
61 States showing the age of the child;

62 (f) A transcript of record of age shown in the child's
63 school record of at least 4 years prior to application, stating
64 date of birth; or

65 (g) If none of these evidences can be produced, an
66 affidavit of age sworn to by the parent, accompanied by a
67 certificate of age signed by a public health officer or by a
68 public school physician, or, if these are not available in the



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69 county, by a licensed practicing physician designated by the
70 district school board, which states that the health officer or
71 physician has examined the child and believes that the age as
72 stated in the affidavit is substantially correct. Children and
73 youths who are experiencing homelessness and children who are
74 known to the department, as defined in s. 39.0016, shall be
75 given temporary exemption from this section for 30 school days.

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78 And the title is amended as follows:

79 Delete line 20

80 and insert:

81 payment method options; amending s. 1002.41, F.S.;

82 prohibiting a district school board from requiring any

83 additional information or verification from a home

84 education program parent under certain circumstances;

85 prohibiting a school district from taking certain

86 actions against a home education program student's

87 parent unless such action is required for a school

88 district program or service; amending s. 1003.21,

89 F.S.; prohibiting a district school superintendent

90 from requiring certain evidence relating to a child's

91 age from children enrolled in specified schools and

92 programs; amending s. 1012.98, F.S.;