

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Early Childhood Music Education
 3 Incentive Pilot Program; creating s. 1003.481, F.S.;
 4 creating the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive
 5 Pilot Program within the Department of Education for a
 6 specified period; providing for school district
 7 eligibility; providing comprehensive music education
 8 program requirements; providing for school district
 9 selection, funding, and program payments; requiring
 10 selected school districts to annually provide a
 11 specified certification to the Commissioner of
 12 Education; requiring a selected school district to
 13 return funds under certain circumstances; requiring
 14 the University of Florida's College of Education to
 15 perform an evaluation; authorizing the State Board of
 16 Education to adopt rules; providing for expiration of
 17 the pilot program; providing an effective date.

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

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 21 Section 1. Section 1003.481, Florida Statutes, is created
 22 to read:

23 1003.481 Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot
 24 Program.—

25 (1) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the Early

26 Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program is created
27 within the Department of Education for a period of 3 school
28 years. The purpose of the pilot program is to assist selected
29 school districts in implementing comprehensive music education
30 programs for students in kindergarten through grade 2.

31 (2) In order for a school district to be eligible for
32 participation in the pilot program, the superintendent must
33 certify to the Commissioner of Education, in a format prescribed
34 by the department, that each elementary school within the
35 district has established a comprehensive music education program
36 that:

37 (a) Includes all students at the school enrolled in
38 kindergarten through grade 2.

39 (b) Is staffed by certified music educators.

40 (c) Provides music instruction for at least 30 consecutive
41 minutes 2 days a week.

42 (d) Complies with class size requirements under s.
43 1003.03.

44 (e) Complies with the department's standards for early
45 childhood music education programs for students in kindergarten
46 through grade 2.

47 (3) (a) The commissioner shall select school districts for
48 participation in the pilot program, subject to legislative
49 appropriation, based on the school district's proximity to the
50 University of Florida and needs-based criteria established by

51 the State Board of Education. Selected school districts shall
52 annually receive \$150 per full-time equivalent student in
53 kindergarten through grade 2 who is enrolled in a comprehensive
54 music education program.

55 (b) To maintain eligibility for participation in the pilot
56 program, a selected school district must annually certify to the
57 commissioner, in a format prescribed by the department, that
58 each elementary school within the district provides a
59 comprehensive music education program that meets the
60 requirements of subsection (2). If a selected school district
61 fails to provide the annual certification for a fiscal year, the
62 school district must return all funds received through the pilot
63 program for that fiscal year.

64 (4) The University of Florida's College of Education shall
65 evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program by measuring
66 student academic performance and the success of the program. The
67 evaluation must include, but is not limited to, a quantitative
68 analysis of student achievement and a qualitative evaluation of
69 students enrolled in the comprehensive music education programs.

70 (5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to
71 administer this section.

72 (6) This section expires June 30, 2020.

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

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