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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Education (Galvano) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 47 and 48  
insert:

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

1003.481 Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot  
Program.—

(1) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the Early  
Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program is created  
within the Department of Education for a period of 3 school



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12 years. The purpose of the pilot program is to assist selected  
13 school districts in implementing comprehensive music education  
14 programs for students in kindergarten through grade 2.

15 (2) In order for a school district to be eligible for  
16 participation in the pilot program, the superintendent must  
17 certify to the Commissioner of Education, in a format prescribed  
18 by the department, that each elementary school within the  
19 district has established a comprehensive music education program  
20 that:

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

23 (b) Is staffed by certified music educators.

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

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

27 (e) Complies with the department's standards for early  
28 childhood music education programs for students in kindergarten  
29 through grade 2.

30 (3) (a) The commissioner shall select school districts for  
31 participation in the pilot program, subject to legislative  
32 appropriation, based on the school district's proximity to the  
33 University of Florida and needs-based criteria established by  
34 the State Board of Education. Selected school districts shall  
35 annually receive \$150 per full-time equivalent student in  
36 kindergarten through grade 2 who is enrolled in a comprehensive  
37 music education program.

38 (b) To maintain eligibility for participation in the pilot  
39 program, a selected school district must annually certify to the  
40 commissioner, in a format prescribed by the department, that



41 each elementary school within the district provides a  
42 comprehensive music education program that meets the  
43 requirements of subsection (2). If a selected school district  
44 fails to provide the annual certification for a fiscal year, the  
45 school district must return all funds received through the pilot  
46 program for that fiscal year.

47 (4) The University of Florida's College of Education shall  
48 evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program by measuring  
49 student academic performance and the success of the program. The  
50 evaluation must include, but is not limited to, a quantitative  
51 analysis of student achievement and a qualitative evaluation of  
52 students enrolled in the comprehensive music education programs.

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

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

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57 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

58 And the title is amended as follows:

59 Delete line 8

60 and insert:

61 in an emergency situation; creating s. 1003.481, F.S.;

62 creating the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive

63 Pilot Program within the Department of Education for a

64 specified period; providing for school district

65 eligibility; providing comprehensive music education

66 program requirements; providing for school district

67 selection, funding, and program payments; requiring

68 selected school districts to annually provide a

69 specified certification to the Commissioner of



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70 Education; requiring a selected school district to  
71 return funds under certain circumstances; requiring  
72 the University of Florida's College of Education to  
73 perform an evaluation; authorizing the State Board of  
74 Education to adopt rules; providing for expiration of  
75 the pilot program; amending s. 1004.345, F.S.;