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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

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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. 1003.03.

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

46 (3) (a) The commissioner shall select school districts for  
47 participation in the pilot program, subject to legislative  
48 appropriation, based on the school district's proximity to the  
49 University of Florida and needs-based criteria established by  
50 the State Board of Education. Selected school districts shall  
51 annually receive \$150 per full-time equivalent student in  
52 kindergarten through grade 2 who is enrolled in a comprehensive  
53 music education program.

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

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62 program for that fiscal year.

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

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

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

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