

26 (8) (a) The Florida Virtual School may provide full-time
27 and part-time instruction for students in kindergarten through
28 grade 12. ~~To receive part-time instruction in kindergarten~~
29 ~~through grade 5, a student must meet at least one of the~~
30 ~~eligibility criteria in s. 1002.455(2).~~

31 ~~(11) The Auditor General shall conduct an operational~~
32 ~~audit of the Florida Virtual School, including Florida Virtual~~
33 ~~School Global. The scope of the audit shall include, but not be~~
34 ~~limited to, the administration of responsibilities relating to~~
35 ~~personnel; procurement and contracting; revenue production;~~
36 ~~school funds, including internal funds; student enrollment~~
37 ~~records; franchise agreements; information technology~~
38 ~~utilization, assets, and security; performance measures and~~
39 ~~standards; and accountability. The final report on the audit~~
40 ~~shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and the~~
41 ~~Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than January~~
42 ~~31, 2014.~~

43 Section 2. Section 1002.455, Florida Statutes, is amended
44 to read:

45 1002.455 Student eligibility for K-12 virtual
46 instruction.-

47 (1) All students, including home education and private
48 school students, are eligible to participate in any of the
49 following ~~A student may participate in virtual instruction in~~
50 ~~the school district in which he or she resides if the student~~

51 ~~meets the eligibility criteria in subsection (2).~~

52 ~~(2) A student is eligible to participate in virtual~~
53 ~~instruction if:~~

54 ~~(a) The student spent the prior school year in attendance~~
55 ~~at a public school in the state and was enrolled and reported by~~
56 ~~the school district for funding during October and February for~~
57 ~~purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program surveys;~~

58 ~~(b) The student is a dependent child of a member of the~~
59 ~~United States Armed Forces who was transferred within the last~~
60 ~~12 months to this state from another state or from a foreign~~
61 ~~country pursuant to a permanent change of station order;~~

62 ~~(c) The student was enrolled during the prior school year~~
63 ~~in a virtual instruction program under s. 1002.45 or a full-time~~
64 ~~Florida Virtual School program under s. 1002.37(8)(a);~~

65 ~~(d) The student has a sibling who is currently enrolled in~~
66 ~~a virtual instruction program and the sibling was enrolled in~~
67 ~~that program at the end of the prior school year;~~

68 ~~(e) The student is eligible to enter kindergarten or first~~
69 ~~grade; or~~

70 ~~(f) The student is eligible to enter grades 2 through 5~~
71 ~~and is enrolled full-time in a school district virtual~~
72 ~~instruction program, virtual charter school, or the Florida~~
73 ~~Virtual School.~~

74 ~~(3) The virtual instruction options for which this~~
75 ~~eligibility section applies include:~~

76 (1)~~(a)~~ School district operated part-time or full-time
 77 kindergarten through grade 12 virtual instruction programs under
 78 s. 1002.45(1)(b) for students enrolled in the school district.

79 (2)~~(b)~~ Full-time virtual charter school instruction
 80 authorized under s. 1002.33.

81 (3)~~(c)~~ Virtual courses offered in the course code
 82 directory to students within the school district or to students
 83 in other school districts throughout the state pursuant to s.
 84 1003.498.

85 (4) Florida Virtual School instructional services
 86 authorized under s. 1002.37.

87 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 1003.4282, Florida
 88 Statutes, is amended to read:

89 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school
 90 diploma.—

91 (4) ONLINE COURSE REQUIREMENT.—At least one course within
 92 the 24 credits required under this section must be completed
 93 through online or blended learning.

94 (a) An online course taken in grade 6, grade 7, or grade 8
 95 fulfills the requirements of this subsection. The requirement is
 96 met through an online course offered by the Florida Virtual
 97 School, a virtual education provider approved by the State Board
 98 of Education, a high school, or an online dual enrollment
 99 course. A student who is enrolled in a full-time or part-time
 100 virtual instruction program under s. 1002.45 meets the

101 requirement.

102 (b) A district school board or a charter school governing
103 board, as applicable, may allow a student ~~offer students the~~
104 ~~following options~~ to satisfy the online or blended learning
105 course requirements of this subsection by completing+

106 ~~1. Completion of~~ a course in which the a student earns a
107 nationally recognized industry certification in information
108 technology that is identified on the CAPE Industry Certification
109 Funding List pursuant to s. 1008.44 or passing ~~passage of~~ the
110 information technology certification examination without
111 enrolling enrollment in or completing ~~completion of~~ the
112 corresponding course or courses, as applicable.

113 ~~2. Passage of an online content assessment, without~~
114 ~~enrollment in or completion of the corresponding course or~~
115 ~~courses, as applicable, by which the student demonstrates skills~~
116 ~~and competency in locating information and applying technology~~
117 ~~for instructional purposes.~~

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119 For purposes of this subsection, a school district may not
120 require a student to take the online or blended learning course
121 outside the school day or in addition to a student's courses for
122 a given semester. This subsection does not apply to a student
123 who has an individual education plan under s. 1003.57 which
124 indicates that an online or blended learning course would be
125 inappropriate or to an out-of-state transfer student who is

126 enrolled in a Florida high school and has 1 academic year or
127 less remaining in high school.

128 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 1002.33, Florida
129 Statutes, is amended to read:

130 1002.33 Charter schools.—

131 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—Charter schools shall be part of the
132 state's program of public education. All charter schools in
133 Florida are public schools. A charter school may be formed by
134 creating a new school or converting an existing public school to
135 charter status. A charter school may operate a virtual charter
136 school pursuant to s. 1002.45(1)(d) to provide full-time online
137 instruction to ~~eligible~~ students, pursuant to s. 1002.455, in
138 kindergarten through grade 12. An existing charter school that
139 is seeking to become a virtual charter school must amend its
140 charter or submit a new application pursuant to subsection (6)
141 to become a virtual charter school. A virtual charter school is
142 subject to the requirements of this section; however, a virtual
143 charter school is exempt from subsections (18) and (19),
144 subparagraphs (20)(a)2., 4., 5., and 7., paragraph (20)(c), and
145 s. 1003.03. A public school may not use the term charter in its
146 name unless it has been approved under this section.

147 Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 1002.45, Florida
148 Statutes, is amended to read:

149 1002.45 Virtual instruction programs.—

150 (5) STUDENT ELIGIBILITY.—A student may enroll in a virtual

151 instruction program provided by the school district or by a
152 virtual charter school operated in the district in which he or
153 she resides ~~if the student meets eligibility requirements for~~
154 ~~virtual instruction~~ pursuant to s. 1002.455.

155 Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 1003.498, Florida
156 Statutes, is amended to read:

157 1003.498 School district virtual course offerings.—

158 (2) School districts may offer virtual courses for
159 students enrolled in the school district. These courses must be
160 identified in the course code directory. Students ~~who meet the~~
161 ~~eligibility requirements of s. 1002.455~~ may participate in these
162 virtual course offerings pursuant to s. 1002.455.

163 (a) Any ~~eligible~~ student who is enrolled in a school
164 district may register and enroll in an online course offered by
165 his or her school district.

166 (b)1. Any ~~eligible~~ student who is enrolled in a school
167 district may register and enroll in an online course offered by
168 any other school district in the state. The school district in
169 which the student completes the course shall report the
170 student's completion of that course for funding pursuant to s.
171 1011.61(1)(c)1.b.(VI), and the home school district shall not
172 report the student for funding for that course.

173 2. The full-time equivalent student membership calculated
174 under this subsection is subject to the requirements in s.
175 1011.61(4). The Department of Education shall establish

176 | procedures to enable interdistrict coordination for the delivery
 177 | and funding of this online option.

178 | Section 7. Subsection (11) of section 1011.62, Florida
 179 | Statutes, is amended to read:

180 | 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual
 181 | allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
 182 | district for operation of schools is not determined in the
 183 | annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
 184 | the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
 185 | follows:

186 | (11) VIRTUAL EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION.—The Legislature may
 187 | annually provide in the Florida Education Finance Program a
 188 | virtual education contribution. The amount of the virtual
 189 | education contribution shall be the difference between the
 190 | amount per FTE established in the General Appropriations Act for
 191 | virtual education and the amount per FTE for each district and
 192 | the Florida Virtual School, which may be calculated by taking
 193 | the sum of the base FEFP allocation, the discretionary local
 194 | effort, the state-funded discretionary contribution, the
 195 | discretionary millage compression supplement, the research-based
 196 | reading instruction allocation, and the instructional materials
 197 | allocation, and then dividing by the total unweighted FTE. This
 198 | difference shall be multiplied by the virtual education
 199 | unweighted FTE for programs and options identified in s.
 200 | 1002.455 ~~s. 1002.455(3)~~ and the Florida Virtual School and its

201 | franchises to equal the virtual education contribution and shall
202 | be included as a separate allocation in the funding formula.

203 | Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.