

Amendment No. 2

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education Committee
2 Representative Fetterhoff offered the following:

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4 **Amendment to Amendment (918751) by Representative Massullo**
5 **(with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 93 and 94 of the amendment, insert:

7 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
8 1002.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 1002.45 Virtual instruction programs.—

10 (2) PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS.—

11 (a) The department shall annually publish online a list of
12 providers approved to offer virtual instruction programs. To be
13 approved by the department, a provider must document that it:

14 1. Is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies,
15 employment practices, and operations;

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16 2. Complies with the antidiscrimination provisions of s.
17 1000.05;

18 3. Locates an administrative office or offices in this
19 state, requires its administrative staff to be state residents,
20 requires all instructional staff to be Florida-certified
21 teachers under chapter 1012 and conducts background screenings
22 for all employees or contracted personnel, as required by s.
23 1012.32, using state and national criminal history records;

24 4. Provides to parents and students specific information
25 posted and accessible online that includes, but is not limited
26 to, the following teacher-parent and teacher-student contact
27 information for each course:

28 a. How to contact the instructor via phone, e-mail, or
29 online messaging tools.

30 b. How to contact technical support via phone, e-mail, or
31 online messaging tools.

32 c. How to contact the administration office via phone, e-
33 mail, or online messaging tools.

34 d. Any requirement for regular contact with the instructor
35 for the course and clear expectations for meeting the
36 requirement.

37 e. The requirement that the instructor in each course
38 must, at a minimum, conduct one contact via phone with the
39 parent and the student each month;

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40 5. Possesses prior, successful experience offering online
41 courses to elementary, middle, or high school students.
42 Successful experience in the state may be as demonstrated by
43 showing quantified student learning gains in each subject area
44 and grade level provided. Successful experience may also be
45 demonstrated by showing quantified student learning gains for
46 students outside of the state using other statewide assessments,
47 nationally recognized assessments, or other third party
48 preassessments and postassessments for consideration as an
49 instructional program option. However, for a provider without
50 sufficient prior, successful experience offering online courses,
51 the department may conditionally approve the provider to offer
52 courses measured pursuant to subparagraph (8)(a)2. Conditional
53 approval shall be valid for 2 ± school years ~~year~~ only and,
54 based on the provider's experience in offering the courses, the
55 department shall determine whether to grant approval to offer a
56 virtual instruction program;

57 6. Is accredited by a regional accrediting association as
58 defined by State Board of Education rule;

59 7. Ensures instructional and curricular quality through a
60 detailed curriculum and student performance accountability plan
61 that addresses every subject and grade level it intends to
62 provide through contract with the school district, including:

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- 63 a. Courses and programs that meet the standards of the
64 International Association for K-12 Online Learning and the
65 Southern Regional Education Board.
- 66 b. Instructional content and services that align with, and
67 measure student attainment of, student proficiency in the Next
68 Generation Sunshine State Standards.
- 69 c. Mechanisms that determine and ensure that a student has
70 satisfied requirements for grade level promotion and high school
71 graduation with a standard diploma, as appropriate;
- 72 8. Publishes for the general public, in accordance with
73 disclosure requirements adopted in rule by the State Board of
74 Education, as part of its application as a provider and in all
75 contracts negotiated pursuant to this section:
- 76 a. Information and data about the curriculum of each full-
77 time and part-time program.
- 78 b. School policies and procedures.
- 79 c. Certification status and physical location of all
80 administrative and instructional personnel.
- 81 d. Hours and times of availability of instructional
82 personnel.
- 83 e. Student-teacher ratios.
- 84 f. Student completion and promotion rates.
- 85 g. Student, educator, and school performance
86 accountability outcomes;

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87 9. If the provider is a Florida College System
88 institution, employs instructors who meet the certification
89 requirements for instructional staff under chapter 1012; and
90 10. Performs an annual financial audit of its accounts and
91 records conducted by an independent certified public accountant
92 which is in accordance with rules adopted by the Auditor
93 General, is conducted in compliance with generally accepted
94 auditing standards, and includes a report on financial
95 statements presented in accordance with generally accepted
96 accounting principles.

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99 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

100 Remove line 594 of the amendment and insert:
101 graduation option; amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; revising
102 virtual education program provider requirements;
103 amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.; requiring