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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Lee moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 309 and 310

insert:

Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 1002.421, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (r) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

1002.421 State school choice scholarship program accountability and oversight.—

(1) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—A private school participating in an educational scholarship program



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12 established pursuant to this chapter must be a private school as
13 defined in s. 1002.01(2) in this state, be registered, and be in
14 compliance with all requirements of this section in addition to
15 private school requirements outlined in s. 1002.42, specific
16 requirements identified within respective scholarship program
17 laws, and other provisions of Florida law that apply to private
18 schools, and must:

19 (r) Report to the department by October 1 of each year, in
20 a format developed by the department, the following information
21 for the preceding school year:

22 1. The total number of students enrolled in the school;

23 2. The number of students enrolled in the school who
24 participated in a state school choice scholarship program under
25 this chapter, indicating student participation in each
26 scholarship program;

27 3. The number of students enrolled in the school who
28 participated in a state school scholarship program under this
29 chapter and also took courses through dual enrollment under
30 chapter 1007 or a virtual school under this chapter, indicating
31 student enrollment in such courses, either through dual
32 enrollment or a virtual school, or both; and

33 4. The number of students by grade level who withdrew from
34 enrollment in the school or transferred to another school, and
35 the reason for such withdrawal or transfer.

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37 The department shall suspend the payment of funds to a private
38 school that knowingly fails to comply with this subsection, and
39 shall prohibit the school from enrolling new scholarship
40 students, for 1 fiscal year and until the school complies. If a



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41 private school fails to meet the requirements of this subsection
42 or has consecutive years of material exceptions listed in the
43 report required under paragraph (q), the commissioner may
44 determine that the private school is ineligible to participate
45 in a scholarship program.

46 (2) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OBLIGATIONS.—

47 (c) Annually, by December 15, the department shall report
48 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
49 the House of Representatives a summary of the information
50 required under paragraph (1)(r) and the department's ~~its~~ actions
51 in implementing accountability in the scholarship programs under
52 this section, any substantiated allegations or violations of law
53 or rule by an eligible private school under this section, and
54 the corrective action taken.

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57 And the title is amended as follows:

58 Between lines 35 and 36

59 insert:

60 s. 1002.421, F.S.; requiring the Department of
61 Education to prepare a report that contains specified
62 information by a certain date each year; requiring the
63 Department of Education to submit a summary containing
64 certain information to the Governor, the President of
65 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
66 Representatives; amending