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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED (Y/N)
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FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Early Learning &
2 Elementary Education Subcommittee
3 Representative Rodriguez offered the following:
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Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

6 Between lines 317 and 318, insert:

7 (2) PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS.—

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

11 1. Is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies,
12 employment practices, and operations;

13 2. Complies with the antidiscrimination provisions of s.
14 1000.05;

15 3. Locates an administrative office or offices in this
16 state, requires its administrative staff to be state residents,

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17 requires all instructional staff to be Florida-certified
18 teachers under chapter 1012 and conducts background screenings
19 for all employees or contracted personnel, as required by s.
20 1012.32, using state and national criminal history records;

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

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

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

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

31 d. Any requirement for regular contact with the instructor
32 for the course and clear expectations for meeting the
33 requirement.

34 e. The requirement that the instructor in each course
35 must, at a minimum, conduct one contact ~~via phone~~ with the
36 parent and the student each month;

37 5. Possesses prior, successful experience offering online
38 courses to elementary, middle, or high school students as
39 demonstrated by quantified student learning gains in each
40 subject area and grade level provided for consideration as an
41 instructional program option. However, for a provider without

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42 sufficient prior, successful experience offering online courses,
43 the department may conditionally approve the provider to offer
44 courses measured pursuant to subparagraph (8)(a)2. Conditional
45 approval shall be valid for 1 school year only and, based on the
46 provider's experience in offering the courses, the department
47 shall determine whether to grant approval to offer a virtual
48 instruction program;

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

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

55 a. Courses and programs that meet the standards of the
56 International Association for K-12 Online Learning and the
57 Southern Regional Education Board.

58 b. Instructional content and services that align with, and
59 measure student attainment of, student proficiency in the Next
60 Generation Sunshine State Standards.

61 c. Mechanisms that determine and ensure that a student has
62 satisfied requirements for grade level promotion and high school
63 graduation with a standard diploma, as appropriate;

64 8. Publishes for the general public, in accordance with
65 disclosure requirements adopted in rule by the State Board of
66 Education, as part of its application as a provider and in all

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- 67 contracts negotiated pursuant to this section:
- 68 a. Information and data about the curriculum of each full-
 - 69 time and part-time program.
 - 70 b. School policies and procedures.
 - 71 c. Certification status and physical location of all
 - 72 administrative and instructional personnel.
 - 73 d. Hours and times of availability of instructional
 - 74 personnel.
 - 75 e. Student-teacher ratios.
 - 76 f. Student completion and promotion rates.
 - 77 g. Student, educator, and school performance
 - 78 accountability outcomes;
 - 79 9. If the provider is a Florida College System
 - 80 institution, employs instructors who meet the certification
 - 81 requirements for instructional staff under chapter 1012; and
 - 82 10. Performs an annual financial audit of its accounts and
 - 83 records conducted by an independent certified public accountant
 - 84 which is in accordance with rules adopted by the Auditor
 - 85 General, is conducted in compliance with generally accepted
 - 86 auditing standards, and includes a report on financial
 - 87 statements presented in accordance with generally accepted
 - 88 accounting principles.

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91 **D I R E C T O R Y A M E N D M E N T**

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92 Remove lines 299-300 and insert:

93 Section 3. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and paragraph
94 (a) of subsection (2) of section 1002.45, Florida Statutes, are
95 amended to read:

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

99 Remove lines 14-15 and insert:

100 charter school for specified purposes; revising teacher-parent
101 and teacher-student contact information requirements; providing
102 an effective date.