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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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House

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Berman) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 20 - 37

and insert:

parent or guardian may request that his or her K-8 public school student be retained for the 2021-2022 school year in the grade level to which the student was assigned at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, provided that such request is made for academic reasons.

(1) A parent or guardian who wishes for his or her student



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11 to be retained as provided by this act must submit, in writing,  
12 to the school principal a retention request that specifies the  
13 academic reasons for the retention. Only requests received by  
14 the principal on or before June 30, 2021, must be considered. A  
15 principal may consider a request received after that date at his  
16 or her discretion.

17 (2) (a) A principal who considers a retention request  
18 submitted pursuant to subsection (1) shall inform the student's  
19 teachers of the retention request and collaboratively discuss  
20 with the parent or guardian any basis for agreement or  
21 disagreement with the request.

22 (b) In lieu of retention, the principal, teachers, and  
23 parent or guardian may collaborate to develop a customized 1-  
24 year education plan for the student with the intent of helping  
25 the student return to grade level readiness by the end of the  
26 next academic year. Such plan may include, but need not be  
27 limited to, supplemental educational support, services, and  
28 interventions; summer education; promotion in some, but not all,  
29 courses; and midyear promotion.

30 (c) The parent or guardian's decision to promote or retain  
31 his or her student after discussing the retention request with  
32 the principal shall control.

33 (3) A middle school student who is retained under this  
34 section may be eligible to retake high school credits earned  
35 toward grade forgiveness pursuant to s. 1003.4282(5) only if he  
36 or she has earned a grade of "C", "D," or "F." in the class for  
37 which the credits were awarded.

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40 And the title is amended as follows:

41 Delete lines 4 - 13

42 and insert:

43 in a grade level for academic reasons for a specified  
44 school year; requiring that such a request be  
45 submitted in a specified manner; requiring school  
46 principals to consider such requests if they are  
47 timely received; authorizing school principals to  
48 consider requests that are not timely received;  
49 requiring a school principal that considers a request  
50 to inform the student's teachers of the request and  
51 collaboratively discuss with the parent or guardian  
52 any basis for agreement or disagreement with the  
53 request; authorizing the principal, teachers, and  
54 parent or guardian to collaborate to develop a  
55 customized 1-year education plan for the student in  
56 lieu of retaining the student; requiring a parent or  
57 guardian's decision to control; prohibiting a retained  
58 middle school student from retaking certain classes;  
59 requiring school districts to report