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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
02/03/2021	.	
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The Committee on Education (Berman) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 1008.25, Florida Statutes, a parent may request to retain his or her K-8 public school student in the grade level to which the student was assigned at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year for the 2021-2022 school year.

(1) A parent who wishes for his or her student to be retained under this act shall submit a retention request in



12 writing to the school district superintendent. Only requests
13 received by the superintendent on or before June 30, 2021, must
14 be considered. A school district superintendent who timely
15 receives such a request shall grant the request. A school
16 district superintendent who receives such a written request
17 after the deadline for receipt may grant the request upon his or
18 her discretion.

19 (2) A student retained at the request of a parent pursuant
20 to this act may not qualify for midyear promotion pursuant to s.
21 1002.3105, Florida Statutes, and shall remain in the grade in
22 which he or she was retained until the student qualifies for
23 promotion at the end of the school year.

24 (3) By June 30, 2022, school districts shall report to the
25 Department of Education the number of students retained pursuant
26 to this act for all or part of the 2021-2022 school year.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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29 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 Delete everything before the enacting clause
32 and insert:

33 A bill to be entitled
34 An act relating to student retention; authorizing a
35 parent to request that his or her student be retained
36 in a grade level for a specified school year;
37 requiring such request to be submitted in a specified
38 manner; requiring school district superintendents to
39 grant such requests if they are timely received;
40 authorizing school district superintendents to grant



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41 requests that are not timely received; requiring a
42 retained student to remain in the grade in which he or
43 she was retained in until the student qualifies for
44 promotion at the end of the school year; requiring
45 school districts to report certain data to the
46 Department of Education by a specified date; providing
47 an effective date.