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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
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WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education & Employment
 2 Committee

3 Representative Williams offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

6 Remove lines 354-479 and insert:

7 (d) ~~The school district in which a participating student~~
 8 ~~resides must notify the student and his or her parent about the~~
 9 ~~locations and times to take all statewide assessments under s.~~
 10 ~~1008.22 if the student chooses to participate in such~~
 11 ~~assessments.~~ Upon the request of the department, a school
 12 district shall coordinate with the department to provide to a
 13 participating private school the statewide assessments
 14 administered under s. 1008.22 and any related materials for
 15 administering the assessments. If a private school chooses not
 16 to participate in the statewide assessments ~~For a student who~~

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17 ~~participates in the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program whose~~
18 ~~parent requests that the student take the statewide assessments~~
19 ~~under s. 1008.22, the district in which the student attends a~~
20 private school shall provide locations and times to take all
21 statewide assessments. A school district is responsible for
22 implementing test administrations at a participating private
23 school, including the:

- 24 1. Provision of training for private school staff on test
25 security and assessment administration procedures;
- 26 2. Distribution of testing materials to a private school;
- 27 3. Retrieval of testing materials from a private school;
- 28 4. Provision of the required format for a private school
29 to submit information to the district for test administration
30 and enrollment purposes; and
- 31 5. Provision of any required assistance, monitoring, or
32 investigation at a private school.

33 ~~(f) A school district shall report all students who are~~
34 ~~receiving a scholarship under this program. Students receiving a~~
35 ~~scholarship shall be reported separately from other students~~
36 ~~reported for purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program.~~

37 ~~(g) A school district shall be held harmless for students~~
38 ~~who are receiving a scholarship under this program from the~~
39 ~~weighted enrollment ceiling for group 2 programs in s.~~
40 ~~1011.62(1)(d)3.b. during the first school year in which the~~
41 ~~students are reported.~~

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42 (8) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OBLIGATIONS.—

43 (a) The department shall:

44 1. Publish and update, as necessary, information on the
45 department website about the Family Empowerment Scholarship
46 Program, including, but not limited to, student eligibility
47 criteria, parental responsibilities, and relevant data.

48 2. Report, as part of the determination of full-time
49 equivalent membership pursuant to s. 1011.62(1)(a), all students
50 who are receiving a scholarship under the program and are funded
51 through the Florida Education Finance Program, and cross-check
52 the list of participating scholarship students with the public
53 school enrollment lists to avoid duplication.

54 3. Maintain and annually publish a list of nationally
55 norm-referenced tests identified for purposes of satisfying the
56 testing requirement in subparagraph (9)(c)1. The tests must meet
57 industry standards of quality in accordance with state board
58 rule.

59 4. Notify eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding
60 organizations of the deadlines for submitting the verified list
61 of students determined to be eligible for a scholarship. An
62 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization may not
63 submit a student for funding after February 1.

64 ~~5. Notify each school district of a parent's participation~~
65 ~~in the scholarship program for purposes of paragraph (7)(f).~~

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66 ~~5.6.~~ Deny or terminate program participation upon a
67 parent's failure to comply with subsection (10).

68 ~~6.7.~~ Notify the parent and the organization when a
69 scholarship account is closed and program funds revert to the
70 state.

71 ~~7.8.~~ Notify an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding
72 organization of any of the organization's or other
73 organization's identified students who are receiving
74 scholarships under this chapter.

75 ~~8.9.~~ Maintain on its website a list of approved providers
76 as required by s. 1002.66, eligible postsecondary educational
77 institutions, eligible private schools, and eligible
78 organizations and may identify or provide links to lists of
79 other approved providers.

80 ~~9.10.~~ Require each organization to verify eligible
81 expenditures before the distribution of funds for any
82 expenditures made pursuant to subparagraphs (4) (b)1. and 2.
83 Review of expenditures made for services specified in
84 subparagraphs (4) (b)3.-15. may be completed after the purchase
85 is made.

86 ~~10.11.~~ Investigate any written complaint of a violation of
87 this section by a parent, a student, a private school, a public
88 school, a school district, an organization, a provider, or
89 another appropriate party in accordance with the process
90 established under s. 1002.421.

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91 ~~11.12.~~ Require quarterly reports by an organization, which
92 must include, at a minimum, the number of students participating
93 in the program; the demographics of program participants; the
94 disability category of program participants; the matrix level of
95 services, if known; the program award amount per student; the
96 total expenditures for the purposes specified in paragraph
97 (4)(b); the types of providers of services to students; and any
98 other information deemed necessary by the department.

99 ~~12.13.~~ Notify eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding
100 organizations that scholarships may not be awarded in a school
101 district in which the award will exceed 99 percent of the school
102 district's share of state funding through the Florida Education
103 Finance Program as calculated by the department.

104 ~~13.14.~~ Adjust payments to eligible nonprofit scholarship-
105 funding organizations and, when the Florida Education Finance
106 Program is recalculated, adjust the amount of state funds
107 allocated to school districts through the Florida Education
108 Finance Program based upon the results of the cross-check
109 completed pursuant to subparagraph 2.

110 (c) The department shall notify each school district of
111 the full-time equivalent student consensus estimate of students
112 participating in the program developed pursuant to s.
113 216.136(4)(a).

114 (9) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—To be
115 eligible to participate in the Family Empowerment Scholarship

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116 Program, a private school may be sectarian or nonsectarian and
117 must:

118 (c)1. Annually administer or make provision for students
119 ~~participating in the program in grades 3 through 10 to take one~~
120 ~~of the nationally norm-referenced tests that are identified by~~
121 ~~the department pursuant to paragraph (8) (a) or to take the~~
122 statewide assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22. Students with
123 disabilities for whom the physician or psychologist who issued
124 the diagnosis or the IEP team determines that standardized
125 testing is not appropriate are exempt from this requirement. A
126 participating private school shall report a student's scores to
127 his or her parent. By August 15 of each year, a participating
128 private school must report the scores of all participating
129 students to a state university as described in s.
130 1002.395(9) (f).

131 2. Administer the statewide assessments pursuant to s.
132 1008.22 if the private school chooses to offer the statewide
133 assessments. A participating private school may choose to offer
134 and administer the statewide assessments to all students who
135 attend the private school in grades 3 through 10 and must submit
136 a request in writing to the department by March 1 of each year
137 in order to administer the statewide assessments in the
138 subsequent school year.

139 (d) For a student determined eligible pursuant to
140 paragraph (3) (b), discuss the school's academic programs and

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141 policies, specialized services, code of conduct, and attendance
142 policies before enrollment with the parent to determine which
143 programs and services may meet the student's individual needs.
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145 If a private school fails to meet the requirements of this
146 subsection or s. 1002.421, the commissioner may determine that
147 the private school is ineligible to participate in the
148 scholarship program.

149 (10) PARENT AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROGRAM
150 PARTICIPATION.—

151 (a) A parent who applies for program participation under
152 paragraph (3)(a) whose student will be enrolled full time ~~is~~
153 ~~exercising his or her parental option to place his or her child~~
154 in a private school ~~and~~ must:

155 1. Select the private school and apply for the admission
156 of his or her student.

157 2. Request the scholarship by a date established by the
158 organization, in a manner that creates a written or electronic
159 record of the request and the date of receipt of the request.

160 3. Inform the applicable school district when the parent
161 withdraws his or her student from a public school to attend an
162 eligible private school.

163 4. Require his or her student participating in the program
164 to remain in attendance throughout the school year unless
165 excused by the school for illness or other good cause.

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166 5. Meet with the private school's principal or the
167 principal's designee to review the school's academic programs
168 and policies, specialized services ~~customized educational~~
169 ~~programs~~, code of student conduct, and attendance policies
170 before ~~prior to~~ enrollment.

171 6. Require that the student participating in the
172 scholarship program ~~takes the norm-referenced assessment offered~~
173 ~~by the private school. The parent may also choose to have the~~
174 ~~student~~ participate in the statewide assessments pursuant to
175 paragraph (7)(d). ~~If the parent requests that the student~~
176 ~~participating in the program take all statewide assessments~~
177 ~~required pursuant to s. 1008.22, the parent is responsible for~~
178 ~~transporting the student to the assessment site designated by~~
179 ~~the school district.~~

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Remove lines 129-130 and insert:

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(f) of subsection (6), paragraphs (d), (f), and (g) of

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subsection (7), paragraph (a) of subsection (8), paragraph (c)

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of subsection (9), paragraphs (a) and (b) of

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Remove line 15 and insert:

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191 | until certain criteria are met; revising requirements relating
192 | to required student assessments under the program; revising
193 | obligations