

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Year-round School Pilot  
 3           Program; creating s. 1003.07, F.S.; creating the Year-  
 4           round School Pilot Program for a period of 4 school  
 5           years beginning with a specified school year;  
 6           providing the purpose of the program; providing for an  
 7           application process for participation in the program;  
 8           requiring the Commissioner of Education to select a  
 9           certain number of school districts to participate in  
 10          the program; providing requirements for participating  
 11          school districts; requiring the commissioner to submit  
 12          a report to the Governor and Legislature; providing  
 13          requirements for such report; authorizing the State  
 14          Board of Education to adopt rules; providing an  
 15          effective date.

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 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 19           Section 1.   Section 1003.07, Florida Statutes, is created  
 20 to read:

21           1003.07 Year-round School Pilot Program.—Beginning with  
 22 the 2024-2025 school year, the Year-round School Pilot Program  
 23 is created for a period of 4 school years. The purpose of the  
 24 program is for the Department of Education to assist school  
 25 districts in establishing a year-round school program within at

26 least one elementary school in the district and study the  
27 issues, benefits, and schedule options for instituting year-  
28 round school programs for all students.

29 (1)(a) School districts shall apply to the Department of  
30 Education, in a format and by a date prescribed by the  
31 department, to participate in the program. The application must  
32 include:

33 1. The number of students enrolled in the elementary  
34 school or schools that will implement a year-round school  
35 program.

36 2. The academic performance of the students enrolled in  
37 such school or schools.

38 3. The rate of absenteeism and tardiness of students  
39 enrolled in such school or schools.

40 4. The commitment of such school's or schools'  
41 instructional personnel and students to the year-round school  
42 program.

43 5. An explanation of how the implementation of the year-  
44 round school program will benefit the students.

45 (b) The Commissioner of Education shall select five school  
46 districts to participate in the program. To the extent possible,  
47 the commissioner shall select school districts that represent a  
48 variety of demographics, including, but not limited to, an  
49 urban, suburban, and rural school district.

50 (2) A school district enrolled in a year-round school

51 program shall:

52 (a) Implement a single-track or multi-track schedule.

53 (b) Provide data to the department to allow for:

54 1. An assessment of the academic and safety benefits

55 associated with establishing a year-round school program.

56 2. An evaluation of any potential barriers for the school

57 district upon implementation of a year-round school program,

58 including, but not limited to:

59 a. Issues related to the commitment of instructional

60 personnel and students.

61 b. The provision of services during the summer months.

62 c. School district budgeting.

63 d. Parental engagement and participation.

64 e. Coordination with community services.

65 f. Student assessment and progression practices.

66 g. Student transportation.

67 3. The consideration of strategies for addressing such

68 potential barriers.

69 (3) Upon completion of the program, the commissioner shall

70 provide a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,

71 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must

72 include:

73 (a) The number of students enrolled at participating

74 schools.

75 (b) The number of students enrolled at participating

76 schools before and after the implementation of the year-round  
77 school program.

78 (c) Any health, academic, and safety benefits for students  
79 or instructional personnel from the implementation of the year-  
80 round school program.

81 (d) An evaluation of any potential barriers for school  
82 districts and families associated with a year-round school  
83 program.

84 (e) The commissioner's recommendation on the adoption of  
85 year-round school programs for all students.

86 (4) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
87 administer the program.

88 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.