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Representative Trabulsy offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (351932) (with title amendment)

Remove lines 5-2456 of the amendment and insert:

Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (f) of subsection (2) of section 11.45, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

11.45 Definitions; duties; authorities; reports; rules.—

(2) DUTIES.—The Auditor General shall:

(d) Annually conduct financial audits of the accounts and records of all district school boards in counties with populations of less ~~fewer~~ than 150,000, according to the most recent federal decennial statewide census; and the Florida

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13 School for the Deaf and the Blind, ~~and the Florida School for~~
14 ~~Competitive Academics.~~

15 (f) At least every 3 years, conduct operational audits of
16 the accounts and records of state agencies, state universities,
17 state colleges, district school boards, the Florida Clerks of
18 Court Operations Corporation, water management districts, and
19 the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, ~~and the Florida~~
20 ~~School for Competitive Academics.~~

21
22 The Auditor General shall perform his or her duties
23 independently but under the general policies established by the
24 Legislative Auditing Committee. This subsection does not limit
25 the Auditor General's discretionary authority to conduct other
26 audits or engagements of governmental entities as authorized in
27 subsection (3).

28 **Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 110.211, Florida**
29 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

30 110.211 Recruitment.—

31 (3) Recruiting shall seek efficiency in advertising and
32 may be assisted by a contracted vendor responsible for
33 maintenance of the personnel data. Recruiting may include the
34 use of an apprenticeship program as defined in s. 446.021(6).
35 Open competition is not required for a position that will be
36 filled by a person who has successfully completed an
37 apprenticeship program with the hiring agency.

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Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 125.901, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125.901 Children's services; independent special district; council; powers, duties, and functions; public records exemption.—

(1) Each county may by ordinance create an independent special district, as defined in ss. 189.012 and 200.001(8)(e), to provide funding for children's services throughout the county in accordance with this section. The boundaries of such district shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the county. The county governing body shall obtain approval at a general election, as defined in s. 97.021, by a majority vote of those electors voting on the question, to annually levy ad valorem taxes which shall not exceed the maximum millage rate authorized by this section. Any district created pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be required to levy and fix millage subject to the provisions of s. 200.065. Once such millage is approved by the electorate, the district shall not be required to seek approval of the electorate in future years to levy the previously approved millage. However, a referendum to increase the millage rate previously approved by the electors must be held at a general election, and the referendum may be held only once during the 48-month period preceding the effective date of the increased millage.

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(b) However, any county as defined in s. 125.011(1) may instead have a governing body composed ~~consisting~~ of 33 members, including the superintendent of schools, or his or her designee; two representatives of public postsecondary education institutions located in the county; the county manager or the equivalent county officer, or his or her designee; the district administrator from the appropriate district of the Department of Children and Families, or the administrator's designee who is a member of the Senior Management Service or the Selected Exempt Service; the director of the county health department or the director's designee; the state attorney for the county or the state attorney's designee; the chief judge assigned to juvenile cases, or another juvenile judge who is the chief judge's designee and who shall sit as a voting member of the board, except that the judge may not vote or participate in setting ad valorem taxes under this section; an individual who is selected by the board of the local United Way or its equivalent; a member of a locally recognized faith-based coalition, selected by that coalition; a member of the local chamber of commerce, selected by that chamber or, if more than one chamber exists within the county, a person selected by a coalition of the local chambers; a member of the early learning coalition, selected by that coalition; a representative of a labor organization or union active in the county; ~~a member of a local alliance or coalition engaged in cross-system planning for health and social service~~

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~~delivery in the county, selected by that alliance or coalition;~~
a member of the local Parent-Teachers Association/Parent-
Teacher-Student Association, selected by that association; a
youth representative selected by the local school system's
student government; a local school board member appointed by the
chair of the school board; the mayor of the county or the
mayor's designee; one member of the county governing body,
appointed by the chair of that body; a member of the state
Legislature who represents residents of the county, selected by
the chair of the local legislative delegation; an elected
official representing the residents of a municipality in the
county, selected by the county municipal league; and five ~~4~~
members-at-large, appointed to the council by the majority of
sitting council members. The remaining seven members shall be
appointed by the Governor in accordance with procedures set
forth in paragraph (a), except that the Governor may remove a
member for cause or upon the written petition of the council.
Appointments by the Governor must, to the extent reasonably
possible, represent the geographic and demographic makeup
~~diversity~~ of the population of the county. Members ~~who are~~
appointed to the council by reason of their position are not
subject to the length of terms and limits on consecutive terms
as provided in this section. The remaining appointed members of
the governing body shall be appointed to serve 3-year ~~2-year~~
terms, except that those members appointed by the Governor shall

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be appointed to serve 4-year terms, and the youth representative and the legislative delegate shall be appointed to serve 1-year terms. A member may be reappointed; however, a member may not serve for more than three consecutive terms. A member is eligible to be appointed again after a 2-year hiatus from the council.

Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 216.251, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.251 Salary appropriations; limitations.—

(2)(a) The salary for each position not specifically indicated in the appropriations acts shall be as provided in one of the following subparagraphs:

1. Within the classification and pay plans provided for in chapter 110.

2. Within the classification and pay plans established by the Board of Trustees for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind of the Department of Education and approved by the State Board of Education for academic and academic administrative personnel.

3. Within the classification and pay plan approved and administered by the Board of Governors or the designee of the board for those positions in the State University System.

4. Within the classification and pay plan approved by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of

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Representatives, as the case may be, for employees of the
Legislature.

5. Within the approved classification and pay plan for the
judicial branch.

~~6. Within the classification and pay plans established by
the Board of Trustees for the Florida School for Competitive
Academics of the Department of Education and approved by the
State Board of Education for academic and academic
administrative personnel.~~

**Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 446.032, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:**

446.032 General duties of the department for
apprenticeship training.—The department shall:

(2) By November 30 ~~September 1~~ of each year, publish an
annual report on apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs.
The report must be published on the department's website and, at
a minimum, include all of the following:

(a) A list of registered apprenticeship and
preapprenticeship programs, sorted by local educational agency,
as defined in s. 1004.02(18), and apprenticeship sponsor, under
s. 446.071.

(b) A detailed summary of each local educational agency's
expenditure of funds for apprenticeship and preapprenticeship
programs, including:

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160 1. The total amount of funds received for apprenticeship
161 and preapprenticeship programs.

162 2. The total amount of funds allocated by training
163 provider, program, and occupation.

164 3. The total amount of funds expended for administrative
165 costs by training provider, program, and occupation.

166 4. The total amount of funds expended for instructional
167 costs by training provider, program, and occupation.

168 (c) The number of apprentices and preapprentices per trade
169 and occupation.

170 (d) The percentage of apprentices and preapprentices who
171 complete their respective programs in the appropriate timeframe.

172 (e) Information and resources related to applications for
173 new apprenticeship programs and technical assistance and
174 requirements for potential applicants.

175 (f) Documentation of activities conducted by the
176 department to promote apprenticeship and preapprenticeship
177 programs through public engagement, community-based
178 partnerships, and other initiatives and the outcomes of such
179 activities and their impact on establishing or expanding
180 apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs.

181 (g) Retention and completion rates of participants
182 disaggregated by training provider, program, and occupation.

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(h) Wage progression of participants as demonstrated by starting, exit, and postapprenticeship wages at 1 and 5 years after participants exit the program.

Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 447.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

447.203 Definitions.—As used in this part:

(2) "Public employer" or "employer" means the state or any county, municipality, or special district or any subdivision or agency thereof which the commission determines has sufficient legal distinctiveness properly to carry out the functions of a public employer. With respect to all public employees determined by the commission as properly belonging to a statewide bargaining unit composed of State Career Service System employees or Selected Professional Service employees, the Governor is deemed to be the public employer; and the Board of Governors of the State University System, or the board's designee, is deemed to be the public employer with respect to all public employees of each constituent state university. The board of trustees of a community college is deemed to be the public employer with respect to all employees of the community college. The district school board is deemed to be the public employer with respect to all employees of the school district. The Board of Trustees of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind is deemed to be the public employer with respect to the academic and academic administrative personnel of the Florida

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208 School for the Deaf and the Blind. ~~The Board of Trustees of the~~
209 ~~Florida School for Competitive Academics is deemed to be the~~
210 ~~public employer with respect to the academic and academic~~
211 ~~administrative personnel of the Florida School for Competitive~~
212 ~~Academics.~~ The Governor is deemed to be the public employer with
213 respect to all employees in the Correctional Education Program
214 of the Department of Corrections established pursuant to s.
215 944.801.

216 **Section 7. Subsection (7) of section 1000.04, Florida**
217 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

218 1000.04 Components for the delivery of public education
219 within the Florida Early Learning-20 education system.—Florida's
220 Early Learning-20 education system provides for the delivery of
221 early learning and public education through publicly supported
222 and controlled K-12 schools, Florida College System
223 institutions, state universities and other postsecondary
224 educational institutions, other educational institutions, and
225 other educational services as provided or authorized by the
226 Constitution and laws of the state.

227 ~~(7) THE FLORIDA SCHOOL FOR COMPETITIVE ACADEMICS. The~~
228 ~~Florida School for Competitive Academics is a component of the~~
229 ~~delivery of public education within Florida's Early Learning-20~~
230 ~~education system.~~

231 **Section 8. Paragraph (j) of subsection (5) of section**
232 **1000.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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1000.21 Systemwide definitions.—As used in the Florida
Early Learning-20 Education Code:

(5) "Florida College System institution" except as
otherwise specifically provided, includes all of the following
public postsecondary educational institutions in the Florida
College System and any branch campuses, centers, or other
affiliates of the institution:

(j) Hillsborough ~~Community~~ College, which serves
Hillsborough County.

**Section 9. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section
1000.40, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1000.40 Future repeal of the Interstate Compact on
Educational Opportunity for Military Children.—Sections 1000.36,
1000.361, 1000.38, and 1000.39 and this section shall stand
repealed on July 1, 2028 ~~2025~~, unless reviewed and saved from
repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

**Section 10. Subsection (5) of section 1001.03, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:**

1001.03 Specific powers of State Board of Education.—
(5) IDENTIFICATION OF HIGH-DEMAND ~~CRITICAL~~ TEACHER NEEDS
~~SHORTAGE~~ AREAS.—The State Board of Education shall identify
high-demand ~~critical~~ teacher needs ~~shortage~~ areas pursuant to s.
1012.07.

**Section 11. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section
1001.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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258 1001.20 Department under direction of state board.—

259 (4) The Department of Education shall establish the
260 following offices within the Office of the Commissioner of
261 Education which shall coordinate their activities with all other
262 divisions and offices:

263 (e) *Office of Inspector General*.—Organized using existing
264 resources and funds and responsible for promoting
265 accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness and detecting
266 fraud and abuse within school districts, the Florida School for
267 the Deaf and the Blind, ~~the Florida School for Competitive~~
268 ~~Academics~~, and Florida College System institutions in Florida.

269 If the Commissioner of Education determines that a district
270 school board, the Board of Trustees for the Florida School for
271 the Deaf and the Blind, ~~the Board of Trustees for the Florida~~
272 ~~School for Competitive Academics~~, or a Florida College System
273 institution board of trustees is unwilling or unable to address
274 substantiated allegations made by any person relating to waste,
275 fraud, or financial mismanagement within the school district,
276 the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, ~~the Florida~~
277 ~~School for Competitive Academics~~, or the Florida College System
278 institution, the office must conduct, coordinate, or request
279 investigations into such substantiated allegations. The office
280 shall investigate allegations or reports of possible fraud or
281 abuse against a district school board made by any member of the
282 Cabinet; the presiding officer of either house of the

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Legislature; a chair of a substantive or appropriations committee with jurisdiction; or a member of the board for which an investigation is sought. The office may investigate allegations or reports of suspected violations of a student's, parent's, or teacher's rights. The office shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to perform its duties and shall have all of its current powers, duties, and responsibilities authorized in s. 20.055.

Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1001.452, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.452 District and school advisory councils.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(a) The district school board shall establish an advisory council for each school in the district and shall develop procedures for the election and appointment of advisory council members. Each school advisory council shall include in its name the words "school advisory council." The school advisory council shall be the sole body responsible for final decisionmaking at the school relating to implementation of ss. 1001.42(18) and 1008.345. A majority of the members of each school advisory council must be persons who are not employed by the school district. Each advisory council shall be composed of the principal and an appropriately balanced number of teachers, education support employees, students, parents, and other business and community citizens who are representative of the

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308 ethnic, racial, and economic community served by the school.
309 Career center and high school advisory councils shall include
310 students, and middle and junior high school advisory councils
311 may include students. School advisory councils of career centers
312 and adult education centers are not required to include parents
313 as members. Council members representing teachers, education
314 support employees, students, and parents shall be elected by
315 their respective peer groups at the school in a fair and
316 equitable manner as follows:

317 1. Teachers shall be elected by teachers.

318 2. Education support employees shall be elected by
319 education support employees.

320 3. Students shall be elected by students.

321 4. Parents shall be elected by parents.
322

323 The district school board shall establish procedures to be used
324 by schools in selecting business and community members which
325 ~~that~~ include means of ensuring wide notice of vacancies and of
326 taking input on possible members from local business, chambers
327 of commerce, community and civic organizations and groups, and
328 the public at large. The district school board shall review the
329 membership composition of each advisory council. If the district
330 school board determines that the membership elected by the
331 school is not representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic
332 community served by the school, the district school board must

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333 ~~shall~~ appoint additional members to achieve proper
334 representation. ~~The commissioner shall determine if schools have~~
335 ~~maximized their efforts to include on their advisory councils~~
336 ~~minority persons and persons of lower socioeconomic status.~~
337 Although schools are strongly encouraged to establish school
338 advisory councils, the district school board of any school
339 district that has a student population of 10,000 or less ~~fewer~~
340 may establish a district advisory council which includes at
341 least one duly elected teacher from each school in the district.
342 For the purposes of school advisory councils and district
343 advisory councils, the term "teacher" includes classroom
344 teachers, certified student services personnel, and media
345 specialists. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "education
346 support employee" means any person employed by a school who is
347 not defined as instructional or administrative personnel
348 pursuant to s. 1012.01 and whose duties require 20 or more hours
349 in each normal working week.

350 **Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section**
351 **1001.7065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

352 1001.7065 Preeminent state research universities program.—

353 (2) ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE STANDARDS.—The
354 following academic and research excellence standards are
355 established for the preeminent state research universities
356 program and shall be reported annually in the Board of Governors
357 Accountability Plan:

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(a) An average weighted grade point average of 4.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale and an average SAT score of 1200 or higher on a 1600-point scale or an average ACT score of 25 or higher on a 36 score scale, using the latest published national concordance table developed jointly by the College Board and ACT, Inc., or an average Classic Learning Test score of 83 or higher on a 120 score scale, for fall semester incoming freshmen, as reported annually.

Section 14. Paragraph (o) of subsection (3) and paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public school students must receive accurate and timely information regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory rights including, but not limited to, the following:

(3) HEALTH ISSUES.—

(o) Emergency opioid antagonist ~~Naloxone~~ use and supply.—

1. A public school may purchase a supply of an emergency ~~the~~ opioid antagonist approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ~~naloxone~~ from a wholesale distributor as defined in s. 499.003 or may enter into an arrangement with a wholesale distributor or manufacturer as defined in s. 499.003 for an FDA-approved emergency opioid antagonist ~~naloxone~~ at

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383 fair-market, free, or reduced prices for use in the event that a
384 student has an opioid overdose. The FDA-approved emergency
385 opioid antagonist naloxone must be maintained in a secure
386 location on the public school's premises.

387 2. A public school ~~district~~ employee who administers an
388 approved emergency opioid antagonist to a student in compliance
389 with ss. 381.887 and 768.13 is immune from civil liability under
390 s. 768.13.

391 (4) DISCIPLINE.—

392 (c) *Corporal punishment.*—

393 1. In accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ s. 1003.32,
394 corporal punishment of a public school student may only be
395 administered by a teacher or school principal within guidelines
396 of the school principal and according to district school board
397 policy. Another adult must be present and must be informed in
398 the student's presence of the reason for the punishment. Upon
399 request, the teacher or school principal must provide the parent
400 with a written explanation of the reason for the punishment and
401 the name of the other adult who was present.

402 2. A district school board having a policy authorizing the
403 use of corporal punishment as a form of discipline shall include
404 in such policy a requirement that a parent provide consent for
405 the school to administer corporal punishment. The district
406 school board policy may require such consent for the school
407 year, or before each administration. The district school board

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shall review its policy on corporal punishment once every 3 years during a district school board meeting held pursuant to s. 1001.372. The district school board shall take public testimony at the board meeting. If such board meeting is not held in accordance with this subparagraph, the portion of the district school board's policy authorizing corporal punishment expires.

Section 15. Paragraph (b) of subsection (16) and paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (18) of section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1002.33 Charter schools.—

(16) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES.—

(b) Additionally, a charter school shall be in compliance with the following statutes:

1. Section 286.011, relating to public meetings and records, public inspection, and criminal and civil penalties.

2. Chapter 119, relating to public records.

3. Section 1003.03, relating to the maximum class size, except that the calculation for compliance pursuant to s. 1003.03 shall be the average at the school level.

4. Section 1012.22(1)(c), relating to compensation and salary schedules.

5. Section 1012.33(5), relating to workforce reductions.

6. Section 1012.335, relating to contracts with instructional personnel hired on or after July 1, 2011.

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7. Section 1012.34, relating to the substantive requirements for performance evaluations for instructional personnel and school administrators.

8. Section 1006.12, relating to safe-school officers.

9. Section 1006.07(7), relating to threat management teams.

10. Section 1006.07(9), relating to School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting.

11. Section 1006.07(10), relating to reporting of involuntary examinations.

12. Section 1006.1493, relating to the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool.

13. Section 1006.07(6)(d), relating to adopting an active assailant response plan.

14. Section 943.082(4)(b), relating to the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool.

15. Section 1012.584, relating to youth mental health awareness and assistance training.

16. Section 1001.42(4)(f)2., relating to middle school and high school start times. A charter school-in-the-workplace is exempt from this requirement.

17. Section 1002.20(4)(c), relating to school corporal punishment.

(18) FACILITIES.—

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456 (a)1. A startup charter school shall utilize facilities
457 which comply with the Florida Building Code pursuant to chapter
458 553 except for the State Requirements for Educational
459 Facilities. Conversion charter schools shall utilize facilities
460 that comply with the State Requirements for Educational
461 Facilities provided that the school district and the charter
462 school have entered into a mutual management plan for the
463 reasonable maintenance of such facilities. The mutual management
464 plan shall contain a provision by which the district school
465 board agrees to maintain charter school facilities in the same
466 manner as its other public schools within the district. Charter
467 schools, with the exception of conversion charter schools, are
468 not required to comply, but may choose to comply, with the State
469 Requirements for Educational Facilities of the Florida Building
470 Code adopted pursuant to s. 1013.37.

471 2. The local governing authority may ~~shall~~ not adopt, ~~or~~
472 impose, or enforce any local building requirements, ~~or~~ site-
473 development restrictions, or operational requirements that
474 impact, such as parking and site-size criteria, student
475 enrollment and capacity, hours of operation, and occupant load;7

476 a. That are addressed by and more stringent than those
477 found in the State Requirements for Educational Facilities of
478 the Florida Building Code; or

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479 b. That are not uniformly imposed or enforced by the local
480 governing authority upon public schools within the jurisdiction
481 of the local governing authority.

482 3. A local governing authority must treat charter schools
483 equitably in comparison to similar requirements, restrictions,
484 and site planning processes imposed upon public schools that are
485 not charter schools, including such provisions that are
486 established by interlocal agreement, development order, or
487 development permit. An interlocal agreement entered into by a
488 school district for the development of only its own schools,
489 including provisions relating to the extension of
490 infrastructure, may be used by charter schools. A charter school
491 may not be subject to any land use regulation requiring a change
492 to a local government comprehensive plan or requiring a
493 development order or development permit, as those terms are
494 defined in s. 163.3164, or any requirement or restriction that
495 would not be required for a public or private school in the same
496 location or a location on which a public or private school has
497 previously been permitted. A local governing authority may not
498 apply or enforce a condition against a charter school unless the
499 condition is uniformly applied to other public schools within
500 the jurisdiction of the local governing authority and the
501 charter school is located on property that is the subject of a
502 previously approved development order or development permit, and
503 if such development order or development permit contains

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504 conditions applicable to the construction or operation of a
505 public or private school, including, but not limited to:

- 506 a. Limits on the number of students;
507 b. Limits on the number of teachers;
508 c. Limits on the number of classrooms;
509 d. Limits on the hours of operation;
510 e. Minimum outdoor recreation area; or
511 f. Requirements to conform to a prior plan of development.

512 4. The agency having jurisdiction for inspection of a
513 facility and issuance of a certificate of occupancy or use shall
514 be the local municipality or, if in an unincorporated area, the
515 county governing authority. A charter school that meets the
516 requirements of state law consistent with the requirements of
517 this subsection shall be administratively approved by the local
518 governing authority. If a ~~an official or employee of the~~ local
519 governing authority refuses to comply with this subsection
520 paragraph, the aggrieved school or entity has an immediate right
521 to bring an action in circuit court to enforce its rights ~~by~~
522 ~~injunction~~. An aggrieved party that prevails in such an action
523 ~~receives injunctive relief~~ may be awarded attorney fees and
524 court costs.

525 (c) Any facility, or portion thereof, used to house a
526 charter school whose charter has been approved by the sponsor
527 and the governing board, pursuant to subsection (7), is exempt
528 from ad valorem taxes pursuant to s. 196.1983. Notwithstanding

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any other law, local ordinance, or regulation to the contrary, a local governing authority may not require a charter school to obtain a special exemption or conditional use approval for the charter school to be an allowable use under the local governing authority's land development code. Any library, community service, museum, performing arts, theater, cinema, or church facility; any facility or land owned by a Florida College System institution or university; any similar public institutional facilities; and any facility recently used to house a school or child care facility licensed under s. 402.305 may provide space to charter schools within their facilities under their preexisting zoning and land use designations without obtaining a special exception, rezoning, or a land use change.

Section 16. Section 1002.351, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 17. Subsection (6) of section 1002.394, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.394 The Family Empowerment Scholarship Program.—

(6) SCHOLARSHIP PROHIBITIONS.—A student is not eligible for a Family Empowerment Scholarship while he or she is:

(a) Enrolled full time in a public school, including, but not limited to, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, the College-Preparatory Boarding Academy, ~~the Florida School for Competitive Academics,~~ the Florida Virtual School, the Florida Scholars Academy, a developmental research school authorized

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554 under s. 1002.32, or a charter school authorized under this
555 chapter. For purposes of this paragraph, a 3- or 4-year-old
556 child who receives services funded through the Florida Education
557 Finance Program is considered to be a student enrolled in a
558 public school;

559 (b) Enrolled in a school operating for the purpose of
560 providing educational services to youth in a Department of
561 Juvenile Justice commitment program;

562 (c) Receiving any other educational scholarship pursuant
563 to this chapter. However, an eligible public school student
564 receiving a scholarship under s. 1002.411 may receive a
565 scholarship for transportation pursuant to subparagraph
566 (4) (a)2.;

567 (d) Not having regular and direct contact with his or her
568 private school teachers pursuant to s. 1002.421(1) (i), unless he
569 or she is eligible pursuant to paragraph (3) (b) and enrolled in
570 the participating private school's transition-to-work program
571 pursuant to subsection (16) or a home education program pursuant
572 to s. 1002.41;

573 (e) Participating in a private tutoring program pursuant
574 to s. 1002.43 unless he or she is determined eligible pursuant
575 to paragraph (3) (b); or

576 (f) Participating in virtual instruction pursuant to s.
577 1002.455 that receives state funding pursuant to the student's
578 participation.

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Section 18. Subsection (4) of section 1002.395, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.395 Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program.—

(4) SCHOLARSHIP PROHIBITIONS.—A student is not eligible for a scholarship while he or she is:

(a) Enrolled full time in a public school, including, but not limited to, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, the College-Preparatory Boarding Academy, ~~the Florida School for Competitive Academics,~~ the Florida Virtual School, the Florida Scholars Academy, a developmental research school authorized under s. 1002.32, or a charter school authorized under this chapter. For purposes of this paragraph, a 3- or 4-year-old child who receives services funded through the Florida Education Finance Program is considered a student enrolled full time in a public school;

(b) Enrolled in a school operating for the purpose of providing educational services to youth in a Department of Juvenile Justice commitment program;

(c) Receiving any other educational scholarship pursuant to this chapter. However, an eligible public school student receiving a scholarship under s. 1002.411 may receive a scholarship for transportation pursuant to subparagraph

(6) (d) 4.;

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(d) Not having regular and direct contact with his or her private school teachers pursuant to s. 1002.421(1)(i) unless he or she is enrolled in a personalized education program;

(e) Participating in a home education program as defined in s. 1002.01(1);

(f) Participating in a private tutoring program pursuant to s. 1002.43 unless he or she is enrolled in a personalized education program; or

(g) Participating in virtual instruction pursuant to s. 1002.455 that receives state funding pursuant to the student's participation.

Section 19. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (19) of section 1002.42, Florida Statutes, to read:

1002.42 Private schools.—

(19) FACILITIES.—

(c) A private school located in a county with four incorporated municipalities may construct new facilities, which may be temporary or permanent, on property purchased from or owned or leased by a library, community service organization, museum, performing arts venue, theater, cinema, or church under s. 170.201, which is or was actively used as such within 5 years of any executed agreement with a private school; any land owned by a Florida College System institution or state university; and any land recently used to house a school or child care facility licensed under s. 402.305 under its preexisting zoning and land

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use designations without rezoning or obtaining a special exception or a land use change and without complying with any mitigation requirements or conditions. The new facility must be located on property used solely for purposes described in this paragraph and must meet applicable state and local health, safety, and welfare laws, codes, and rules, including firesafety and building safety.

Section 20. Paragraphs (e), (m), and (p) of subsection (1) of section 1002.421, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1002.421 State school choice scholarship program accountability and oversight.—

(1) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—A private school participating in an educational scholarship program established pursuant to this chapter must be a private school as defined in s. 1002.01 in this state, be registered, and be in compliance with all requirements of this section in addition to private school requirements outlined in s. 1002.42, specific requirements identified within respective scholarship program laws, and other provisions of Florida law that apply to private schools, and must:

(e) Annually complete and submit to the department a notarized scholarship compliance statement certifying that all school employees and contracted personnel with direct student contact have undergone background screening ~~pursuant to s.~~

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651 ~~435.12~~ and have met the screening standards as provided in s.
652 1012.315 ~~s. 435.04.~~

653 (m) Require each employee and contracted personnel with
654 direct student contact, upon employment or engagement to provide
655 services, to undergo ~~a state and national~~ background screening
656 ~~under s. 1012.315, pursuant to s. 943.0542, by electronically~~
657 ~~filing with the Department of Law Enforcement a complete set of~~
658 ~~fingerprints taken by an authorized law enforcement agency or an~~
659 ~~employee of the private school, a school district, or a private~~
660 ~~company who is trained to take fingerprints~~ and deny employment
661 to or terminate an employee if he or she fails to meet the
662 screening standards under s. 1012.315 ~~s. 435.04. Results of the~~
663 ~~screening shall be provided to the participating private school.~~
664 For purposes of this paragraph:

665 1. An "employee or contracted personnel with direct
666 student contact" means any employee or contracted personnel who
667 has unsupervised access to a scholarship student for whom the
668 private school is responsible.

669 2. The costs of fingerprinting and the background check
670 shall not be borne by the state.

671 3. Continued employment of an employee or contracted
672 personnel after notification that he or she has failed the
673 background screening under this paragraph shall cause a private
674 school to be ineligible for participation in a scholarship
675 program.

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676 4. An employee or contracted personnel holding a valid
677 Florida teaching certificate who has been fingerprinted pursuant
678 to s. 1012.32 is not required to comply with the provisions of
679 this paragraph.

680 5. All fingerprints submitted to the Department of Law
681 Enforcement as required by this section must ~~shall~~ be retained
682 in the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse as
683 provided in s. 435.12 ~~by the Department of Law Enforcement in a~~
684 ~~manner provided by rule and entered in the statewide automated~~
685 ~~biometric identification system authorized by s. 943.05(2)(b).~~
686 ~~Such fingerprints shall thereafter be available for all purposes~~
687 ~~and uses authorized for arrest fingerprints entered in the~~
688 ~~statewide automated biometric identification system pursuant to~~
689 ~~s. 943.051.~~

690 6. Employees, contracted personnel, owners, and operators
691 must be rescreened as required by s. 435.12.

692 7. Persons who apply for employment are governed by the
693 laws and rules in effect at the time of application for
694 employment, provided that the person is continually employed by
695 the same school.

696 ~~6. The Department of Law Enforcement shall search all~~
697 ~~arrest fingerprints received under s. 943.051 against the~~
698 ~~fingerprints retained in the statewide automated biometric~~
699 ~~identification system under subparagraph 5. Any arrest record~~
700 ~~that is identified with the retained fingerprints of a person~~

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~~subject to the background screening under this section shall be reported to the employing school with which the person is affiliated. Each private school participating in a scholarship program is required to participate in this search process by informing the Department of Law Enforcement of any change in the employment or contractual status of its personnel whose fingerprints are retained under subparagraph 5. The Department of Law Enforcement shall adopt a rule setting the amount of the annual fee to be imposed upon each private school for performing these searches and establishing the procedures for the retention of private school employee and contracted personnel fingerprints and the dissemination of search results. The fee may be borne by the private school or the person fingerprinted.~~

~~7. Employees and contracted personnel whose fingerprints are not retained by the Department of Law Enforcement under subparagraphs 5. and 6. are required to be refingerprinted and must meet state and national background screening requirements upon reemployment or reengagement to provide services in order to comply with the requirements of this section.~~

~~8. Every 5 years following employment or engagement to provide services with a private school, employees or contracted personnel required to be screened under this section must meet screening standards under s. 435.04, at which time the private school shall request the Department of Law Enforcement to forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation~~

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~~for national processing. If the fingerprints of employees or contracted personnel are not retained by the Department of Law Enforcement under subparagraph 5., employees and contracted personnel must electronically file a complete set of fingerprints with the Department of Law Enforcement. Upon submission of fingerprints for this purpose, the private school shall request that the Department of Law Enforcement forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national processing, and the fingerprints shall be retained by the Department of Law Enforcement under subparagraph 5.~~

(p) Require each owner or operator of the private school, prior to employment or engagement to provide services, to undergo ~~level 2~~ background screening as provided in s. 1012.315 ~~under chapter 435~~. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "owner or operator" means an owner, an operator, a superintendent, or a principal of, or a person with equivalent decisionmaking authority over, a private school participating in a scholarship program established pursuant to this chapter. The fingerprints for the background screening must be electronically submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement and may be taken by an authorized law enforcement agency or a private company who is trained to take fingerprints. However, the complete set of fingerprints of an owner or operator may not be taken by the owner or operator. ~~The owner or operator shall provide a copy of the results of the state and national criminal history check to~~

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751 ~~the Department of Education.~~ The cost of the background
752 screening may be borne by the owner or operator.

753 ~~1. Every 5 years following employment or engagement to~~
754 ~~provide services, each owner or operator must meet level 2~~
755 ~~screening standards as described in s. 435.04, at which time the~~
756 ~~owner or operator shall request the Department of Law~~
757 ~~Enforcement to forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of~~
758 ~~Investigation for level 2 screening. If the fingerprints of an~~
759 ~~owner or operator are not retained by the Department of Law~~
760 ~~Enforcement under subparagraph 2., the owner or operator must~~
761 ~~electronically file a complete set of fingerprints with the~~
762 ~~Department of Law Enforcement. Upon submission of fingerprints~~
763 ~~for this purpose, the owner or operator shall request that the~~
764 ~~Department of Law Enforcement forward the fingerprints to the~~
765 ~~Federal Bureau of Investigation for level 2 screening, and the~~
766 ~~fingerprints shall be retained by the Department of Law~~
767 ~~Enforcement under subparagraph 2.~~

768 ~~2. Fingerprints submitted to the Department of Law~~
769 ~~Enforcement as required by this paragraph must be retained by~~
770 ~~the Department of Law Enforcement in a manner approved by rule~~
771 ~~and entered in the statewide automated biometric identification~~
772 ~~system authorized by s. 943.05(2)(b). The fingerprints must~~
773 ~~thereafter be available for all purposes and uses authorized for~~
774 ~~arrest fingerprints entered in the statewide automated biometric~~
775 ~~identification system pursuant to s. 943.051.~~

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~~3. The Department of Law Enforcement shall search all arrest fingerprints received under s. 943.051 against the fingerprints retained in the statewide automated biometric identification system under subparagraph 2. Any arrest record that is identified with an owner's or operator's fingerprints must be reported to the owner or operator, who must report to the Department of Education. Any costs associated with the search shall be borne by the owner or operator.~~

~~4. An owner or operator who fails the level 2 background screening is not eligible to participate in a scholarship program under this chapter.~~

~~1.5.~~ In addition to the offenses listed in s. 435.04, a person required to undergo background screening pursuant to this part or authorizing statutes may not have an arrest awaiting final disposition for, must not have been found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, and must not have been adjudicated delinquent for, and the record must not have been sealed or expunged for, any of the following offenses or any similar offense of another jurisdiction:

- a. Any authorizing statutes, if the offense was a felony.
- b. This chapter, if the offense was a felony.
- c. Section 409.920, relating to Medicaid provider fraud.
- d. Section 409.9201, relating to Medicaid fraud.
- e. Section 741.28, relating to domestic violence.

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f. Section 817.034, relating to fraudulent acts through mail, wire, radio, electromagnetic, photoelectronic, or photooptical systems.

g. Section 817.234, relating to false and fraudulent insurance claims.

h. Section 817.505, relating to patient brokering.

i. Section 817.568, relating to criminal use of personal identification information.

j. Section 817.60, relating to obtaining a credit card through fraudulent means.

k. Section 817.61, relating to fraudulent use of credit cards, if the offense was a felony.

l. Section 831.01, relating to forgery.

m. Section 831.02, relating to uttering forged instruments.

n. Section 831.07, relating to forging bank bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes.

o. Section 831.09, relating to uttering forged bank bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes.

p. Section 831.30, relating to fraud in obtaining medicinal drugs.

q. Section 831.31, relating to the sale, manufacture, delivery, or possession with the intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver any counterfeit controlled substance, if the offense was a felony.

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826 ~~2.6.~~ At least 30 calendar days before a transfer of
827 ownership of a private school, the owner or operator shall
828 notify the parent of each scholarship student.

829 ~~3.7.~~ The owner or operator of a private school that has
830 been deemed ineligible to participate in a scholarship program
831 pursuant to this chapter may not transfer ownership or
832 management authority of the school to a relative in order to
833 participate in a scholarship program as the same school or a new
834 school. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "relative"
835 means father, mother, son, daughter, grandfather, grandmother,
836 brother, sister, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew, niece, husband,
837 wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law,
838 brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson,
839 stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half
840 sister.

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842 The department shall suspend the payment of funds to a private
843 school that knowingly fails to comply with this subsection, and
844 shall prohibit the school from enrolling new scholarship
845 students, for 1 fiscal year and until the school complies. If a
846 private school fails to meet the requirements of this subsection
847 or has consecutive years of material exceptions listed in the
848 report required under paragraph (q), the commissioner may
849 determine that the private school is ineligible to participate
850 in a scholarship program.

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Section 21. Subsection (4) of section 1002.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.—

(4) Notwithstanding s. 1002.53(3) and subsection (2):

(a) A child who, ~~for any of the prekindergarten programs listed in s. 1002.53(3),~~ has not completed any of the prekindergarten programs listed in s. 1002.53(3) ~~more than 70 percent of the hours authorized to be reported for funding under subsection (2), or has not expended more than 70 percent of the funds authorized for the child under s. 1002.66,~~ may withdraw from the program for good cause and reenroll in one of the programs. The total funding for a child who reenrolls in one of the programs for good cause may not exceed one full-time equivalent student. Funding for a child who withdraws and reenrolls in one of the programs for good cause must ~~shall~~ be issued in accordance with the department's uniform attendance policy adopted pursuant to paragraph (6) (d).

(b) A child who has not ~~substantially~~ completed any of the prekindergarten programs listed in s. 1002.53(3) may withdraw from the program due to an extreme hardship that is beyond the child's or parent's control, reenroll in one of the summer programs, and be reported for funding purposes as a full-time equivalent student in the summer program for which the child is reenrolled.

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A child may reenroll only once in a prekindergarten program under this section. A child who reenrolls in a prekindergarten program under this subsection may not subsequently withdraw from the program and reenroll, unless the child is granted a good cause exemption under this subsection. The department shall establish criteria specifying whether a good cause exists for a child to withdraw from a program under paragraph (a), ~~whether a child has substantially completed a program under paragraph (b),~~ and whether an extreme hardship exists which is beyond the child's or parent's control under paragraph (b).

Section 22. Effective October 1, 2025, subsections (6) and (13) of section 1002.81, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (g) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

1002.81 Definitions.—Consistent with the requirements of 45 C.F.R. parts 98 and 99 and as used in this part, the term:

(1) "At-risk child" means:

(g) A child in the custody of and in residence with a parent who is receiving comprehensive services with a licensed residential behavioral health treatment center with an onsite child care facility.

(6) "Economically disadvantaged" means having a family income that does not exceed 55 percent of the state median income ~~150 percent of the federal poverty level~~ and includes being a child of a working migratory family as defined by 34

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901 C.F.R. s. 200.81(d) or (f) or an agricultural worker who is
902 employed by more than one agricultural employer during the
903 course of a year, and whose income varies according to weather
904 conditions and market stability.

905 (13) "Single point of entry" means an integrated
906 information system that allows a parent to enroll his or her
907 child in the school readiness program or the Voluntary
908 Prekindergarten Education Program at various locations
909 throughout a county, that may allow a parent to enroll his or
910 her child by telephone or through a website, and that uses a
911 uniform waiting list to track ~~eligible~~ children waiting for
912 enrollment in the school readiness program based on family
913 household income and the priorities established under s.
914 1002.87.

915 **Section 23. Effective October 1, 2025, paragraph (f) of**
916 **subsection (2) of section 1002.82, Florida Statutes, is amended**
917 **to read:**

918 1002.82 Department of Education; powers and duties.—

919 (2) The department shall:

920 (f) Establish a unified approach to the state's efforts to
921 coordinate a comprehensive early learning program. In support of
922 this effort, the department:

923 1. Shall adopt specific program support services that
924 address the state's school readiness program, including:

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a. Statewide data information program requirements that include:

(I) Eligibility requirements.

(II) Financial reports.

(III) Program accountability measures.

(IV) Child progress reports.

b. Child care resource and referral services.

c. A single point of entry and uniform waiting list that tracks children waiting for school readiness program services based on family household income and the priorities established under s. 1002.87.

2. May provide technical assistance and guidance on additional support services to complement the school readiness program, including:

a. Warm-Line services.

b. Anti-fraud plans.

c. Training and support for parental involvement in children's early education.

d. Family literacy activities and services.

Section 24. Effective October 1, 2025, subsection (2) of section 1002.84, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.84 Early learning coalitions; school readiness powers and duties.—Each early learning coalition shall:

(2) Establish a uniform waiting list to track ~~eligible~~ children waiting for enrollment in the school readiness program

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950 based on family household income and the priorities established
951 under s. 1002.87 and in accordance with rules adopted by the
952 State Board of Education.

953 **Section 25. Effective October 1, 2025, paragraph (b) of**
954 **subsection (2) and subsection (5) of section 1002.85, Florida**
955 **Statutes, are amended to read:**

956 1002.85 Early learning coalition plans.—

957 (2) Each early learning coalition must submit a school
958 readiness program plan every 3 years to the department before
959 the expenditure of funds. A coalition may not implement its
960 school readiness program plan until it receives approval from
961 the department. A coalition may not implement any revision to
962 its school readiness program plan until the coalition submits
963 the revised plan to and receives approval from the department.
964 If the department rejects a plan or revision, the coalition must
965 continue to operate under its previously approved plan. The plan
966 must include, but is not limited to:

967 (b) The coalition's procedures for implementing the
968 requirements of this part, including:

969 1. Single point of entry.

970 2. Uniform waiting list that tracks children waiting for
971 school readiness program services based on family household
972 income and the priorities established under s. 1002.87.

973 3. Eligibility and enrollment processes and local
974 eligibility priorities for children pursuant to s. 1002.87.

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975 4. Parent access and choice.

976 5. Sliding fee scale and policies on applying the waiver
977 or reduction of fees in accordance with s. 1002.84(9).

978 6. Use of preassessments and postassessments, as
979 applicable.

980 7. Use of contracted slots, as applicable, based on the
981 results of the assessment required under paragraph (i).

982 (5) The department shall collect and report data on
983 coalition delivery of early learning programs. Elements shall
984 include, but are not limited to, measures related to progress
985 towards reducing the number of children on the waiting list, the
986 percentage of children served by the program as compared to the
987 number of administrative staff and overhead, the percentage of
988 children served compared to total number of children under the
989 age of 5 years below 55 percent of the state median income ~~150~~
990 ~~percent of the federal poverty level~~, provider payment
991 processes, fraud intervention, child attendance and stability,
992 use of child care resource and referral, and kindergarten
993 readiness outcomes for children in the Voluntary Prekindergarten
994 Education Program or the school readiness program upon entry
995 into kindergarten. The department shall request input from the
996 coalitions and school readiness program providers before
997 finalizing the format and data to be used. The report shall be
998 implemented beginning July 1, 2014, and results of the report
999 must be included in the annual report under s. 1002.82.

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Section 26. Effective October 1, 2025, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1002.89, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.89 School readiness program; funding.—

(1) DETERMINATION OF EARLY LEARNING COALITION SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM FUNDING.—Funding for the school readiness program shall be used by the early learning coalitions in accordance with this part and the General Appropriations Act.

(a) School readiness program allocation.—If the annual allocation for the school readiness program is not determined in the General Appropriations Act or the substantive bill implementing the General Appropriations Act, it shall be determined as follows:

1. For each county in the early learning coalition, the total number of unweighted full-time equivalent school readiness children, as adopted by the Early Learning Programs Estimating Conference pursuant to s. 216.136(8), which shall consider the historical trend of children served and population changes for each county, shall be multiplied by the appropriate care level factor to calculate the weighted full-time equivalent school readiness children. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "care level factor" means the adjustment made based on the relative differences in reimbursement rates associated with the eligible school readiness children pursuant to s. 1002.87.

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2. The total weighted full-time equivalent school readiness children shall be multiplied by the rate index to calculate the adjusted weighted full-time equivalent school readiness children. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "rate index" means the adjustment made based on the impact of geographic location on reimbursement rates.

3. The school readiness program funds shall be distributed based on each county's proportionate share of the total adjusted weighted full-time equivalent school readiness children.

Section 27. Subsection (2) of section 1003.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.05 Assistance to transitioning students from military families.—

(2) The Department of Education shall facilitate the development and implementation of memoranda of agreement between school districts and military installations which address strategies for assisting students who are the children of active duty military personnel in the transition to Florida schools.

(a) The strategies developed by the department must include the development and implementation of a training module relating to facilitating and expediting the transfer of a K-12 student's education records from an out-of-state school.

(b) The department shall provide the training module required under paragraph (a) to each district school board to provide to each public and charter K-12 school within its

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1049 district. The district school board shall make the training
1050 available to employees who work directly with military students
1051 and families.

1052 **Section 28. Subsection (3) of section 1003.41, Florida**
1053 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1054 1003.41 State academic standards.—

1055 (3) The Commissioner of Education shall, as deemed
1056 necessary, develop and submit proposed revisions to the
1057 standards for review and comment by Florida educators, school
1058 administrators, representatives of the Florida College System
1059 institutions and state universities who have expertise in the
1060 content knowledge and skills necessary to prepare a student for
1061 postsecondary education and careers, a representative from the
1062 Department of Commerce, business and industry leaders for in-
1063 demand careers, and the public. The commissioner, after
1064 considering reviews and comments, shall submit the proposed
1065 revisions to the State Board of Education for adoption. New and
1066 revised standards documents submitted for approval to the state
1067 board must consist only of academic standards and benchmarks.
1068 The commissioner shall revise all currently approved standards
1069 documents based on the requirements of this subsection and
1070 submit all revised standards documents to the state board for
1071 approval no later than July 1, 2026.

1072 **Section 29. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section**
1073 **1003.4201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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1074 1003.4201 Comprehensive system of reading instruction.—
1075 Each school district must implement a system of comprehensive
1076 reading instruction for students enrolled in prekindergarten
1077 through grade 12 and certain students who exhibit a substantial
1078 deficiency in early literacy.

1079 (2)(a) Components of the reading instruction plan may
1080 include the following:

1081 1. Additional time per day of evidence-based intensive
1082 reading instruction for kindergarten through grade 12 students,
1083 which may be delivered during or outside of the regular school
1084 day.

1085 2. Highly qualified reading coaches, who must be endorsed
1086 in reading, to specifically support classroom teachers in making
1087 instructional decisions based on progress monitoring data
1088 collected pursuant to s. 1008.25(9) and improve classroom
1089 teacher delivery of effective reading instruction, reading
1090 intervention, and reading in the content areas based on student
1091 need.

1092 3. Professional learning to help instructional personnel
1093 and certified prekindergarten teachers funded in the Florida
1094 Education Finance Program earn a certification, a credential, an
1095 endorsement, or an advanced degree in scientifically researched
1096 and evidence-based reading instruction.

1097 4. Summer reading camps, using only classroom teachers or
1098 other district personnel who possess a micro-credential as

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1099 specified in s. 1003.485 or are certified or endorsed in reading
1100 consistent with s. 1008.25(8)(b)3., for all students in
1101 kindergarten through grade 5 exhibiting a reading deficiency as
1102 determined by district and state assessments.

1103 5. Intensive reading interventions, which must be
1104 delivered by instructional personnel who possess a micro-
1105 credential as defined in s. 1003.485(1) or are certified or
1106 endorsed in reading as provided in s. 1012.586 and must
1107 incorporate evidence-based strategies identified by the Just
1108 Read, Florida! office pursuant to s. 1001.215(7). Instructional
1109 personnel who possess a micro-credential as defined in s.
1110 1003.485(1) and are delivering intensive reading interventions
1111 must be supervised by an individual certified or endorsed in
1112 reading. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term
1113 "supervised" means that instructional personnel with a micro-
1114 credential are able, through telecommunication or in person, to
1115 communicate and consult with, and receive direction from,
1116 certified or endorsed personnel. Incentives for instructional
1117 personnel and certified prekindergarten teachers funded in the
1118 Florida Education Finance Program who possess a reading
1119 certification or endorsement as specified in s. 1012.586 or
1120 micro-credential as specified in s. 1003.485 and provide
1121 educational support to improve student literacy.

1122 6. Tutoring in reading.

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1123 7. A description of how the district prioritizes the
1124 assignment of highly effective teachers, as identified in s.
1125 1012.34(2) (e), from kindergarten to grade 2.

1126 **Section 30. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section**
1127 **1003.4282, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1128 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school
1129 diploma.—

1130 (3) STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; COURSE AND ASSESSMENT
1131 REQUIREMENTS.—

1132 (h) *One-half credit in personal financial literacy.—*
1133 Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2023-2024 school
1134 year, each student must earn one-half credit in personal
1135 financial literacy and money management. This instruction must
1136 include discussion of or instruction in all of the following:

1137 1. Types of bank accounts offered, opening and managing a
1138 bank account, and assessing the quality of a depository
1139 institution's services.

1140 2. Balancing a checkbook.

1141 3. Basic principles of money management, such as spending,
1142 credit, credit scores, and managing debt, including retail and
1143 credit card debt.

1144 4. Completing a loan application.

1145 5. Receiving an inheritance and related implications.

1146 6. Basic principles of personal insurance policies.

1147 7. Computing federal income taxes.

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8. Local tax assessments.

9. Computing interest rates by various mechanisms.

10. Simple contracts.

11. Contesting an incorrect billing statement.

12. Types of savings and investments.

13. State and federal laws concerning finance.

14. Costs of postsecondary education, including cost of attendance, completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, scholarships and grants, and student loans.

Section 31. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 1004.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.04 Public accountability and state approval for teacher preparation programs.—

(4) CONTINUED PROGRAM APPROVAL.—Continued approval of a teacher preparation program shall be based upon evidence that the program continues to implement the requirements for initial approval and upon significant, objective, and quantifiable measures of the program and the performance of the program completers.

(a) The criteria for continued approval must include each of the following:

1. Candidate readiness based on passage rates on educator certification examinations under s. 1012.56, as applicable.

2. Evidence of performance in each of the following areas:

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a. Performance of students in prekindergarten through grade 12 who are assigned to in-field program completers on statewide assessments using the results of the student learning growth formula adopted under s. 1012.34.

b. Results of program completers' annual evaluations in accordance with the timeline as set forth in s. 1012.34.

c. Workforce contributions, including placement of program completers in instructional positions in Florida public and private schools, with additional weight given to production of program completers in statewide high-demand ~~critical~~ teacher needs ~~shortage~~ areas as identified in s. 1012.07.

3. Results of the program completers' survey measuring their satisfaction with preparation for the realities of the classroom.

4. Results of the employers' survey measuring satisfaction with the program and the program's responsiveness to local school districts.

Section 32. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 1004.0971, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.0971 Emergency opioid antagonists in Florida College System institution and state university housing.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(b) "Emergency opioid antagonist" means a naloxone hydrochloride or any similarly acting ~~a naloxone hydrochloride or any similarly acting~~ drug that blocks the effects of opioids administered from outside the body and that

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is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of an opioid overdose.

Section 33. Paragraphs (c) and (f) of subsection (1) of section 1005.06, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1005.06 Institutions not under the jurisdiction or purview of the commission.—

(1) Except as otherwise provided in law, the following institutions are not under the jurisdiction or purview of the commission and are not required to obtain licensure:

(c) Any institution that is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education, eligible to participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education Grant Program and that is a nonprofit independent college or university located and chartered in this state and accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to grant baccalaureate degrees, or an institution authorized under s. 1009.521.

(f) 1. A nonpublic religious postsecondary educational institution ~~religious college~~ may operate without licensure ~~governmental oversight~~ if the institution ~~college~~ annually verifies by sworn affidavit to the commission each of the following affirmations ~~that~~:

a.1. ~~The name of the institution includes a religious modifier or the name of a religious patriarch, saint, person, or symbol of the church.~~

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1222 b. An explanation of the religious modifier, religious
1223 name, or religious symbol used in the institution's name.

1224 c.2. The institution offers only educational programs that
1225 prepare students for religious vocations as ministers,
1226 professionals, or laypersons in the categories of ministry,
1227 counseling, theology, education, administration, music, fine
1228 arts, media communications, or social work.

1229 d.3. The titles of degrees issued by the institution
1230 cannot be confused with secular degree titles. For this purpose,
1231 each degree title must include a religious modifier that
1232 immediately precedes, or is included within, any of the
1233 following degrees: Associate of Arts, Associate of Science,
1234 Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of
1235 Science, Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Education. The
1236 religious modifier must be placed on the title line of the
1237 degree, on the transcript, and whenever the title of the degree
1238 appears in official school documents or publications.

1239 e. The titles and majors of every degree program offered
1240 by the institution as they appear on degrees and transcripts
1241 issued by the institution.

1242 f.4. The duration of all degree programs offered by the
1243 institution is consistent with the standards of the commission.

1244 g.5. The institution's consumer practices are consistent
1245 with those required by s. 1005.04.

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1246 2. If requested by the commission, the institution must
1247 submit documentation demonstrating compliance with the
1248 requirements of this paragraph and with s. 1005.04. The
1249 institution shall submit such documentation within 30 days after
1250 the request.

1251 3. The commission shall review for approval or denial, in
1252 a public meeting, affidavits submitted pursuant to this
1253 paragraph. The commission shall approve an affidavit unless the
1254 affidavit is facially invalid, the affidavit is contradicted by
1255 the institution's public advertisements or by other evidence, or
1256 the institution has failed to comply with the requirements of
1257 subparagraph 2. The commission may provide such a religious
1258 institution a letter stating that the institution has met the
1259 requirements of state law and is not subject to licensure by the
1260 commission ~~governmental oversight.~~

1261 a. If a nonpublic religious postsecondary educational
1262 institution that has been issued a written notice of exemption
1263 from licensure by the commission subsequently fails to comply
1264 with the requirements of this paragraph, the commission must
1265 revoke its approval of the institution's affidavit in a public
1266 meeting.

1267 b. If an affidavit is denied by the commission, the
1268 commission may take any of the actions specified in s. 1005.38
1269 unless the institution applies for a license pursuant to s.

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1270 1005.31(1)(a), ceases operating in this state, or submits
1271 documentation indicating compliance with this paragraph.

1272 c. The commission may adopt rules to administer this
1273 paragraph.

1274 **Section 34. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section**
1275 **1006.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1276 1006.09 Duties of school principal relating to student
1277 discipline and school safety.—

1278 (1)(a)1. Subject to law and to the rules of the State
1279 Board of Education and the district school board, the principal
1280 in charge of the school or the principal's designee shall
1281 develop policies for delegating to any teacher or other member
1282 of the instructional staff or to any bus driver transporting
1283 students of the school responsibility for the control and
1284 direction of students. Each school principal shall fully support
1285 the authority of his or her teachers and school bus drivers to
1286 remove disobedient, disrespectful, violent, abusive,
1287 uncontrollable, or disruptive students from the classroom and
1288 the school bus and, when appropriate and available, place such
1289 students in an alternative educational setting. The principal or
1290 the principal's designee must give full consideration to the
1291 recommendation for discipline made by a teacher, other member of
1292 the instructional staff, or a bus driver when making a decision
1293 regarding student referral for discipline.

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1294 2. If the disobedient, disrespectful, violent, abusive,
1295 uncontrollable, or disruptive behavior continues, the school
1296 principal must refer the case to the school's child study team
1297 to schedule a meeting with the parent to identify potential
1298 remedies.

1299 3. If an initial meeting with the student's parent does
1300 not resolve the behavioral issues, the child study team must
1301 implement the following:

1302 a. Frequent attempts by the school, including the
1303 student's teacher and a school administrator, at communicating
1304 with the student's family. The attempts may be made in writing
1305 or by telephone, but must be documented.

1306 b. A student evaluation for alternative education
1307 programs.

1308 c. Behavior contracts.

1309
1310 The child study team may, but is not required to, implement
1311 other interventions, including referral to other agencies for
1312 family services or a recommendation for filing a petition for a
1313 child in need of services pursuant to s. 984.15.

1314 **Section 35. Subsection (3) of section 1006.13, Florida**
1315 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1316 1006.13 Policy of zero tolerance for crime and
1317 victimization.—

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1318 (3) (a) Zero-tolerance policies must require students found
1319 to have committed one of the following offenses to be expelled,
1320 with or without continuing educational services, from the
1321 student's regular school for a period of not less than 1 full
1322 year, and to be referred to the criminal justice or juvenile
1323 justice system.

1324 ~~1. (a)~~ Bringing a firearm or weapon, as defined in chapter
1325 790, to school, to any school function, or onto any school-
1326 sponsored transportation or possessing a firearm at school.

1327 ~~2. (b)~~ Making a threat or false report, as defined by ss.
1328 790.162 and 790.163, respectively, involving school or school
1329 personnel's property, school transportation, or a school-
1330 sponsored activity.

1331 (b) District school boards may assign the student to a
1332 disciplinary program for the purpose of continuing educational
1333 services during the period of expulsion. District school
1334 superintendents may consider the 1-year expulsion requirement on
1335 a case-by-case basis and request the district school board to
1336 modify the requirement by assigning the student to a
1337 disciplinary program or second chance school if the request for
1338 modification is in writing and it is determined to be in the
1339 best interest of the student and the school system. If a student
1340 committing any of the offenses in this subsection is a student
1341 who has a disability, the district school board shall comply
1342 with applicable State Board of Education rules.

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1343 (c) Before the expiration of an expulsion period, the
1344 district school superintendent shall determine, based upon the
1345 determination of the threat management team, whether the
1346 expulsion period should be extended and, if the expulsion period
1347 is extended, what educational services will be provided. A
1348 recommendation to extend the expulsion period must be provided
1349 to the student and his or her parents in accordance with s.
1350 1006.08(1).

1351 **Section 36. Effective upon becoming a law, paragraph (b)**
1352 **of subsection (1) of section 1007.27, Florida Statutes, is**
1353 **amended, and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of that**
1354 **section, to read:**

1355 1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.—

1356 (1)

1357 (b) The State Board of Education and the Board of
1358 Governors shall identify Florida College System institutions,
1359 ~~and~~ state universities, and national consortia to develop
1360 courses that align with s. 1007.25 for students in secondary
1361 education and—provide the training required under s. 1007.35(6).

1362 (2)

1363 (d) The department may join or establish a national
1364 consortium as an alternative method to develop and implement
1365 advanced placement courses that align with s. 1007.25.

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1366 **Section 37. Subsection (5), paragraph (j) of subsection**
1367 **(6), and subsection (8) of section 1007.35, Florida Statutes,**
1368 **are amended to read:**

1369 1007.35 Florida Partnership for Minority and
1370 Underrepresented Student Achievement.—

1371 (5) Each public high school, including, but not limited
1372 to, schools and alternative sites and centers of the Department
1373 of Juvenile Justice, shall provide for the administration of the
1374 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
1375 (PSAT/NMSQT), Classic Learning Test 10 (CLT10), or ~~the~~ PreACT to
1376 all enrolled 10th grade students. However, a written notice must
1377 ~~shall~~ be provided to each parent which must include the
1378 opportunity to exempt his or her child from taking the
1379 PSAT/NMSQT, CLT10, or ~~the~~ PreACT.

1380 (a) Test results will provide each high school with a
1381 database of student assessment data which certified school
1382 counselors will use to identify students who are prepared or who
1383 need additional work to be prepared to enroll and be successful
1384 in advanced high school courses.

1385 (b) Funding for the PSAT/NMSQT, CLT10, or ~~the~~ PreACT for
1386 all 10th grade students is ~~shall be~~ contingent upon annual
1387 funding in the General Appropriations Act.

1388 (c) Public school districts shall ~~must~~ choose either the
1389 PSAT/NMSQT, CLT10, or ~~the~~ PreACT for districtwide
1390 administration.

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(6) The partnership shall:

(j) Provide information to students, parents, teachers, counselors, administrators, districts, Florida College System institutions, and state universities regarding the PSAT/NMSQT, CLT10, or ~~the~~ PreACT administration, including, but not limited to:

1. Test administration dates and times.

2. That participation in the PSAT/NMSQT, CLT10, or ~~the~~ PreACT is open to all 10th grade students.

3. The value of such tests in providing diagnostic feedback on student skills.

4. The value of student scores in predicting the probability of success on advanced course examinations.

(8)(a) By September 30 of each year, the partnership shall submit to the department a report that contains an evaluation of the effectiveness of the delivered services and activities. Activities and services must be evaluated on their effectiveness at raising student achievement and increasing the number of AP or other advanced course examinations in low-performing middle and high schools. Other indicators that must be addressed in the evaluation report include the number of middle and high school teachers trained; the effectiveness of the training; measures of postsecondary readiness of the students affected by the program; levels of participation in the 10th grade PSAT/NMSQT, CLT10, or ~~the~~ PreACT testing; and measures of student, parent, and teacher

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1416 awareness of and satisfaction with the services of the
1417 partnership.

1418 (b) The department shall contribute to the evaluation
1419 process by providing access, consistent with s. 119.071(5)(a),
1420 to student and teacher information necessary to match against
1421 databases containing teacher professional learning data and
1422 databases containing assessment data for the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT,
1423 ACT, PreACT, CLT, CLT10, AP, and other appropriate measures. The
1424 department shall also provide student-level data on student
1425 progress from middle school through high school and into college
1426 and the workforce, if available, in order to support
1427 longitudinal studies. The partnership shall analyze and report
1428 student performance data in a manner that protects the rights of
1429 students and parents as required in 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g and s.
1430 1002.22.

1431 **Section 38. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section**
1432 **1008.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1433 1008.25 Public school student progression; student
1434 support; coordinated screening and progress monitoring;
1435 reporting requirements.—

1436 (6) MATHEMATICS DEFICIENCY AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION.—

1437 (c) The parent of a student who exhibits a substantial
1438 deficiency in mathematics, as described in paragraph (a), must
1439 be immediately notified in writing of the following:

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1. That his or her child has been identified as having a substantial deficiency in mathematics, including a description and explanation, in terms understandable to the parent, of the exact nature of the student's difficulty in learning and lack of achievement in mathematics.

2. A description of the current services that are provided to the child.

3. A description of the proposed intensive interventions and supports that will be provided to the child that are designed to remediate the identified area of mathematics deficiency.

4. Strategies, including multisensory strategies and programming, through a home-based plan the parent can use in helping his or her child succeed in mathematics. The home-based plan must provide access to the resources identified in paragraph (d).

5. Information about the student's eligibility for the New Worlds Scholarship Accounts under s. 1002.411 and the school district's tutoring services provided by the New Worlds Tutoring Program under s. 1008.366.

After the initial notification, the school shall apprise the parent at least monthly of the student's progress in response to the intensive interventions and supports. Such communications must be in writing and must explain any additional interventions

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or supports that will be implemented to accelerate the student's progress if the interventions and supports already being implemented have not resulted in improvement. Upon the request of the parent, the teacher or school administrator shall meet to discuss the student's progress. The parent may request more frequent notification of the student's progress, more frequent interventions or supports, and earlier implementation of the additional interventions or supports described in the initial notification.

Section 39. Paragraph (c) of subsection (8) of section 1008.365, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1008.365 Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence Act.—

(8) As part of the RAISE Program, the department shall establish a tutoring program and develop training in effective reading tutoring practices and content, based on evidence-based practices grounded in the science of reading and aligned to the English Language Arts standards under s. 1003.41, which prepares eligible high school students to tutor students in kindergarten through grade 3 in schools identified under this section, instilling in those students a love of reading and improving their literacy skills.

(c) Tutoring may be part of a service-learning course adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497. Students may earn up to three elective credits for high school graduation based on the

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verified number of hours the student spends tutoring under the program. The hours of volunteer service must be documented in writing, and the document must be signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and an administrator or designee of the school in which the tutoring occurred. ~~The Unpaid~~ hours that a high school student devotes to tutoring may be counted toward meeting community service requirements for high school graduation and community service requirements for participation in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program as provided in s. 1003.497(3)(b). The department shall designate a high school student who provides at least 75 verified hours of tutoring under the program as a New Worlds Scholar and award the student with a pin indicating such designation.

Section 40. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 1008.366, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1008.366 The New Worlds Tutoring Program.—

(1) The New Worlds Tutoring Program is created to support school districts and schools in improving student achievement in reading and mathematics by:

(b) Providing bestpractice guidelines for mathematics tutoring in alignment with Florida's Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards for mathematics in consultation with the Office of Mathematics and Sciences.

(2) Annually, by August 31 ~~July 1~~, the administrator of the New Worlds Tutoring Program shall provide to the President

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of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Commissioner of Education a report summarizing school district use of program funds and student academic outcomes as a result of the additional literacy or mathematics support provided under this section.

Section 41. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 1009.8962, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.8962 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund.—

(3) As used in this section, the term:

(b) "Institution" means a school district career center under s. 1001.44; a charter technical career center under s. 1002.34; a Florida College System institution; a state university; an independent nonprofit college or university located and chartered in this state and accredited by an agency or association that is recognized by the database created and maintained by the United States Department of Education to grant baccalaureate degrees; or an independent school, college, or university with an accredited program as defined in s. 464.003 which is located in this state and licensed by the Commission for Independent Education pursuant to s. 1005.31, or an institution authorized under s. 1009.521, which has a nursing education program that meets or exceeds the following:

1. For a certified nursing assistant program, a completion rate of at least 70 percent for the prior year.

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2. For a licensed practical nurse, associate of science in nursing, and bachelor of science in nursing program, a first-time passage rate on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination of at least 75 percent for the prior year based on a minimum of 10 testing participants.

Section 42. Section 1011.58, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 43. Section 1011.59, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 44. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 1011.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.71 District school tax.—

(5) A school district may expend, subject to s. 200.065, up to \$200 per unweighted full-time equivalent student from the revenue generated by the millage levy authorized by subsection (2) to fund, in addition to expenditures authorized in paragraphs (2)(a)-(j), expenses for the following:

(b) Payment of the cost of premiums, as defined in s. 627.403, for property and casualty insurance necessary to insure school district educational and ancillary plants. As used in this paragraph, casualty insurance has the same meaning as in s. 624.605(1)(b), (d), (f), (g), (h), and (m) ~~s. 624.605(1)(d), (f), (g), (h), and (m)~~. Operating revenues that are made available through the payment of property and casualty insurance premiums from revenues generated under this subsection may be

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expended only for nonrecurring operational expenditures of the school district.

Section 45. Section 1012.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.07 Identification of high-demand ~~critical~~ teacher needs shortage areas.—The term "high-demand ~~critical~~ teacher needs shortage area" means high-need content areas and high-priority location areas identified by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 necessary to annually identify high-demand ~~critical~~ teacher needs shortage areas. The state board must consider current and emerging educational requirements and workforce demands in determining high-demand ~~critical~~ teacher needs shortage areas. School grade levels may also be designated critical teacher shortage areas. Individual district school boards may identify and submit other high-demand ~~critical~~ teacher needs shortage areas. Such submissions must be aligned to current and emerging educational requirements and workforce demands in order to be approved by the State Board of Education. High-priority location areas must be in high-density, low-economic urban schools; low-density, low-economic rural schools; and schools that earned a grade of "F" or three consecutive grades of "D" pursuant to s. 1008.34. The State Board of Education shall develop strategies to address high-demand ~~critical~~ teacher needs shortage areas.

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Section 46. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 1012.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.22 Public school personnel; powers and duties of the district school board.—The district school board shall:

(1) Designate positions to be filled, prescribe qualifications for those positions, and provide for the appointment, compensation, promotion, suspension, and dismissal of employees as follows, subject to the requirements of this chapter:

(c) *Compensation and salary schedules.*—

1. Definitions.—As used in this paragraph:

a. "Adjustment" means an addition to the base salary schedule that is not a bonus and becomes part of the employee's permanent base salary and shall be considered compensation under s. 121.021(22).

b. "Grandfathered salary schedule" means the salary schedule or schedules adopted by a district school board before July 1, 2014, pursuant to subparagraph 4.

c. "Instructional personnel" means instructional personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a)–(d), excluding substitute teachers.

d. "Performance salary schedule" means the salary schedule or schedules adopted by a district school board pursuant to subparagraph 5.

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e. "Salary schedule" means the schedule or schedules used to provide the base salary for district school board personnel.

f. "School administrator" means a school administrator as defined in s. 1012.01(3)(c).

g. "Supplement" means an annual addition to the base salary for the term of the negotiated supplement as long as the employee continues his or her employment for the purpose of the supplement. A supplement does not become part of the employee's continuing base salary but shall be considered compensation under s. 121.021(22).

2. Cost-of-living adjustment.—A district school board may provide a cost-of-living salary adjustment if the adjustment:

a. Does not discriminate among comparable classes of employees based upon the salary schedule under which they are compensated.

b. Does not exceed 50 percent of the annual adjustment provided to instructional personnel rated as effective.

3. Advanced degrees.—A district school board may use advanced degrees in setting a salary schedule for instructional personnel or school administrators if the advanced degree is held in the individual's area of certification.

4. Grandfathered salary schedule.—

a. The district school board shall adopt a salary schedule or salary schedules to be used as the basis for paying all school employees hired before July 1, 2014. Instructional

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1639 personnel on annual contract as of July 1, 2014, shall be placed
1640 on the performance salary schedule adopted under subparagraph 5.
1641 Instructional personnel on continuing contract or professional
1642 service contract may opt into the performance salary schedule if
1643 the employee relinquishes such contract and agrees to be
1644 employed on an annual contract under s. 1012.335. Such an
1645 employee shall be placed on the performance salary schedule and
1646 may not return to continuing contract or professional service
1647 contract status. Any employee who opts into the performance
1648 salary schedule may not return to the grandfathered salary
1649 schedule.

1650 b. In determining the grandfathered salary schedule for
1651 instructional personnel, a district school board must base a
1652 portion of each employee's compensation upon performance
1653 demonstrated under s. 1012.34 and shall provide differentiated
1654 pay for both instructional personnel and school administrators
1655 based upon district-determined factors, including, but not
1656 limited to, additional responsibilities, school demographics,
1657 high-demand teacher needs ~~critical shortage~~ areas, and level of
1658 job performance difficulties.

1659 5. Performance salary schedule.—By July 1, 2014, the
1660 district school board shall adopt a performance salary schedule
1661 that provides annual salary adjustments for instructional
1662 personnel and school administrators based upon performance
1663 determined under s. 1012.34. Employees hired on or after July 1,

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2014, or employees who choose to move from the grandfathered salary schedule to the performance salary schedule shall be compensated pursuant to the performance salary schedule once they have received the appropriate performance evaluation for this purpose.

a. Base salary.—The base salary shall be established as follows:

(I) The base salary for instructional personnel or school administrators who opt into the performance salary schedule shall be the salary paid in the prior year, including adjustments only.

(II) Instructional personnel or school administrators new to the district, returning to the district after a break in service without an authorized leave of absence, or appointed for the first time to a position in the district in the capacity of instructional personnel or school administrator shall be placed on the performance salary schedule.

b. Salary adjustments.—Salary adjustments for highly effective or effective performance shall be established as follows:

(I) The annual salary adjustment under the performance salary schedule for an employee rated as highly effective must be at least 25 percent greater than the highest annual salary adjustment available to an employee of the same classification through any other salary schedule adopted by the district.

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(II) The annual salary adjustment under the performance salary schedule for an employee rated as effective must be equal to at least 50 percent and no more than 75 percent of the annual adjustment provided for a highly effective employee of the same classification.

(III) A salary schedule shall not provide an annual salary adjustment for an employee who receives a rating other than highly effective or effective for the year.

c. Salary supplements.—In addition to the salary adjustments, each district school board shall provide for salary supplements for activities that must include, but are not limited to:

(I) Assignment to a Title I eligible school.

(II) Assignment to a school that earned a grade of "F" or three consecutive grades of "D" pursuant to s. 1008.34 such that the supplement remains in force for at least 1 year following improved performance in that school.

(III) Certification and teaching in high-demand ~~critical~~ teacher needs shortage areas. Statewide high-demand ~~critical~~ teacher needs shortage areas shall be identified by the State Board of Education under s. 1012.07. However, the district school board may identify other areas of high-demand needs ~~critical shortage~~ within the school district for purposes of this sub-sub-subparagraph and may remove areas identified by the state board which do not apply within the school district.

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(IV) Assignment of additional academic responsibilities.

If budget constraints in any given year limit a district school board's ability to fully fund all adopted salary schedules, the performance salary schedule shall not be reduced on the basis of total cost or the value of individual awards in a manner that is proportionally greater than reductions to any other salary schedules adopted by the district. Any compensation for longevity of service awarded to instructional personnel who are on any other salary schedule must be included in calculating the salary adjustments required by sub-subparagraph b.

Section 47. Section 1012.315, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.315 Screening standards.—

(1) A person is ineligible for educator certification or employment in any position that requires direct contact with students in a district school system, a charter school, or a private school that participates in a state scholarship program under chapter 1002, which includes being an owner or operator of a private school that participates in a scholarship program under chapter 1002, if the person:

(a)~~(1)~~ Is on the disqualification list maintained by the department under s. 1001.10(4)(b);

(b)~~(2)~~ Is registered as a sex offender as described in 42 U.S.C. s. 9858f(c)(1)(C);

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1739 ~~(c)-(3)~~ Is ineligible based on a security background
1740 investigation under s. 435.04(2). ~~Beginning January 1, 2025, or~~
1741 ~~a later date as determined by the Agency for Health Care~~
1742 ~~Administration,~~ The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
1743 determine the eligibility of employees in any position that
1744 requires direct contact with students in a district school
1745 system, a charter school, or a private school that participates
1746 in a state scholarship program under chapter 1002;

1747 ~~(d)-(4)~~ Would be ineligible for an exemption under s.
1748 435.07(4)(c); or

1749 ~~(e)-(5)~~ Has been convicted or found guilty of, has had
1750 adjudication withheld for, or has pled guilty or nolo contendere
1751 to:

1752 ~~1.(a)~~ Any criminal act committed in another state or under
1753 federal law which, if committed in this state, constitutes a
1754 disqualifying offense under s. 435.04(2).

1755 ~~2.(b)~~ Any delinquent act committed in this state or any
1756 delinquent or criminal act committed in another state or under
1757 federal law which, if committed in this state, qualifies an
1758 individual for inclusion on the Registered Juvenile Sex Offender
1759 List under s. 943.0435(1)(h)1.d.

1760 (2) Persons who apply for certification or employment are
1761 governed by the law and rules in effect at the time of
1762 application for issuance of the initial certificate or

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1763 employment, provided that continuity of certificates or
1764 employment is maintained.

1765 **Section 48. Section 1012.77, Florida Statutes, is amended**
1766 **to read:**

1767 1012.77 Christa McAuliffe Ambassador for Education
1768 Program.—

1769 (1) ~~The Legislature recognizes that Florida continues to~~
1770 ~~face teacher shortages and that fewer young people consider~~
1771 ~~teaching as a career.~~ It is the intent of the Legislature to
1772 promote the positive and rewarding aspects of being a teacher,
1773 to encourage more individuals to become teachers, and to provide
1774 annual sabbatical support for outstanding Florida teachers to
1775 serve as goodwill ambassadors for education. The Legislature
1776 further wishes to honor the memory of Christa McAuliffe, who
1777 epitomized the challenge and inspiration that teaching can be.

1778 (2) The Christa McAuliffe Ambassador for Education Program
1779 is established to provide salary, travel, and other related
1780 expenses annually for an outstanding Florida teacher to promote
1781 the positive aspects of teaching as a career. The goals of the
1782 program are to:

1783 (a) Enhance the stature of teachers and the teaching
1784 profession.

1785 (b) Promote the importance of quality education and
1786 teaching for our future.

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(c) Inspire and attract talented people to become teachers.

(d) Provide information regarding Florida's scholarship and loan programs related to teaching.

(e) Promote the teaching profession within community and business groups.

(f) Provide information to retired military personnel and other individuals who might consider teaching as a second career.

(g) Work with and represent the Department of Education, as needed.

(h) Work with and encourage the efforts of school and district teachers of the year.

(i) Support the activities of the Florida Future Educator of America Program.

(j) Represent Florida teachers at business, trade, education, and other conferences and meetings.

(k) Promote the teaching profession in other ways related to the teaching responsibilities, background experiences, and aspirations of the Ambassador for Education.

(3) The Teacher of the Year shall serve as the Ambassador for Education. If the Teacher of the Year is unable to serve as the Ambassador for Education, the first runner-up shall serve in his or her place. The Department of Education shall establish application and selection procedures for determining an annual

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1812 teacher of the year. Applications and selection criteria shall
1813 be developed and distributed annually by the Department of
1814 Education to all eligible entities identified in subsection (4)
1815 ~~school districts~~. The Commissioner of Education shall establish
1816 a selection committee which assures representation from teacher
1817 organizations, administrators, and parents to select the Teacher
1818 of the Year and Ambassador for Education from among the district
1819 teachers of the year.

1820 (4) Eligible entities to submit to the Department of
1821 Education a nominee for the Teacher of the Year and Ambassador
1822 for Education are:

1823 (a) Florida school districts, including lab schools as
1824 defined in s. 1002.32.

1825 (b) Charter school consortia with at least 30 member
1826 schools and an approved professional learning system on file
1827 with the department.

1828 (5) (a) ~~(4) (a)~~ The Commissioner of Education shall pay an
1829 annual salary, fringe benefits, travel costs, and other costs
1830 associated with administering the program.

1831 (b) The Ambassador for Education shall serve for 1 year,
1832 from July 1 to June 30, and shall be assured of returning to his
1833 or her teaching position upon completion of the program. The
1834 ambassador will not have a break in creditable or continuous
1835 service or employment for the period of time in which he or she
1836 participates in the program.

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Section 49. Subsection (3) of section 1013.30, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1013.30 University campus master plans and campus development agreements.—

(3) Each university board of trustees shall prepare and adopt a campus master plan for the university and maintain a copy of the plan on the university's website. The master plan must identify general land uses and address the need for and plans for provision of roads, parking, public transportation, solid waste, drainage, sewer, potable water, and recreation and open space during the coming 10 to 20 years. The plans must contain elements relating to future land use, intergovernmental coordination, capital improvements, recreation and open space, general infrastructure, housing, and conservation. Each element must address compatibility with the surrounding community. The master plan must identify specific land uses, general location of structures, densities and intensities of use, and contain standards for onsite development, site design, environmental management, and the preservation of historic and archaeological resources. The transportation element must address reasonable transportation demand management techniques to minimize offsite impacts where possible. Data and analyses on which the elements are based must include, at a minimum: the characteristics of vacant lands; projected impacts of development on onsite and offsite infrastructure, public services, and natural resources;

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student enrollment projections; student housing needs; and the need for academic and support facilities. Master plans must be updated at least every 10 5 years.

Section 50. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 1009.531, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; student eligibility requirements for initial awards.—

(1) In order to be eligible for an initial award from any of the scholarships under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, a student must:

(b) Earn a standard Florida high school diploma pursuant to s. 1002.3105(5), s. 1003.4281, or s. 1003.4282 or a high school equivalency diploma pursuant to s. 1003.435 unless:

1. The student completes a home education program according to s. 1002.41;

2. The student earns a high school diploma from a non-Florida school while living with a parent or guardian who is on, or, within 12 months before the student's high school graduation, has retired from, military or public service assignment away from Florida; or

3. The student earns a high school diploma from a Florida private school operating pursuant to s. 1002.42.

Section 51. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon

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1886 **this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,**
1887 **2025.**

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1890 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

1891 Remove lines 2463-2752 of the amendment and insert:
1892 An act relating to education; amending s. 11.45, F.S.;
1893 deleting the Florida School for Competitive Academics
1894 from the list of entities subject to certain audit
1895 requirements; amending s. 110.211, F.S.; authorizing
1896 recruiting within the career service system to include
1897 the use of certain apprenticeship programs; providing
1898 that open competition is not required under certain
1899 circumstances relating to the career service system;
1900 amending s. 125.901, F.S.; revising the composition
1901 and terms of membership of certain councils; amending
1902 s. 216.251, F.S.; deleting the Florida School for
1903 Competitive Academics from specified classification
1904 and pay plans; amending s. 446.032, F.S.; revising the
1905 date by which the Department of Education is required
1906 to publish an annual report on apprenticeship and
1907 preapprenticeship programs; amending s. 447.203, F.S.;
1908 deleting the Florida School for Competitive Academics
1909 from the definition of a public employer; amending s.
1910 1000.04, F.S.; deleting the Florida School for

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1911 Competitive Academics from the components of Florida's
1912 Early Learning-20 education system; amending s.
1913 1000.21, F.S.; renaming Hillsborough Community College
1914 as "Hillsborough College"; amending s. 1000.40, F.S.;
1915 revising the scheduled repeal date of the Interstate
1916 Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military
1917 Children; amending s. 1001.03, F.S.; renaming critical
1918 teacher shortage areas as "high-demand teacher needs
1919 areas"; amending s. 1001.20, F.S.; deleting oversight
1920 of the Florida School for Competitive Academics from
1921 the duties of the Office of Inspector General within
1922 the department; amending s. 1001.452, F.S.; deleting a
1923 provision requiring the Commissioner of Education to
1924 determine whether school districts have maximized
1925 efforts to include minority persons and persons of
1926 lower socioeconomic status on their school advisory
1927 councils; amending s. 1001.7065, F.S.; revising
1928 academic standards for the preeminent state research
1929 university program to include a specified average
1930 Classic Learning Test score; amending s. 1002.20,
1931 F.S.; authorizing public schools to purchase or enter
1932 into arrangements for certain emergency opioid
1933 antagonists, rather than only for naloxone; requiring
1934 that district school board policies authorizing
1935 corporal punishment include a requirement that

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1936 parental consent be provided before the administration
1937 of corporal punishment; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.;
1938 requiring a charter school to comply with provisions
1939 relating to corporal punishment; prohibiting local
1940 governing authorities from imposing or enforcing
1941 certain building requirements and restrictions on
1942 charter school facilities; requiring the local
1943 governing authority to administratively approve a
1944 charter school if certain requirements are met;
1945 amending the statutory cause of action for an
1946 aggrieved school or entity; prohibiting local
1947 governing authorities from requiring charter schools
1948 to obtain a special exemption or conditional use
1949 approval unless otherwise specified; repealing s.
1950 1002.351, F.S., relating to the Florida School for
1951 Competitive Academics; amending s. 1002.394, F.S.;
1952 deleting the Florida School for Competitive Academics
1953 from Family Empowerment Scholarship prohibitions;
1954 amending s. 1002.395, F.S.; deleting the Florida
1955 School for Competitive Academics from Florida Tax
1956 Credit Scholarship prohibitions; amending s. 1002.42,
1957 F.S.; authorizing certain private schools to construct
1958 new facilities on property that meets specified
1959 criteria; amending s. 1002.421, F.S.; revising the
1960 background screening requirements for certain private

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1961 school personnel; amending s. 1002.71, F.S.; revising
1962 the conditions under which a student may withdraw from
1963 a prekindergarten program and reenroll in another
1964 program; amending s. 1002.81, F.S.; revising
1965 definitions; amending s. 1002.82, F.S.; revising
1966 requirements for a specified statewide data
1967 information program within the school readiness
1968 program; amending s. 1002.84, F.S.; revising
1969 requirements for the program's uniform waiting list;
1970 amending s. 1002.85, F.S.; conforming provisions to
1971 changes made by the act; amending s. 1002.89, F.S.;
1972 revising the requirements for determining the school
1973 readiness program allocation; amending s. 1003.05,
1974 F.S.; requiring that strategies addressed in specified
1975 memoranda of agreement between school districts and
1976 military installations include the development and
1977 implementation of a specified training module;
1978 requiring the Department of Education to provide the
1979 training module to each district school board;
1980 requiring each district school board to provide such
1981 module to each public and charter K-12 school in its
1982 district; requiring district school boards to make
1983 certain training available to certain employees;
1984 amending s. 1003.41, F.S.; requiring that certain
1985 standards documents contain only academic standards

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1986 and benchmarks; requiring the Commissioner of
1987 Education to revise currently approved standards
1988 documents and submit them to the State Board of
1989 Education by a specified date; amending s. 1003.4201,
1990 F.S.; authorizing the inclusion of intensive reading
1991 interventions in a school district comprehensive
1992 reading instruction plan; requiring that intensive
1993 reading interventions be delivered by instructional
1994 personnel who possess a micro-credential or are
1995 certified or endorsed in reading; requiring that such
1996 interventions incorporate certain strategies;
1997 requiring that instructional personnel with a micro-
1998 credential be supervised by an individual certified or
1999 endorsed in reading; defining the term "supervised";
2000 authorizing the inclusion in the reading instruction
2001 plans of a description of how school districts
2002 prioritize the assignment of highly effective
2003 teachers; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; revising the
2004 requirements for instruction on financial literacy;
2005 amending s. 1004.04, F.S.; conforming provisions to
2006 changes made by the act; amending s. 1004.0971, F.S.;
2007 revising the definition of the term "emergency opioid
2008 antagonist"; amending s. 1005.06, F.S.; authorizing
2009 certain institutions to operate without licensure;
2010 specifying affirmations required as a part of an

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2011 affidavit; requiring submission of requested
2012 documentation in a specified timeframe; requiring the
2013 Commission for Independent Education to review such
2014 affidavit in a public meeting; specifying commission
2015 actions for noncompliance; authorizing the commission
2016 to adopt rules; amending s. 1006.09, F.S.; expanding
2017 the duties of school principals relating to student
2018 discipline and school safety; amending s. 1006.13,
2019 F.S.; requiring district school superintendents to
2020 provide a determination to extend the expulsion period
2021 for students; providing requirements for such
2022 determination; requiring such determination be
2023 provided to students and parents; amending s. 1007.27,
2024 F.S.; requiring the state board to identify national
2025 consortia to develop certain courses; authorizing the
2026 department to join or establish a national consortium
2027 as an additional alternative method to develop and
2028 implement advanced placement courses; amending s.
2029 1007.35, F.S.; revising which examinations public high
2030 schools are required to administer; revising the
2031 examinations about which a partnership must provide
2032 information to specified individuals and entities;
2033 revising the examinations for which the department
2034 must provide the learning data from to a certain
2035 partnership; amending s. 1008.25, F.S.; requiring

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2036 parents of a student who exhibits a substantial
2037 deficiency in mathematics to be notified in writing of
2038 information about the student's eligibility for the
2039 New Worlds Scholarship Accounts and the New Worlds
2040 Tutoring Program; amending s. 1008.365, F.S.; revising
2041 the types of tutoring hours that may be counted toward
2042 meeting the community service requirements for the
2043 Bright Futures Scholarship Program; amending s.
2044 1008.366, F.S.; requiring the New Worlds Tutoring
2045 Program to provide best practice guidelines for
2046 mathematics tutoring in consultation with the Office
2047 of Mathematics and Sciences; revising the submission
2048 date for a specified report relating to the New Worlds
2049 Tutoring Program; amending s. 1009.8962, F.S.;
2050 revising the definition of the term "institution";
2051 repealing s. 1011.58, F.S., relating to legislative
2052 budget requests of the Florida School for Competitive
2053 Academics; repealing s. 1011.59, F.S., relating to
2054 funds for the Florida School for Competitive
2055 Academics; amending s. 1011.71, F.S.; revising the
2056 types of casualty insurance premiums that may be paid
2057 by a district school tax; amending ss. 1012.07 and
2058 1012.22, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made
2059 by the act; amending s. 1012.315, F.S.; providing that
2060 specified provisions relating to ineligibility for

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2061 educator certification or specified employment apply
2062 to owners and operators of certain private schools;
2063 providing that certain background screening
2064 requirements remain in place for a specified period of
2065 time for certain personnel; amending s. 1012.77, F.S.;
2066 specifying entities eligible to submit nominees for
2067 the Teacher of the Year and Ambassador for Education
2068 awards; amending s. 1013.30, F.S.; revising the
2069 timeframe for updates to state university campus
2070 master plans; amending s. 1009.531, F.S.; revising
2071 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright
2072 Futures Scholarship Program for students who earn a
2073 high school diploma from a non-Florida school under
2074 certain circumstances; providing effective dates.

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