

By the Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and  
Senator Calatayud

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to prekindergarten through grade 12  
3       education; amending s. 11.45, F.S.; removing the  
4       Florida School for Competitive Academics from audit  
5       requirements; amending s. 216.251, F.S.; removing the  
6       Florida School for Competitive Academics from  
7       specified classification and pay plans; amending s.  
8       447.203, F.S.; removing the Florida School for  
9       Competitive Academics from the definition of a public  
10      employer; amending s. 1000.04, F.S.; removing the  
11      Florida School for Competitive Academics from the  
12      components of Florida's Early Learning-20 education  
13      system; amending s. 1001.20, F.S.; removing the  
14      Florida School for Competitive Academics from the  
15      duties of the Office of Inspector General within the  
16      Department of Education; creating s. 1001.325, F.S.;  
17      prohibiting the expenditure of funds by public  
18      schools, charter schools, school districts, charter  
19      school administrators, or direct-support organizations  
20      to purchase membership in, or goods or services from,  
21      any organization that discriminates on the basis of  
22      race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or  
23      religion; prohibiting the expenditure of funds by  
24      public schools, charter schools, school districts,  
25      charter school administrators, or direct-support  
26      organizations to promote, support, or maintain certain  
27      programs or activities; authorizing the use of student  
28      fees and school or district facilities by student-led  
29      organizations under certain circumstances; providing

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30 construction; requiring the State Board of Education  
31 to adopt rules; amending s. 1001.452, F.S.; deleting a  
32 provision requiring the Commissioner of Education to  
33 determine whether school districts have maximized  
34 efforts to include minority persons and persons of  
35 lower socioeconomic status on their school advisory  
36 councils; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; authorizing  
37 public schools to purchase or enter into arrangements  
38 for certain emergency opioid antagonists, rather than  
39 only for naloxone; requiring that district school  
40 board policies authorizing corporal punishment include  
41 a requirement that parental consent be provided before  
42 the administration of corporal punishment; amending s.  
43 1002.33, F.S.; requiring a charter school to comply  
44 with statute relating to corporal punishment;  
45 repealing s. 1002.351, F.S., relating to the Florida  
46 School for Competitive Academics; amending s.  
47 1002.394, F.S.; removing the Florida School for  
48 Competitive Academics from Family Empowerment  
49 Scholarship prohibitions; amending s. 1002.395, F.S.;  
50 removing the Florida School for Competitive Academics  
51 from Florida Tax Credit Scholarship prohibitions;  
52 amending s. 1002.42, F.S.; authorizing certain private  
53 schools to construct new facilities on property that  
54 meets specified criteria; amending s. 1002.68, F.S.;  
55 deleting a provision requiring the department to  
56 confer with the Council for Early Grade Success before  
57 receiving a certain approval; amending s. 1002.71,  
58 F.S.; revising the conditions under which a student

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59 may withdraw from a prekindergarten program and  
60 reenroll in another program; amending s. 1002.945,  
61 F.S.; revising the criteria required for a child care  
62 facility, large family child care home, or family day  
63 care home to obtain and maintain a designation as a  
64 Gold Seal Quality Care provider; amending s. 1003.41,  
65 F.S.; requiring that certain standards documents  
66 contain only academic standards and benchmarks;  
67 requiring the Commissioner of Education to revise  
68 currently approved standards documents and submit them  
69 to the state board by a specified date; amending s.  
70 1003.42, F.S.; revising required instruction on the  
71 principles of agriculture; requiring the department to  
72 collaborate with specified entities to develop  
73 associated standards and a curriculum; authorizing the  
74 department to contract with certain agricultural  
75 education organizations; amending s. 1003.4201, F.S.;  
76 authorizing the inclusion of intensive reading  
77 interventions in a school district comprehensive  
78 reading instruction plan; requiring that intensive  
79 reading interventions be delivered by instructional  
80 personnel who possess a micro-credential or are  
81 certified or endorsed in reading; requiring that such  
82 interventions incorporate certain strategies;  
83 requiring that instructional personnel with a micro-  
84 credential be supervised by an individual certified or  
85 endorsed in reading; defining the term "supervised";  
86 authorizing the inclusion in the reading instruction  
87 plans of a description of how school districts

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88 prioritize the assignment of highly effective  
89 teachers; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; adding  
90 components to required instruction on financial  
91 literacy; amending s. 1007.27, F.S.; requiring the  
92 state board to identify national consortia to develop  
93 certain courses; authorizing the department to join or  
94 establish a national consortium as an additional  
95 alternative method to develop and implement advanced  
96 placement courses; repealing s. 1008.2125, F.S.,  
97 relating to the Council for Early Grade Success;  
98 amending s. 1008.36, F.S.; specifying the recipients  
99 of school recognition bonus funds; amending s.  
100 1008.365, F.S.; revising the types of tutoring hours  
101 that may be counted toward meeting the community  
102 service requirements for the Bright Futures  
103 Scholarship Program; repealing s. 1011.58, F.S.,  
104 relating to legislative budget requests of the Florida  
105 School for Competitive Academics; repealing s.  
106 1011.59, F.S., relating to funds for the Florida  
107 School for Competitive Academics; amending s.  
108 1012.315, F.S.; revising educator certification and  
109 certain employment screening standards; making  
110 technical changes; amending s. 1012.56, F.S.;  
111 authorizing individuals to demonstrate mastery of  
112 general knowledge, subject area knowledge, or  
113 professional preparation and education competence by  
114 providing a school district with documentation of a  
115 valid certificate issued by the American Board for  
116 Certification of Teacher Excellence; amending s.

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117 1012.77, F.S.; conforming a provision to a change made  
118 by the act; specifying entities eligible to submit  
119 nominees for the Teacher of the Year and Ambassador  
120 for Education awards; providing effective dates.  
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122 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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124 Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (f) of subsection (2) of  
125 section 11.45, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

126 11.45 Definitions; duties; authorities; reports; rules.—

127 (2) DUTIES.—The Auditor General shall:

128 (d) Annually conduct financial audits of the accounts and  
129 records of all district school boards in counties with  
130 populations of less ~~fewer~~ than 150,000, according to the most  
131 recent federal decennial statewide census; and the Florida  
132 School for the Deaf and the Blind; ~~and the Florida School for~~  
133 ~~Competitive Academics.~~

134 (f) At least every 3 years, conduct operational audits of  
135 the accounts and records of state agencies, state universities,  
136 state colleges, district school boards, the Florida Clerks of  
137 Court Operations Corporation, water management districts, and  
138 the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, ~~and the Florida~~  
139 ~~School for Competitive Academics.~~

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141 The Auditor General shall perform his or her duties  
142 independently but under the general policies established by the  
143 Legislative Auditing Committee. This subsection does not limit  
144 the Auditor General's discretionary authority to conduct other  
145 audits or engagements of governmental entities as authorized in

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146 subsection (3).

147 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
148 216.251, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

149 216.251 Salary appropriations; limitations.—

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

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

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

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

163 4. Within the classification and pay plan approved by the  
164 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
165 Representatives, as the case may be, for employees of the  
166 Legislature.

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

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

174 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 447.203, Florida

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175 Statutes, is amended to read:

176 447.203 Definitions.—As used in this part:

177 (2) "Public employer" or "employer" means the state or any  
178 county, municipality, or special district or any subdivision or  
179 agency thereof which the commission determines has sufficient  
180 legal distinctiveness properly to carry out the functions of a  
181 public employer. With respect to all public employees determined  
182 by the commission as properly belonging to a statewide  
183 bargaining unit composed of State Career Service System  
184 employees or Selected Professional Service employees, the  
185 Governor is deemed to be the public employer; and the Board of  
186 Governors of the State University System, or the board's  
187 designee, is deemed to be the public employer with respect to  
188 all public employees of each constituent state university. The  
189 board of trustees of a community college is deemed to be the  
190 public employer with respect to all employees of the community  
191 college. The district school board is deemed to be the public  
192 employer with respect to all employees of the school district.  
193 The Board of Trustees of the Florida School for the Deaf and the  
194 Blind is deemed to be the public employer with respect to the  
195 academic and academic administrative personnel of the Florida  
196 School for the Deaf and the Blind. ~~The Board of Trustees of the~~  
197 ~~Florida School for Competitive Academics is deemed to be the~~  
198 ~~public employer with respect to the academic and academic~~  
199 ~~administrative personnel of the Florida School for Competitive~~  
200 ~~Academics.~~ The Governor is deemed to be the public employer with  
201 respect to all employees in the Correctional Education Program  
202 of the Department of Corrections established pursuant to s.  
203 944.801.

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204 Section 4. Subsection (7) of section 1000.04, Florida  
205 Statutes, is amended to read:

206 1000.04 Components for the delivery of public education  
207 within the Florida Early Learning-20 education system.—Florida's  
208 Early Learning-20 education system provides for the delivery of  
209 early learning and public education through publicly supported  
210 and controlled K-12 schools, Florida College System  
211 institutions, state universities and other postsecondary  
212 educational institutions, other educational institutions, and  
213 other educational services as provided or authorized by the  
214 Constitution and laws of the state.

215 ~~(7) THE FLORIDA SCHOOL FOR COMPETITIVE ACADEMICS.—The~~  
216 ~~Florida School for Competitive Academics is a component of the~~  
217 ~~delivery of public education within Florida's Early Learning-20~~  
218 ~~education system.~~

219 Section 5. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section  
220 1001.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

221 1001.20 Department under direction of state board.—

222 (4) The Department of Education shall establish the  
223 following offices within the Office of the Commissioner of  
224 Education which shall coordinate their activities with all other  
225 divisions and offices:

226 (e) *Office of Inspector General.*—Organized using existing  
227 resources and funds and responsible for promoting  
228 accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness and detecting  
229 fraud and abuse within school districts, the Florida School for  
230 the Deaf and the Blind, ~~the Florida School for Competitive~~  
231 ~~Academics,~~ and Florida College System institutions in Florida.  
232 If the Commissioner of Education determines that a district



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233 school board, the Board of Trustees for the Florida School for  
234 the Deaf and the Blind, ~~the Board of Trustees for the Florida~~  
235 ~~School for Competitive Academies,~~ or a Florida College System  
236 institution board of trustees is unwilling or unable to address  
237 substantiated allegations made by any person relating to waste,  
238 fraud, or financial mismanagement within the school district,  
239 the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, ~~the Florida~~  
240 ~~School for Competitive Academies,~~ or the Florida College System  
241 institution, the office must conduct, coordinate, or request  
242 investigations into such substantiated allegations. The office  
243 shall investigate allegations or reports of possible fraud or  
244 abuse against a district school board made by any member of the  
245 Cabinet; the presiding officer of either house of the  
246 Legislature; a chair of a substantive or appropriations  
247 committee with jurisdiction; or a member of the board for which  
248 an investigation is sought. The office may investigate  
249 allegations or reports of suspected violations of a student's,  
250 parent's, or teacher's rights. The office shall have access to  
251 all information and personnel necessary to perform its duties  
252 and shall have all of its current powers, duties, and  
253 responsibilities authorized in s. 20.055.

254 Section 6. Section 1001.325, Florida Statutes, is created  
255 to read:

256 1001.325 Prohibited expenditures.-

257 (1) A public school, charter school, school district,  
258 charter school administrator, or direct-support organization may  
259 not expend any funds, regardless of source, to purchase  
260 membership in, or goods and services from, any organization that  
261 discriminates on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex,

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262 disability, or religion.

263 (2) A public school, charter school, school district,  
264 charter school administrator, or direct-support organization may  
265 not expend any state or federal funds to promote, support, or  
266 maintain any programs or campus activities that:

267 (a) Violate s. 1000.05; or

268 (b) Advocate, promote, or engage in political or social  
269 activism, as defined by the State Board of Education.

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271 Student fees to support student-led organizations are permitted  
272 notwithstanding any speech or expressive activity by such  
273 organizations which would otherwise violate this subsection,  
274 provided that public funds are allocated to student-led  
275 organizations pursuant to written policies or regulations of the  
276 school or district in which the student is enrolled, as  
277 applicable. Use of school or district facilities by student-led  
278 organizations is permitted notwithstanding any speech or  
279 expressive activity by such organizations which would otherwise  
280 violate this subsection, provided that such use is granted to  
281 student-led organizations pursuant to written policies or  
282 regulations of the school or school district, as applicable.

283 (3) Subsection (2) does not prohibit programs, campus  
284 activities, or functions required for compliance with general or  
285 federal laws or regulations, for obtaining or retaining  
286 accreditation, or for continuing to receive state funds with the  
287 approval of either the State Board of Education or the  
288 department.

289 (4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
290 implement this section.

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291 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
292 1001.452, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

293 1001.452 District and school advisory councils.—

294 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

295 (a) The district school board shall establish an advisory  
296 council for each school in the district and shall develop  
297 procedures for the election and appointment of advisory council  
298 members. Each school advisory council shall include in its name  
299 the words "school advisory council." The school advisory council  
300 shall be the sole body responsible for final decisionmaking at  
301 the school relating to implementation of ss. 1001.42(18) and  
302 1008.345. A majority of the members of each school advisory  
303 council must be persons who are not employed by the school  
304 district. Each advisory council shall be composed of the  
305 principal and an appropriately balanced number of teachers,  
306 education support employees, students, parents, and other  
307 business and community citizens who are representative of the  
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.

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320 3. Students shall be elected by students.

321 4. Parents shall be elected by parents.

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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  
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, "education support  
346 employee" means any person employed by a school who is not  
347 defined as instructional or administrative personnel pursuant to  
348 s. 1012.01 and whose duties require 20 or more hours in each

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349 normal working week.

350 Section 8. Paragraph (o) of subsection (3) and paragraph  
351 (c) of subsection (4) of section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, are  
352 amended to read:

353 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public  
354 school students must receive accurate and timely information  
355 regarding their child’s academic progress and must be informed  
356 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12  
357 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory  
358 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

359 (3) HEALTH ISSUES.—

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

361 1. A public school may purchase a supply of an emergency  
362 ~~the~~ opioid antagonist approved by the United States Food and  
363 Drug Administration (FDA) ~~naloxone~~ from a wholesale distributor  
364 as defined in s. 499.003 or may enter into an arrangement with a  
365 wholesale distributor or manufacturer as defined in s. 499.003  
366 for an FDA-approved emergency opioid antagonist ~~naloxone~~ at  
367 fair-market, free, or reduced prices for use in the event that a  
368 student has an opioid overdose. The FDA-approved emergency  
369 opioid antagonist ~~naloxone~~ must be maintained in a secure  
370 location on the public school’s premises.

371 2. A school district employee who administers an approved  
372 emergency opioid antagonist to a student in compliance with ss.  
373 381.887 and 768.13 is immune from civil liability under s.  
374 768.13.

375 (4) DISCIPLINE.—

376 (c) Corporal punishment.—

377 1. In accordance with the provisions of s. 1003.32,

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378 corporal punishment of a public school student may only be  
379 administered by a teacher or school principal within guidelines  
380 of the school principal and according to district school board  
381 policy. Another adult must be present and must be informed in  
382 the student's presence of the reason for the punishment. Upon  
383 request, the teacher or school principal must provide the parent  
384 with a written explanation of the reason for the punishment and  
385 the name of the other adult who was present.

386 2. A district school board having a policy authorizing the  
387 use of corporal punishment as a form of discipline shall include  
388 in such policy a requirement that a parent provide consent for  
389 the school to administer corporal punishment. The district  
390 school board policy may require such consent for the school  
391 year, or before each administration. The district school board  
392 shall review its policy on corporal punishment once every 3  
393 years during a district school board meeting held pursuant to s.  
394 1001.372. The district school board shall take public testimony  
395 at the board meeting. If such board meeting is not held in  
396 accordance with this subparagraph, the portion of the district  
397 school board's policy authorizing corporal punishment expires.

398 Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (16) of section  
399 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

400 1002.33 Charter schools.—

401 (16) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES.—

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

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

406 2. Chapter 119, relating to public records.

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- 407           3. Section 1003.03, relating to the maximum class size,  
408 except that the calculation for compliance pursuant to s.  
409 1003.03 shall be the average at the school level.
- 410           4. Section 1012.22(1)(c), relating to compensation and  
411 salary schedules.
- 412           5. Section 1012.33(5), relating to workforce reductions.
- 413           6. Section 1012.335, relating to contracts with  
414 instructional personnel hired on or after July 1, 2011.
- 415           7. Section 1012.34, relating to the substantive  
416 requirements for performance evaluations for instructional  
417 personnel and school administrators.
- 418           8. Section 1006.12, relating to safe-school officers.
- 419           9. Section 1006.07(7), relating to threat management teams.
- 420           10. Section 1006.07(9), relating to School Environmental  
421 Safety Incident Reporting.
- 422           11. Section 1006.07(10), relating to reporting of  
423 involuntary examinations.
- 424           12. Section 1006.1493, relating to the Florida Safe Schools  
425 Assessment Tool.
- 426           13. Section 1006.07(6)(d), relating to adopting an active  
427 assailant response plan.
- 428           14. Section 943.082(4)(b), relating to the mobile  
429 suspicious activity reporting tool.
- 430           15. Section 1012.584, relating to youth mental health  
431 awareness and assistance training.
- 432           16. Section 1001.42(4)(f)2., relating to middle school and  
433 high school start times. A charter school-in-the-workplace is  
434 exempt from this requirement.
- 435           17. Section 1002.20(4)(c), relating to school corporal

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436 punishment.

437 Section 10. Section 1002.351, Florida Statutes, is  
438 repealed.

439 Section 11. Subsection (6) of section 1002.394, Florida  
440 Statutes, is amended to read:

441 1002.394 The Family Empowerment Scholarship Program.—

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

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

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

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

461 (4) (a) 2.;

462 (d) Not having regular and direct contact with his or her  
463 private school teachers pursuant to s. 1002.421(1)(i), unless he  
464 or she is eligible pursuant to paragraph (3)(b) and enrolled in



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465 the participating private school's transition-to-work program  
466 pursuant to subsection (16) or a home education program pursuant  
467 to s. 1002.41;

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

471 (f) Participating in virtual instruction pursuant to s.  
472 1002.455 that receives state funding pursuant to the student's  
473 participation.

474 Section 12. Subsection (4) of section 1002.395, Florida  
475 Statutes, is amended to read:

476 1002.395 Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program.—

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

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

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

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494 receiving a scholarship under s. 1002.411 may receive a  
495 scholarship for transportation pursuant to subparagraph  
496 (6) (d) 4.;

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

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

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

505 (g) Participating in virtual instruction pursuant to s.  
506 1002.455 that receives state funding pursuant to the student's  
507 participation.

508 Section 13. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (19) of  
509 section 1002.42, Florida Statutes, to read:

510 1002.42 Private schools.—

511 (19) FACILITIES.—

512 (c) A private school located in a county with four  
513 incorporated municipalities may construct new facilities, which  
514 may be temporary or permanent, on property purchased from or  
515 owned or leased by a library, community service organization,  
516 museum, performing arts venue, theater, cinema, or church under  
517 s. 170.201, which is or was actively used as such within 5 years  
518 of any executed agreement with a private school; any land owned  
519 by a Florida College System institution or state university; and  
520 any land recently used to house a school or child care facility  
521 licensed under s. 402.305 under its preexisting zoning and land  
522 use designations without rezoning or obtaining a special

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

529 Section 14. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section  
530 1002.68, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

531 1002.68 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program  
532 accountability.—

533 (4)

534 (e) Subject to an appropriation, the department shall  
535 provide for a differential payment to a private prekindergarten  
536 provider and public school based on the provider's designation.  
537 The maximum differential payment may not exceed a total of 15  
538 percent of the base student allocation per full-time equivalent  
539 student under s. 1002.71 attending in the consecutive program  
540 year for that program. A private prekindergarten provider or  
541 public school may not receive a differential payment if it  
542 receives a designation of "proficient" or lower. ~~Before the~~  
543 ~~adoption of the methodology, the department shall confer with~~  
544 ~~the Council for Early Grade Success under s. 1008.2125 before~~  
545 ~~receiving approval from the State Board of Education for the~~  
546 ~~final recommendations on the designation system and differential~~  
547 ~~payments.~~

548 Section 15. Subsection (4) of section 1002.71, Florida  
549 Statutes, is amended to read:

550 1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.—

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

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

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

572  
573 A child may reenroll only once in a prekindergarten program  
574 under this section. A child who reenrolls in a prekindergarten  
575 program under this subsection may not subsequently withdraw from  
576 the program and reenroll, unless the child is granted a good  
577 cause exemption under this subsection. The department shall  
578 establish criteria specifying whether a good cause exists for a  
579 child to withdraw from a program under paragraph (a), ~~whether a~~  
580 ~~child has substantially completed a program under paragraph (b),~~

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581 and whether an extreme hardship exists which is beyond the  
582 child's or parent's control under paragraph (b).

583 Section 16. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section  
584 1002.945, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

585 1002.945 Gold Seal Quality Care Program.—

586 (4) In order to obtain and maintain a designation as a Gold  
587 Seal Quality Care provider, a child care facility, large family  
588 child care home, or family day care home must meet the following  
589 additional criteria:

590 ~~(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), if the Department of~~  
591 ~~Education determines through a formal process that a provider~~  
592 ~~has been in business for at least 5 years and has no other class~~  
593 ~~I violations recorded, the department may recommend to the state~~  
594 ~~board that the provider maintain its Gold Seal Quality Care~~  
595 ~~status. The state board's determination regarding such~~  
596 ~~provider's status is final.~~

597 Section 17. Subsection (3) of section 1003.41, Florida  
598 Statutes, is amended to read:

599 1003.41 State academic standards.—

600 (3) The Commissioner of Education shall, as deemed  
601 necessary, develop and submit proposed revisions to the  
602 standards for review and comment by Florida educators, school  
603 administrators, representatives of the Florida College System  
604 institutions and state universities who have expertise in the  
605 content knowledge and skills necessary to prepare a student for  
606 postsecondary education and careers, a representative from the  
607 Department of Commerce, business and industry leaders for in-  
608 demand careers, and the public. The commissioner, after  
609 considering reviews and comments, shall submit the proposed

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610 revisions to the State Board of Education for adoption. New and  
611 revised standards documents submitted for approval to the state  
612 board must consist only of academic standards and benchmarks.  
613 The commissioner shall revise all currently approved standards  
614 documents based on the requirements of this subsection and  
615 submit all revised standards documents to the state board for  
616 approval no later than July 1, 2026.

617 Section 18. Paragraph (j) of subsection (2) of section  
618 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

619 1003.42 Required instruction.—

620 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public  
621 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education  
622 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and  
623 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the  
624 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,  
625 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing  
626 approved methods of instruction, the following:

627 (j) The elementary principles of agriculture. This  
628 component must include, but need not be limited to, the history  
629 of agriculture both nationally and specifically to this state,  
630 the economic and societal impact of agriculture, and the various  
631 agricultural industry sectors. The department, in collaboration  
632 with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the  
633 University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural  
634 Sciences, shall prepare and offer standards and a curriculum for  
635 the instruction required by this paragraph and may seek input  
636 from state or nationally recognized agricultural educational  
637 organizations. The department may contract with state or  
638 nationally recognized agricultural educational organizations to

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639 develop training for instructional personnel and grade-  
640 appropriate classroom resources to support the developed  
641 curriculum.

642  
643 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards  
644 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.  
645 Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the  
646 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is  
647 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or  
648 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness  
649 initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (u).

650 Section 19. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
651 1003.4201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

652 1003.4201 Comprehensive system of reading instruction.—Each  
653 school district must implement a system of comprehensive reading  
654 instruction for students enrolled in prekindergarten through  
655 grade 12 and certain students who exhibit a substantial  
656 deficiency in early literacy.

657 (2) (a) Components of the reading instruction plan may  
658 include the following:

659 1. Additional time per day of evidence-based intensive  
660 reading instruction for kindergarten through grade 12 students,  
661 which may be delivered during or outside of the regular school  
662 day.

663 2. Highly qualified reading coaches, who must be endorsed  
664 in reading, to specifically support classroom teachers in making  
665 instructional decisions based on progress monitoring data  
666 collected pursuant to s. 1008.25(9) and improve classroom  
667 teacher delivery of effective reading instruction, reading

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668 intervention, and reading in the content areas based on student  
669 need.

670 3. Professional learning to help instructional personnel  
671 and certified prekindergarten teachers funded in the Florida  
672 Education Finance Program earn a certification, a credential, an  
673 endorsement, or an advanced degree in scientifically researched  
674 and evidence-based reading instruction.

675 4. Summer reading camps, using only classroom teachers or  
676 other district personnel who possess a micro-credential as  
677 specified in s. 1003.485 or are certified or endorsed in reading  
678 consistent with s. 1008.25(8)(b)3., for all students in  
679 kindergarten through grade 5 exhibiting a reading deficiency as  
680 determined by district and state assessments.

681 5. Intensive reading interventions, which must be delivered  
682 by instructional personnel who possess a micro-credential as  
683 provided in s. 1003.485 or are certified or endorsed in reading  
684 as provided in s. 1012.586 and must incorporate evidence-based  
685 strategies identified by the Just Read, Florida! office pursuant  
686 to s. 1001.215(7). Instructional personnel who possess a micro-  
687 credential as specified in s. 1003.485 and are delivering  
688 intensive reading interventions must be supervised by an  
689 individual certified or endorsed in reading. For the purposes of  
690 this subparagraph, the term "supervised" means that  
691 instructional personnel with a micro-credential are able,  
692 through telecommunication or in person, to communicate and  
693 consult with, and receive direction from, certified or endorsed  
694 personnel. Incentives for instructional personnel and certified  
695 prekindergarten teachers funded in the Florida Education Finance  
696 Program who possess a reading certification or endorsement as



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697 specified in s. 1012.586 or micro-credential as specified in s.  
698 1003.485 and provide educational support to improve student  
699 literacy.

700 6. Tutoring in reading.

701 7. A description of how the district prioritizes the  
702 assignment of highly effective teachers, as identified in s.  
703 1012.34(2)(e), from kindergarten to grade 2.

704 Section 20. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section  
705 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

706 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma.-

707 (3) STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; COURSE AND ASSESSMENT  
708 REQUIREMENTS.-

709 (h) *One-half credit in personal financial literacy.-*  
710 Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2023-2024 school  
711 year, each student must earn one-half credit in personal  
712 financial literacy and money management. This instruction must  
713 include discussion of or instruction in all of the following:

714 1. Types of bank accounts offered, opening and managing a  
715 bank account, and assessing the quality of a depository  
716 institution's services.

717 2. Balancing a checkbook.

718 3. Basic principles of money management, such as spending,  
719 credit, credit scores, and managing debt, including retail and  
720 credit card debt.

721 4. Completing a loan application.

722 5. Receiving an inheritance and related implications.

723 6. Basic principles of personal insurance policies.

724 7. Computing federal income taxes.

725 8. Local tax assessments.

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- 726 9. Computing interest rates by various mechanisms.  
727 10. Simple contracts.  
728 11. Contesting an incorrect billing statement.  
729 12. Types of savings and investments.  
730 13. State and federal laws concerning finance.  
731 14. Costs of postsecondary education, including cost of  
732 attendance, completion of the Free Application for Federal  
733 Student Aid, scholarships and grants, and student loans.

734 Section 21. Effective upon becoming a law, paragraph (b) of  
735 subsection (1) of section 1007.27, Florida Statutes, is amended,  
736 and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of that section, to  
737 read:

738 1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.—

739 (1)

740 (b) The State Board of Education and the Board of Governors  
741 shall identify Florida College System institutions, ~~and~~ state  
742 universities, and national consortia to develop courses that  
743 align with s. 1007.25 for students in secondary education and  
744 provide the training required under s. 1007.35(6).

745 (2)

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

749 Section 22. Section 1008.2125, Florida Statutes, is  
750 repealed.

751 Section 23. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 1008.36,  
752 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

753 1008.36 Florida School Recognition Program.—

754 (1) The Legislature finds that there is a need for a

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755 performance incentive program for outstanding instructional  
756 personnel ~~faculty and staff~~ in highly productive schools. The  
757 Legislature further finds that performance-based incentives are  
758 commonplace in the private sector and should be infused into the  
759 public sector as a reward for productivity.

760 (5) School recognition awards must be used for the  
761 following:

762 (a) Nonrecurring bonuses to the instructional personnel as  
763 defined in s. 1012.01(2) ~~faculty and staff~~;

764 (b) Nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment or  
765 materials to assist in maintaining and improving student  
766 performance; or

767 (c) Temporary personnel for the school to assist in  
768 maintaining and improving student performance.

769  
770 Notwithstanding statutory provisions to the contrary, incentive  
771 awards are not subject to collective bargaining.

772 Section 24. Paragraph (c) of subsection (8) of section  
773 1008.365, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

774 1008.365 Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic  
775 Excellence Act.—

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

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784 their literacy skills.

785 (c) Tutoring may be part of a service-learning course  
786 adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497. Students may earn up to three  
787 elective credits for high school graduation based on the  
788 verified number of hours the student spends tutoring under the  
789 program. The hours of volunteer service must be documented in  
790 writing, and the document must be signed by the student, the  
791 student's parent or guardian, and an administrator or designee  
792 of the school in which the tutoring occurred. The ~~Unpaid~~ hours  
793 that a high school student devotes to tutoring may be counted  
794 toward meeting community service requirements for high school  
795 graduation and community service requirements for participation  
796 in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program as provided in  
797 s. 1003.497(3)(b). The department shall designate a high school  
798 student who provides at least 75 verified hours of tutoring  
799 under the program as a New Worlds Scholar and award the student  
800 with a pin indicating such designation.

801 Section 25. Section 1011.58, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

802 Section 26. Section 1011.59, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

803 Section 27. Section 1012.315, Florida Statutes, is amended  
804 to read:

805 1012.315 Screening standards.—

806 (1) A person is ineligible for educator certification or  
807 employment in any position that requires direct contact with  
808 students in a district school system, a charter school, or a  
809 private school that participates in a state scholarship program  
810 under chapter 1002 if the person:

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

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

815        (c)~~(3)~~ Is ineligible based on a security background  
816 investigation under s. 435.04(2). Beginning January 1, 2025, or  
817 a later date as determined by the Agency for Health Care  
818 Administration, the Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
819 determine the eligibility of employees in any position that  
820 requires direct contact with students in a district school  
821 system, a charter school, or a private school that participates  
822 in a state scholarship program under chapter 1002;

823        (d)~~(4)~~ Would be ineligible for an exemption under s.  
824 435.07(4)(c); or

825        (e)~~(5)~~ Has been convicted or found guilty of, has had  
826 adjudication withheld for, or has pled guilty or nolo contendere  
827 to:

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

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

836        (2) Notwithstanding ss. 435.01 and 435.07, a person who  
837 undergoes screening pursuant to this chapter or s. 1002.421 may  
838 not seek an exemption.

839        (3) Persons who apply for certification or employment are  
840 governed by the law and rules in effect at the time of  
841 application for issuance of the initial certificate or

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842 employment, provided that continuity of certificates or  
843 employment is maintained.

844 Section 28. Subsections (3), (5), and (6) of section  
845 1012.56, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

846 1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

847 (3) MASTERY OF GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.—Acceptable means of  
848 demonstrating mastery of general knowledge are:

849 (a) Achievement of passing scores on the general knowledge  
850 examination required by state board rule;

851 (b) Documentation of a valid professional standard teaching  
852 certificate issued by another state;

853 (c) Documentation of a valid certificate issued by the  
854 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), the  
855 American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE),  
856 or a national educator credentialing board approved by the State  
857 Board of Education;

858 (d) Documentation of two semesters of successful, full-time  
859 or part-time teaching in a Florida College System institution,  
860 state university, or private college or university that awards  
861 an associate or higher degree and is an accredited institution  
862 or an institution of higher education identified by the  
863 Department of Education as having a quality program;

864 (e) Achievement of passing scores, identified in state  
865 board rule, on national or international examinations that test  
866 comparable content and relevant standards in verbal, analytical  
867 writing, and quantitative reasoning skills, including, but not  
868 limited to, the verbal, analytical writing, and quantitative  
869 reasoning portions of the Graduate Record Examination and the  
870 SAT, ACT, and Classic Learning Test. Passing scores identified

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871 in state board rule must be at approximately the same level of  
872 rigor as is required to pass the general knowledge examinations;  
873 or

874 (f) Documentation of receipt of a master's or higher degree  
875 from an accredited postsecondary educational institution that  
876 the Department of Education has identified as having a quality  
877 program resulting in a baccalaureate degree or higher.

878

879 A school district that employs an individual who does not  
880 achieve passing scores on any subtest of the general knowledge  
881 examination must provide information regarding the availability  
882 of state-level and district-level supports and instruction to  
883 assist him or her in achieving a passing score. Such information  
884 must include, but need not be limited to, state-level test  
885 information guides, school district test preparation resources,  
886 and preparation courses offered by state universities and  
887 Florida College System institutions. The requirement of mastery  
888 of general knowledge must ~~shall~~ be waived for an individual who  
889 has been provided 3 years of supports and instruction and who  
890 has been rated effective or highly effective under s. 1012.34  
891 for each of the last 3 years.

892 (5) MASTERY OF SUBJECT AREA KNOWLEDGE.—Acceptable means of  
893 demonstrating mastery of subject area knowledge are:

894 (a) For a subject requiring only a baccalaureate degree for  
895 which a Florida subject area examination has been developed,  
896 achievement of a passing score on the Florida-developed subject  
897 area examination specified in state board rule;

898 (b) For a subject for which a Florida subject area  
899 examination has not been developed, achievement of a passing

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900 score on a standardized examination specified in state board  
901 rule, including, but not limited to, passing scores on both the  
902 oral proficiency and written proficiency examinations  
903 administered by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign  
904 Languages;

905 (c) For a subject for which a Florida subject area  
906 examination has not been developed or a standardized examination  
907 has not been specified in state board rule, completion of the  
908 subject area specialization requirements specified in state  
909 board rule and verification of the attainment of the essential  
910 subject matter competencies by the district school  
911 superintendent of the employing school district or chief  
912 administrative officer of the employing state-supported or  
913 private school;

914 (d) For a subject requiring a master's or higher degree,  
915 completion of the subject area specialization requirements  
916 specified in state board rule and achievement of a passing score  
917 on the Florida-developed subject area examination or a  
918 standardized examination that is directly related to the subject  
919 specified in state board rule;

920 (e) Documentation of a valid professional standard teaching  
921 certificate issued by another state;

922 (f) Documentation of a valid certificate issued by the  
923 NBPTS, ABCTE, ~~National Board for Professional Teaching Standards~~  
924 or a national educator credentialing board approved by the State  
925 Board of Education;

926 (g) Documentation of successful completion of a United  
927 States Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center  
928 program;



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- 929 (h) Documentation of a passing score on the Defense  
930 Language Proficiency Test (DLPT); or
- 931 (i) For a subject requiring only a baccalaureate degree for  
932 which a Florida subject area examination has been developed,  
933 documentation of receipt of a master's or higher degree from an  
934 accredited postsecondary educational institution that the  
935 Department of Education has identified as having a quality  
936 program resulting in a baccalaureate degree or higher in the  
937 certificate subject area as identified by state board rule.  
938
- 939 School districts are encouraged to provide mechanisms for middle  
940 grades teachers holding only a K-6 teaching certificate to  
941 obtain a subject area coverage for middle grades through  
942 postsecondary coursework or district add-on certification.
- 943 (6) MASTERY OF PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION AND EDUCATION  
944 COMPETENCE.—Acceptable means of demonstrating mastery of  
945 professional preparation and education competence are:
- 946 (a) Successful completion of an approved teacher  
947 preparation program at a postsecondary educational institution  
948 within this state and achievement of a passing score on the  
949 professional education competency examination required by state  
950 board rule;
- 951 (b) Successful completion of a teacher preparation program  
952 at a postsecondary educational institution outside Florida and  
953 achievement of a passing score on the professional education  
954 competency examination required by state board rule;
- 955 (c) Documentation of a valid professional standard teaching  
956 certificate issued by another state;
- 957 (d) Documentation of a valid certificate issued by the

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958 NBPTS, ABCTE, ~~National Board for Professional Teaching Standards~~  
959 or a national educator credentialing board approved by the State  
960 Board of Education;

961 (e) Documentation of two semesters of successful, full-time  
962 or part-time teaching in a Florida College System institution,  
963 state university, or private college or university that awards  
964 an associate or higher degree and is an accredited institution  
965 or an institution of higher education identified by the  
966 Department of Education as having a quality program and  
967 achievement of a passing score on the professional education  
968 competency examination required by state board rule;

969 (f) Successful completion of professional preparation  
970 courses as specified in state board rule, successful completion  
971 of a professional education competence program pursuant to  
972 subsection (9), and documentation of 3 years of being rated  
973 effective or highly effective under s. 1012.34 while holding a  
974 temporary certificate;

975 (g) Successful completion of a professional learning  
976 certification program, outlined in subsection (8); or

977 (h) Successful completion of a competency-based  
978 certification program pursuant to s. 1004.85 and achievement of  
979 a passing score on the professional education competency  
980 examination required by rule of the State Board of Education.

981  
982 The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement this  
983 subsection, including rules to approve specific teacher  
984 preparation programs that are not identified in this subsection  
985 which may be used to meet requirements for mastery of  
986 professional preparation and education competence.

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987 Section 29. Present subsection (4) of section 1012.77,  
988 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (5), a new  
989 subsection (4) is added to that section, and subsection (3) of  
990 that section is amended, to read:

991 1012.77 Christa McAuliffe Ambassador for Education  
992 Program.—

993 (3) The Teacher of the Year shall serve as the Ambassador  
994 for Education. If the Teacher of the Year is unable to serve as  
995 the Ambassador for Education, the first runner-up must ~~shall~~  
996 serve in his or her place. The Department of Education shall  
997 establish application and selection procedures for determining  
998 an annual teacher of the year. Applications and selection  
999 criteria must ~~shall~~ be developed and distributed annually by the  
1000 Department of Education to all eligible entities identified in  
1001 subsection (4) school districts. The Commissioner of Education  
1002 shall establish a selection committee which assures  
1003 representation from teacher organizations, administrators, and  
1004 parents to select the Teacher of the Year and Ambassador for  
1005 Education from among the nominated ~~district~~ teachers of the  
1006 year.

1007 (4) Eligible entities to submit to the Department of  
1008 Education a nominee for the Teacher of the Year and Ambassador  
1009 for Education awards include:

1010 (a) Florida school districts, including lab schools as  
1011 defined in s. 1002.32.

1012 (b) Charter school consortia with at least 30 member  
1013 schools and an approved professional learning system on file  
1014 with the department.

1015 Section 30. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this

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1016 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
1017 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,  
1018 2025.