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Senate

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1 Representative Overdorf offered the following:

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

4 Between lines 891 and 892, insert:

5 (w)1. For students in grades 2 through 5, the study of
6 cursive writing and the development of the skills necessary for
7 legible cursive writing, including:

8 a. Letter formation.

9 b. Proper spacing and alignment.

10 c. Practice in writing complete words and sentences in
11 cursive.

12 2. By the end of grade 5, each student must demonstrate
13 proficiency in cursive writing through an evaluation of written

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14 work. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "proficiency
15 in cursive writing" means all of the following:

16 a. The ability to write uppercase and lowercase letters of
17 the alphabet in cursive writing.

18 b. Writing words and sentences in cursive legibly and
19 maintaining proper spacing and alignment.

20 c. The ability to read and apply cursive writing in a
21 manner that supports literacy development, including writing
22 essays and assignments in cursive writing in accordance with
23 state academic standards.

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Remove line 812 and insert:

28 **(5) of section 1003.42, Florida Statutes, are amended, and**
29 **paragraph (w) is added to subsection (2) of that section, to**
30 **read:**

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Remove lines 63-64 and insert:

35 requirements for such instruction; requiring students
36 in specified grades to receive instruction in cursive
37 writing; providing requirements for such instruction;
38 requiring students to demonstrate proficiency in

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39 | cursive writing by the end of a specified grade;
40 | defining the term "proficiency in cursive writing";
41 | authorizing parents to opt students out of the
42 | instruction in human embryologic and fetal
43 | development; amending s.

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