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2 An act relating to education; creating s. 413.0114,
3 F.S.; requiring entities that offer fee-based services
4 to individuals who are blind or visually impaired to
5 disclose in writing whether the services may be
6 obtained elsewhere at no cost; specifying requirements
7 for the disclosure; providing penalties for
8 violations; authorizing the State Board of Education
9 to adopt rules; amending s. 413.208, F.S.; requiring
10 certain service providers to apply to, rather than
11 register with, the Division of Vocational
12 Rehabilitation; requiring the division to establish
13 minimum qualifications for service providers;
14 requiring the division to establish an annual
15 application period; authorizing the division to
16 approve or deny any service provider application;
17 providing that, as of a specified date, only certain
18 service providers may participate in the vocational
19 rehabilitation program; requiring the division to
20 develop and make publicly available a certain annual
21 report; requiring service providers to meet certain
22 standards to maintain approved status; requiring that
23 the rates for vocational rehabilitation services meet
24 certain criteria; amending s. 491.005, F.S.; revising
25 the date for a requirement to obtain a license as a

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26 marriage and family therapist; amending s. 1001.42,
 27 F.S.; revising public information requirements
 28 relating to virtual instruction options; removing
 29 certain schools from specified contract restrictions;
 30 revising the conditions considered an educational
 31 emergency; revising virtual instruction requirements;
 32 amending s. 1001.92, F.S.; revising certain
 33 performance-based metrics; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.;
 34 authorizing a student to carry a United States Food
 35 and Drug Administration-approved epinephrine delivery
 36 device; making conforming changes; amending s.
 37 1002.42, F.S.; authorizing private schools to purchase
 38 a supply of Food and Drug Administration-approved
 39 epinephrine delivery devices, rather than epinephrine
 40 auto-injectors; making conforming changes; amending s.
 41 1002.421, F.S.; revising circumstances under which
 42 regular and direct contact with teachers is satisfied
 43 for certain scholarship students; amending s. 1002.68,
 44 F.S.; deleting obsolete provisions relating to
 45 calculation of kindergarten readiness rates; revising
 46 cross-references and program accountability provisions
 47 for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program;
 48 amending s. 1002.945, F.S.; requiring the Department
 49 of Children and Families to determine whether a child
 50 care provider is the primary cause of certain class I

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51 | violations; deleting an exception; amending s.
52 | 1003.4203, F.S.; requiring that the Department of
53 | Education make CAPE Digital Tool certificates
54 | available to middle grades students; limiting the
55 | number of such certificates a middle grades student
56 | may earn each school year; amending s. 1003.4282,
57 | F.S.; providing that completion of 2 years of marching
58 | band satisfies specified credit requirements;
59 | authorizing a dance techniques course to satisfy
60 | specified graduation credit requirements; revising
61 | requirements for mathematics pathways established by a
62 | Department of Education workgroup; requiring the
63 | department to develop identified mathematics pathways
64 | and applied algebra courses by specified dates;
65 | requiring the department to collaborate with the Board
66 | of Governors of the State University System to ensure
67 | the courses are accepted as mathematics credits for
68 | state university admissions; amending s. 1003.437,
69 | F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education to
70 | establish a uniform weighted grading system for
71 | specified courses and articulated acceleration
72 | mechanisms; requiring district school boards to use
73 | the system for a specified purpose; amending s.
74 | 1003.5716, F.S.; requiring school districts to provide
75 | notice and a make-up plan when a related service in a

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76 student's individual education program is not provided
77 as scheduled; authorizing parents or guardians to
78 access certain service logs and progress notes within
79 a specified timeframe; amending s. 1004.343, F.S.;
80 revising the date the University of South Florida
81 Trafficking in Persons - Risk to Resilience Lab must
82 begin submitting a specified report relating to human
83 trafficking; requiring consultation with the
84 Department of Law Enforcement in the submission of
85 such report; extending the date of the scheduled
86 repeal of the Statewide Data Repository for Anonymous
87 Human Trafficking Data; amending s. 1004.39, F.S.;
88 revising provisions relating to the College of Law at
89 Florida International University; deleting a specified
90 association from certain provisions; amending s.
91 1004.40, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the
92 College of Law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical
93 University; deleting a specified association from
94 certain provisions; amending s. 1005.06, F.S.;
95 revising the list of institutions that are not under
96 the jurisdiction of the Commission for Independent
97 Education; amending s. 1006.12, F.S.; revising
98 requirements for safe-school officers; authorizing
99 charter schools to implement safe-school officer
100 options notwithstanding certain local ordinances or

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101 development orders; amending s. 1007.25, F.S.;

102 revising the timeframe for Florida College System

103 institutions and state universities to submit comments

104 in response to a specified notice of intent; amending

105 s. 1007.271, F.S.; revising the list of postsecondary

106 institutions that are eligible to participate in a

107 dual enrollment program; amending s. 1008.2125, F.S.;

108 conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 1008.25,

109 F.S.; requiring specified parent resources to include

110 information about eligibility for the New Worlds

111 Reading Initiative; revising the score threshold for

112 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program summer

113 bridge eligibility; requiring certain monthly written

114 communications to include specified eligibility

115 information; conforming a cross-reference; amending s.

116 1008.47, F.S.; revising the timeframe for a public

117 postsecondary institution to seek and obtain

118 accreditation; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; providing

119 that a person may not lose his or her resident status

120 for tuition purposes due to his or her parent serving

121 outside this state in certain capacities; amending s.

122 1009.25, F.S.; revising the requirements for a student

123 to meet the definition of "homeless children and

124 youths"; providing that certain distance learning

125 students are ineligible for specified fee exemptions;

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126 amending s. 1009.893, F.S.; authorizing a student to
 127 defer an award under the Benacquisto Scholarship
 128 Program; amending s. 1009.983, F.S.; authorizing a
 129 specified designee with certain credentials to serve
 130 as director of the direct-support organization for the
 131 Florida Prepaid College Foundation, Inc.; amending s.
 132 1009.986, F.S.; revising the membership of the board
 133 of directors of Florida ABLE, Inc.; amending s.
 134 1011.62, F.S.; revising the academic acceleration
 135 options supplement in the Florida Education Finance
 136 Program to include a method for calculating additional
 137 full-time equivalent membership based on a specified
 138 course and test score; requiring school districts to
 139 allocate at least a specified percentage of certain
 140 funds for a certain purpose; providing specified
 141 bonuses; amending s. 1011.69, F.S.; revising a
 142 category of Title I funds that a school district may
 143 withhold; authorizing a school district to reserve
 144 funds for certain STEM-related educational services;
 145 providing an effective date.

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

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149 Section 1. Section 413.0114, Florida Statutes, is created
 150 to read:

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151 413.0114 Consumer disclosure for blind-related services.-
 152 (1) An individual, a business, a nonprofit, or other
 153 entity offering fee-based services to individuals who are blind
 154 or visually impaired shall, before entering into a contract or
 155 accepting payment, disclose in writing whether equivalent or
 156 substantially similar services may be available at no cost
 157 through the Division of Blind Services or another public agency.
 158 (2) The written disclosure must:
 159 (a) Be provided in plain language and, upon request, in an
 160 accessible format, such as braille, large print, or audio.
 161 (b) Include contact information for the Division of Blind
 162 Services.
 163 (c) Be signed or electronically acknowledged by the
 164 consumer or his or her representative.
 165 (3) A violation of this section constitutes an unfair or
 166 deceptive trade practice under part II of chapter 501 and is
 167 subject to penalties and enforcement as provided therein.
 168 (4) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to
 169 implement this section.
 170 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 413.208, Florida
 171 Statutes, is amended to read:
 172 413.208 Service providers; quality assurance; fitness for
 173 responsibilities; background screening.-
 174 (1) Service providers must apply to ~~register with~~ the
 175 division. To qualify for approval, a ~~registration~~, the division

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176 ~~must ensure that the~~ service provider must maintain ~~maintains~~ an
177 internal system of quality assurance, have ~~has~~ proven functional
178 systems, meet the minimum qualifications, and be ~~is~~ subject to a
179 due-diligence inquiry as to its fitness to undertake service
180 responsibilities.

181 (a) The division shall establish minimum qualifications
182 for service providers. The division shall establish an annual
183 application period for service providers to submit applications.
184 The division may approve or deny any service provider
185 application. Beginning January 1, 2027, only service providers
186 that meet the minimum qualifications established by the division
187 and that have been approved to provide employment-related
188 services to individuals with disabilities may participate in the
189 vocational rehabilitation program.

190 (b) The division shall develop and make publicly available
191 an annual report of service provider effectiveness, which
192 includes an evaluation system measuring the effectiveness of all
193 service providers that are approved by the division to provide
194 employment-related services to individuals with disabilities.

195 (c) In order to maintain approved status with the
196 division, service providers must meet minimum standards of
197 effectiveness in the provision of vocational rehabilitation
198 services, including placement of individuals in competitive and
199 integrated employment.

200 (d) Rates for vocational rehabilitation services must be

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201 allocable, reasonable, and necessary, as determined by the
 202 division.

203 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
 204 491.005, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

205 491.005 Licensure by examination.—

206 (3) MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY.—Upon verification of
 207 documentation and payment of a fee not to exceed \$200, as set by
 208 board rule, the department shall issue a license as a marriage
 209 and family therapist to an applicant whom the board certifies
 210 has met all of the following criteria:

211 (c)1. Attained one of the following:

212 a. A minimum of a master's degree in marriage and family
 213 therapy from a program accredited by the Commission on
 214 Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.

215 b. A minimum of a master's degree with a major emphasis in
 216 marriage and family therapy or a closely related field from a
 217 university program accredited by the Council on Accreditation of
 218 Counseling and Related Educational Programs and graduate courses
 219 approved by the board.

220 c. A minimum of a master's degree with an emphasis in
 221 marriage and family therapy or a closely related field, with a
 222 degree conferred before September 1, 2032 ~~2027~~, from an
 223 institutionally accredited college or university and graduate
 224 courses approved by the board.

225 2. If the course title that appears on the applicant's

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226 transcript does not clearly identify the content of the
227 coursework, the applicant provided additional documentation,
228 including, but not limited to, a syllabus or catalog description
229 published for the course. The required master's degree must have
230 been received in an institution of higher education that, at the
231 time the applicant graduated, was fully accredited by an
232 institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for
233 Higher Education Accreditation or its successor organization or
234 was a member in good standing with Universities Canada, or an
235 institution of higher education located outside the United
236 States and Canada which, at the time the applicant was enrolled
237 and at the time the applicant graduated, maintained a standard
238 of training substantially equivalent to the standards of
239 training of those institutions in the United States which are
240 accredited by an institutional accrediting body recognized by
241 the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor
242 organization. Such foreign education and training must have been
243 received in an institution or program of higher education
244 officially recognized by the government of the country in which
245 it is located as an institution or program to train students to
246 practice as professional marriage and family therapists or
247 psychotherapists. The applicant has the burden of establishing
248 that the requirements of this provision have been met, and the
249 board shall require documentation, such as an evaluation by a
250 foreign equivalency determination service, as evidence that the

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251 applicant's graduate degree program and education were
252 equivalent to an accredited program in this country. An
253 applicant with a master's degree from a program that did not
254 emphasize marriage and family therapy may complete the
255 coursework requirement in a training institution fully
256 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and
257 Family Therapy Education recognized by the United States
258 Department of Education.

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260 For the purposes of dual licensure, the department shall license
261 as a marriage and family therapist any person who meets the
262 requirements of s. 491.0057. Fees for dual licensure may not
263 exceed those stated in this subsection.

264 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (17) and
265 subsections (21) and (23) of section 1001.42, Florida Statutes,
266 are amended to read:

267 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The
268 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all
269 powers and perform all duties listed below:

270 (17) PUBLIC INFORMATION AND PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM.—

271 (a) Adopt procedures whereby the general public can be
272 adequately informed of the educational programs, needs, and
273 objectives of public education within the district, including
274 educational opportunities available through approved virtual
275 instruction program providers under s. 1002.45 or the school

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276 district's virtual instruction program ~~the Florida Virtual~~
 277 ~~School.~~

278 (21) EDUCATIONAL EMERGENCY.—To free schools that have ~~with~~
 279 a school grade of "D" or "F" or are persistently low-performing
 280 schools as described in s. 1002.333 from contract restrictions
 281 that limit the school district's ~~school's~~ ability to implement
 282 programs and strategies needed to improve student performance, a
 283 district school board may adopt salary incentives or other
 284 strategies that address the selection, placement, compensation,
 285 and expectations of instructional personnel and provide
 286 principals with the autonomy described in s. 1012.28(8). For
 287 purposes of this subsection, an educational emergency exists in
 288 a school district if one or more schools in the district have a
 289 school grade of "D" or "F" or are persistently low-performing
 290 schools as described in s. 1002.333. ~~"F."~~ Notwithstanding
 291 chapter 447, relating to collective bargaining, a district
 292 school board may:

293 (a) Provide salary incentives that differentiate based on
 294 a teacher's certification, subject area taught, or grade level
 295 taught. Such incentives are not subject to collective bargaining
 296 requirements.

297 (b) Notwithstanding s. 1012.2315, relating to assignment
 298 of teachers, adopt strategies to assign high-quality teachers
 299 more equitably across schools in the district to low-performing
 300 schools as a management right. Such strategies are not subject

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301 to collective bargaining requirements.

302 (23) VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION.—Provide students with access to
 303 courses, based on the students' choice, available through the
 304 school district's a virtual instruction program option or an
 305 approved virtual instruction program provider under s. 1002.45,
 306 ~~including the Florida Virtual School and other approved~~
 307 ~~providers,~~ and award credit for successful completion of such
 308 courses.

309 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 1001.92, Florida
 310 Statutes, is amended to read:

311 1001.92 State University System Performance-Based
 312 Incentive.—

313 (1) A State University System Performance-Based Incentive
 314 shall be awarded to state universities using performance-based
 315 metrics adopted by the Board of Governors of the State
 316 University System. Beginning with the Board of Governors'
 317 determination of each university's performance improvement and
 318 achievement ratings, and the related distribution of annual
 319 fiscal year appropriation, the performance-based metrics must
 320 include:

321 (a) The 4-year graduation rate and adjusted cohort
 322 graduation rate for engineering programs for first-time-in-
 323 college students;

324 (b) Beginning in fiscal year 2022-2023, the 3-year
 325 graduation rate for associate in arts transfer students;

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- 326 (c) Retention rates;
- 327 (d) Postgraduation education rates;
- 328 (e) Degree production;
- 329 (f) Affordability;
- 330 (g) Postgraduation employment and salaries, including wage
- 331 thresholds that reflect the added value of a baccalaureate
- 332 degree;
- 333 (h) Access rate, based on the percentage of first-year
- 334 undergraduate students enrolled during the fall term who
- 335 received a Pell Grant during the fall term; and
- 336 (i) Beginning in fiscal year 2021-2022, the 6-year
- 337 graduation rate for students who are awarded a Pell Grant in
- 338 their first year.

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340 The Board of Governors may approve other metrics in a publicly

341 noticed meeting. The board shall adopt benchmarks to evaluate

342 each state university's performance on the metrics to measure

343 the state university's achievement of institutional excellence

344 or need for improvement and minimum requirements for eligibility

345 to receive performance funding. Benchmarks and metrics may not

346 be adjusted after university performance data has been received

347 by the Board of Governors.

348 Section 6. Paragraph (i) of subsection (3) of section

349 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

350 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public

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351 school students must receive accurate and timely information
352 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
353 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
354 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
355 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

356 (3) HEALTH ISSUES.—

357 (i) *Epinephrine use and supply.*—

358 1. A student who has experienced or is at risk for life-
359 threatening allergic reactions may carry a United States Food
360 and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved ~~an~~ epinephrine delivery
361 device ~~auto-injector~~ and self-administer epinephrine by such
362 FDA-approved delivery device ~~auto-injector~~ while in school,
363 participating in school-sponsored activities, or in transit to
364 or from school or school-sponsored activities if the school has
365 been provided with parental and physician authorization. The
366 State Board of Education, in cooperation with the Department of
367 Health, shall adopt rules for such use of FDA-approved
368 epinephrine delivery devices which must ~~auto-injectors~~ that
369 ~~shall~~ include provisions to protect the safety of all students
370 from the misuse or abuse of such delivery devices ~~auto-~~
371 ~~injectors~~. A school district, county health department, public-
372 private partner, and their employees and volunteers shall be
373 indemnified by the parent of a student authorized to carry an
374 FDA-approved epinephrine delivery device ~~auto-injector~~ for any
375 and all liability with respect to the student's use of an FDA-

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376 approved epinephrine delivery device ~~auto-injector~~ pursuant to
377 this paragraph.

378 2. A public school may purchase a supply of FDA-approved
379 epinephrine delivery devices ~~auto-injectors~~ from a wholesale
380 distributor as defined in s. 499.003 or may enter into an
381 arrangement with a wholesale distributor or manufacturer as
382 defined in s. 499.003 for the FDA-approved epinephrine delivery
383 devices ~~auto-injectors~~ at fair-market, free, or reduced prices
384 for use in the event a student has an anaphylactic reaction. The
385 FDA-approved epinephrine delivery devices ~~auto-injectors~~ must be
386 maintained in a secure location on the public school's premises.
387 The participating school district shall adopt a protocol
388 developed by a licensed physician for the administration by
389 school personnel who are trained to recognize an anaphylactic
390 reaction and to administer ~~an~~ epinephrine by an FDA-approved
391 delivery device ~~auto-injection~~. The supply of FDA-approved
392 epinephrine delivery devices ~~auto-injectors~~ may be provided to
393 and used by a student authorized to self-administer epinephrine
394 by FDA-approved delivery device ~~auto-injector~~ under subparagraph
395 1. or trained school personnel.

396 3. The school district and its employees, agents, and the
397 physician who provides the standing protocol for school FDA-
398 approved epinephrine delivery devices ~~auto-injectors~~ are not
399 liable for any injury arising from the use of such an
400 epinephrine delivery device ~~auto-injector~~ administered by

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401 trained school personnel who follow the adopted protocol and
 402 whose professional opinion is that the student is having an
 403 anaphylactic reaction:

404 a. Unless the trained school personnel's action is willful
 405 and wanton;

406 b. Notwithstanding that the parents or guardians of the
 407 student to whom the epinephrine is administered have not been
 408 provided notice or have not signed a statement acknowledging
 409 that the school district is not liable; and

410 c. Regardless of whether authorization has been given by
 411 the student's parents or guardians or by the student's
 412 physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered
 413 nurse.

414 Section 7. Subsection (17) of section 1002.42, Florida
 415 Statutes, is amended to read:

416 1002.42 Private schools.—

417 (17) EPINEPHRINE SUPPLY.—

418 (a) A private school may purchase a supply of United
 419 States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved epinephrine
 420 delivery devices ~~auto-injectors~~ from a wholesale distributor as
 421 defined in s. 499.003 or may enter into an arrangement with a
 422 wholesale distributor or manufacturer as defined in s. 499.003
 423 for the FDA-approved epinephrine delivery devices ~~auto-injectors~~
 424 at fair-market, free, or reduced prices for use in the event a
 425 student has an anaphylactic reaction. The FDA-approved

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426 epinephrine delivery devices ~~auto-injectors~~ must be maintained
 427 in a secure location on the private school's premises. The
 428 participating private school shall adopt a protocol developed by
 429 a licensed physician for the administration by private school
 430 personnel who are trained to recognize an anaphylactic reaction
 431 and to administer epinephrine by an FDA-approved epinephrine
 432 delivery device ~~auto-injection~~. The supply of FDA-approved
 433 epinephrine delivery devices ~~auto-injectors~~ may be provided to
 434 and used by a student authorized to self-administer epinephrine
 435 by an FDA-approved delivery device ~~auto-injector~~ under s.
 436 1002.20 (3) (i) or trained school personnel.

437 (b) The private school and its employees, agents, and the
 438 physician who provides the standing protocol for school FDA-
 439 approved epinephrine delivery devices ~~auto-injectors~~ are not
 440 liable for any injury arising from the use of an FDA-approved
 441 epinephrine delivery device ~~auto-injector~~ administered by
 442 trained school personnel who follow the adopted protocol and
 443 whose professional opinion is that the student is having an
 444 anaphylactic reaction:

445 1. Unless the trained school personnel's action is willful
 446 and wanton;

447 2. Notwithstanding that the parents or guardians of the
 448 student to whom the epinephrine is administered have not been
 449 provided notice or have not signed a statement acknowledging
 450 that the school district is not liable; and

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451 3. Regardless of whether authorization has been given by
 452 the student's parents or guardians or by the student's
 453 physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered
 454 nurse.

455 Section 8. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section
 456 1002.421, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

457 1002.421 State school choice scholarship program
 458 accountability and oversight.—

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

468 (i) Maintain a physical location in the state at which
 469 each student has regular and direct contact with teachers.
 470 Regular and direct contact with teachers may be satisfied for
 471 students enrolled in a personalized education program or for
 472 students eligible for a scholarship under s. 1002.394(3)(b) if
 473 students have regular and direct contact with teachers at the
 474 physical location at least 2 school days per week and the
 475 student learning plan addresses the remaining instructional

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476 | time.

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478 | The department shall suspend the payment of funds to a private
 479 | school that knowingly fails to comply with this subsection, and
 480 | shall prohibit the school from enrolling new scholarship
 481 | students, for 1 fiscal year and until the school complies. If a
 482 | private school fails to meet the requirements of this subsection
 483 | or has consecutive years of material exceptions listed in the
 484 | report required under paragraph (q), the commissioner may
 485 | determine that the private school is ineligible to participate
 486 | in a scholarship program.

487 | Section 9. Subsection (3), paragraph (e) of subsection
 488 | (4), paragraph (a) of subsection (5), and paragraph (e) of
 489 | subsection (6) of section 1002.68, Florida Statutes, are amended
 490 | to read:

491 | 1002.68 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program
 492 | accountability.—

493 | ~~(3) (a) For the 2020-2021 program year, the department~~
 494 | ~~shall calculate a kindergarten readiness rate for each private~~
 495 | ~~prekindergarten provider and public school participating in the~~
 496 | ~~Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program based upon learning~~
 497 | ~~gains and the percentage of students assessed as ready for~~
 498 | ~~kindergarten. The department shall require that each school~~
 499 | ~~district administer the statewide kindergarten screening in use~~
 500 | ~~before the 2021-2022 school year to each kindergarten student in~~

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501 ~~the school district within the first 30 school days of the 2021-~~
502 ~~2022 school year. Private schools may administer the statewide~~
503 ~~kindergarten screening to each kindergarten student in a private~~
504 ~~school who was enrolled in the Voluntary Prekindergarten~~
505 ~~Education Program. Learning gains shall be determined using a~~
506 ~~value-added measure based on growth demonstrated by the results~~
507 ~~of the preassessment and postassessment in use before the 2021-~~
508 ~~2022 program year. However, a provider may not be newly placed~~
509 ~~on probationary status under this paragraph. A provider~~
510 ~~currently on probationary status may only be removed from such~~
511 ~~status if the provider earns the minimum rate, determined~~
512 ~~pursuant to subsection (5). The methodology for calculating a~~
513 ~~provider's readiness rate may not include students who are not~~
514 ~~administered the statewide kindergarten screening.~~

515 ~~(b) For the 2021-2022 program year, kindergarten screening~~
516 ~~results may not be used in the calculation of readiness rates.~~
517 ~~Any private prekindergarten provider or public school~~
518 ~~participating in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program~~
519 ~~which fails to meet the minimum kindergarten readiness rate for~~
520 ~~the 2021-2022 program year is subject to the probation~~
521 ~~requirements of subsection (5).~~

522 ~~(3)(4)~~

523 (e) Subject to an appropriation, the department shall
524 provide for a differential payment to a private prekindergarten
525 provider and public school based on the provider's designation.

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526 The maximum differential payment may not exceed a total of 15
527 percent of the base student allocation per full-time equivalent
528 student under s. 1002.71 attending in the consecutive program
529 year for that program. A private prekindergarten provider or
530 public school may not receive a differential payment if it
531 receives a designation of "proficient" or lower. ~~Before the~~
532 ~~adoption of the methodology, the department shall confer with~~
533 ~~the Council for Early Grade Success under s. 1008.2125 before~~
534 ~~receiving approval from the State Board of Education for the~~
535 ~~final recommendations on the designation system and differential~~
536 ~~payments.~~

537 (4) (a) ~~(5) (a)~~ If a public school's or private
538 prekindergarten provider's program assessment composite score
539 for its prekindergarten classrooms fails to meet the minimum
540 program assessment composite score for contracting adopted in
541 rule by the department, the private prekindergarten provider or
542 public school may not participate in the Voluntary
543 Prekindergarten Education Program beginning in the consecutive
544 program year and thereafter until the public school or private
545 prekindergarten provider meets the minimum composite score for
546 contracting. A public school or private prekindergarten provider
547 may request one program assessment per program year in order to
548 requalify for participation in the Voluntary Prekindergarten
549 Education Program, provided that the public school or private
550 prekindergarten provider is not excluded from participation

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551 | under ss. 1002.55(6), 1002.61(10)(b), 1002.63(9)(b), or
 552 | paragraph (b) ~~(5)(b)~~ of this section. If a public school or
 553 | private prekindergarten provider would like an additional
 554 | program assessment completed within the same program year, the
 555 | public school or private prekindergarten provider shall be
 556 | responsible for the cost of the program assessment.

557 | (5) ~~(6)~~

558 | (e) A private prekindergarten provider or public school
 559 | granted a good cause exemption shall continue to implement its
 560 | improvement plan and continue the corrective actions required
 561 | under paragraph (4)(b) ~~(5)(b)~~ until the provider or school meets
 562 | the minimum performance metric.

563 | Section 10. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (4) of
 564 | section 1002.945, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

565 | 1002.945 Gold Seal Quality Care Program.—

566 | (4) In order to obtain and maintain a designation as a
 567 | Gold Seal Quality Care provider, a child care facility, large
 568 | family child care home, or family day care home must meet the
 569 | following additional criteria:

570 | (a) The child care provider must not have had any class I
 571 | violations, as defined by rule of the Department of Children and
 572 | Families, for which the Department of Children and Families
 573 | determines that the child care provider is the primary cause of
 574 | the violation within the 2 years preceding its application for
 575 | designation as a Gold Seal Quality Care provider. Commission of

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576 a class I violation for which the Department of Children and
 577 Families determines that the child care provider is the primary
 578 cause of the violation shall be grounds for termination of the
 579 designation as a Gold Seal Quality Care provider until the
 580 provider has no class I violations for a period of 2 years.

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

588 Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 1003.4203, Florida
 589 Statutes, is amended to read:

590 1003.4203 Digital materials, CAPE Digital Tool
 591 certificates, CAPE industry certifications, and technical
 592 assistance.—

593 (2) CAPE DIGITAL TOOL CERTIFICATES.—The department shall
 594 identify, in the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List under
 595 ss. 1003.492 and 1008.44, CAPE Digital Tool certificates that
 596 indicate a student's digital skills. The department shall notify
 597 each school district when the certificates are available. The
 598 certificates shall be made available to all public elementary
 599 and middle grades students. Targeted skills to be mastered for
 600 the certificate include digital skills that are necessary to the

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601 student's academic work and skills the student may need in
 602 future employment. CAPE Digital Tool certificates earned by
 603 students are eligible for additional funding pursuant to s.
 604 1011.62(17). Middle grade students may not earn more than two
 605 CAPE Digital Tools certificates per school year.

606 Section 12. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) and subsection
 607 (10) of section 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, are amended to
 608 read:

609 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school
 610 diploma.—

611 (3) STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; COURSE AND ASSESSMENT
 612 REQUIREMENTS.—

613 (f) *One credit in physical education.*—Physical education
 614 must include the integration of health. Participation in an
 615 interscholastic sport at the junior varsity or varsity level for
 616 two full seasons shall satisfy the one-credit requirement in
 617 physical education. A district school board may not require that
 618 the one credit in physical education be taken during the 9th
 619 grade year. Completion of 2 years of marching band shall satisfy
 620 the one-credit requirement in physical education and ~~or~~ the one-
 621 credit requirement in performing arts. This credit may not be
 622 used to satisfy the personal fitness requirement or the
 623 requirement for adaptive physical education under an individual
 624 education plan (IEP) or 504 plan. Completion of 1.0 credit with
 625 a grade of "C" or better in a dance techniques course, a

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626 significant component of which is activities designed to
 627 maintain or improve health-related fitness and lifelong fitness,
 628 shall satisfy the one-credit requirement in physical education
 629 or the one-credit requirement in performing arts. This credit
 630 may not be used to satisfy the personal fitness requirement or
 631 the requirement for adaptive physical education under an IEP or
 632 504 plan. Completion of one semester with a grade of "C" or
 633 better in a marching band class, in a physical activity class
 634 that requires participation in marching band activities as an
 635 extracurricular activity, or in a dance class shall satisfy one-
 636 half credit in physical education or one-half credit in
 637 performing arts. This credit may not be used to satisfy the
 638 personal fitness requirement or the requirement for adaptive
 639 physical education under an IEP or 504 plan. Completion of 2
 640 years in a Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) class, a
 641 significant component of which is drills, shall satisfy the one-
 642 credit requirement in physical education and the one-credit
 643 requirement in performing arts. This credit may not be used to
 644 satisfy the personal fitness requirement or the requirement for
 645 adaptive physical education under an IEP or 504 plan.

646 (10) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CREDIT.—The Department
 647 of Education shall convene a workgroup, ~~no later than December~~
 648 ~~1, 2024,~~ to:

649 (a) Identify best practices in career and technical
 650 education pathways from middle school to high school to aid

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651 middle school students in career planning and facilitate their
652 transition to high school programs. The career pathway must be
653 linked to postsecondary programs.

654 (b) Establish three mathematics pathways for students
655 enrolled in secondary grades by aligning mathematics courses to
656 programs, postsecondary education, and careers. The workgroup
657 shall collaborate to identify the three mathematics pathways and
658 the mathematics course sequence within each pathway that ~~which~~
659 align to the mathematics skills needed for success in the
660 corresponding academic programs, postsecondary education, and
661 careers.

662 1. The mathematics pathways must be identified no later
663 than September 1, 2026. The Department of Education shall submit
664 identified mathematics pathways to the Governor, the President
665 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

666 2. The mathematics pathways must incorporate an applied
667 algebra course that aligns with established career and technical
668 education career clusters.

669 3. The Department of Education shall develop applied
670 algebra courses aligned with the identified mathematics pathways
671 and the established career and technical education career
672 clusters by January 1, 2027, with availability for district
673 implementation in the 2029-2030 school year.

674 a. The applied algebra for engineering and technology
675 course must incorporate content and contexts that apply to the

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676 following career clusters: energy, engineering and technology
 677 education, and information technology.

678 b. The applied algebra for health science course must
 679 incorporate content and contexts that apply to the health
 680 science career cluster.

681 c. The applied algebra for business and finance course
 682 must incorporate content and contexts that apply to the
 683 following career clusters: business management and
 684 administration; finance; government and public administration;
 685 and marketing, sales, and service.

686 d. The applied algebra for industrial pathways course must
 687 incorporate content and contexts that apply to the following
 688 career clusters: architecture and construction; manufacturing;
 689 and transportation, distribution, and logistics.

690 e. The applied algebra for agriculture and natural
 691 resources course must incorporate content and contexts that
 692 apply to the agriculture, food, and natural resources career
 693 cluster.

694 4. Each mathematics pathway must offer flexibility and the
 695 ability to move between pathways if necessary.

696 5. Mathematics pathways must create clear links between
 697 secondary mathematics and postsecondary mathematics pathways, as
 698 established in State Board of Education rule, and support
 699 student progression into postsecondary academic programs, state
 700 college career and technical education programs, career center

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701 programs, industry certification programs, and high-skill, high-
702 wage occupations.

703 6. Each applied algebra course must prepare students to
704 take the statewide, standardized Algebra I end-of-course
705 assessment required under s. 1008.22.

706 7. Each applied algebra course must meet all requirements
707 for a mathematics credit required for high school graduation
708 under s. 1003.4282(3)(b) or for middle grades promotion pursuant
709 to s. 1003.4156(1)(b).

710 8. The Department of Education shall collaborate with the
711 Board of Governors of the State University System to ensure that
712 each applied algebra course is accepted as a mathematics credit
713 for state university admissions.

714 9. The Department of Education shall provide professional
715 learning, instructional resources, and technical assistance to
716 support district implementation for the 2029-2030 school year.

717 Section 13. Section 1003.437, Florida Statutes, is amended
718 to read:

719 1003.437 Middle and high school grading system.—The
720 grading system and interpretation of letter grades used to
721 measure student success in grade 6 through grade 12 courses for
722 students in public schools shall be as follows:

723 (1) Grade "A" equals 90 percent through 100 percent, has a
724 grade point average value of 4, and is defined as "outstanding
725 progress."

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726 (2) Grade "B" equals 80 percent through 89 percent, has a
 727 grade point average value of 3, and is defined as "above average
 728 progress."

729 (3) Grade "C" equals 70 percent through 79 percent, has a
 730 grade point average value of 2, and is defined as "average
 731 progress."

732 (4) Grade "D" equals 60 percent through 69 percent, has a
 733 grade point average value of 1, and is defined as "lowest
 734 acceptable progress."

735 (5) Grade "F" equals zero percent through 59 percent, has
 736 a grade point average value of zero, and is defined as
 737 "failure."

738 (6) Grade "I" equals zero percent, has a grade point
 739 average value of zero, and is defined as "incomplete."
 740

741 The State Board of Education shall establish a statewide uniform
 742 weighted grading system for honors courses and articulated
 743 acceleration mechanisms identified in s. 1007.27. ~~For the~~
 744 purposes of class ranking, District school boards shall use the
 745 may exercise a weighted grading system to calculate weighted
 746 high school grade point averages pursuant to s. 1007.271.

747 Section 14. Subsection (5) is added to section 1003.5716,
 748 Florida Statutes, to read:

749 1003.5716 Transition to postsecondary education and career
 750 opportunities.—All students with disabilities who are 3 years of

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751 age to 21 years of age have the right to a free, appropriate
 752 public education. As used in this section, the term "IEP" means
 753 individual education plan.

754 (5)

755 (a) If a related service identified in a student's IEP is
 756 not provided as scheduled, the school district must notify the
 757 parent or guardian in writing or by electronic means within 10
 758 school days, explain the reason the service was not provided,
 759 and discuss a plan for make-up services.

760 (b) A parent or guardian has the right to access, upon
 761 request, all service provider logs or progress notes within 15
 762 school days after such service is provided. The school district
 763 shall inform parents of this right at each IEP meeting.

764
 765 Section 15. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 1004.343,
 766 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

767 1004.343 Statewide Data Repository for Anonymous Human
 768 Trafficking Data.—

769 (5) Beginning January 31, 2027 ~~July 1, 2025~~, and annually
 770 thereafter, the University of South Florida Trafficking in
 771 Persons - Risk to Resilience Lab, in consultation with the
 772 Department of Law Enforcement, shall submit an annual report and
 773 analysis on its findings to the Governor, the Attorney General,
 774 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
 775 Representatives.

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776 (6) This section is repealed July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~, unless
 777 reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature before that date.

778 Section 16. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section
 779 1004.39, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

780 1004.39 College of Law at Florida International
 781 University.—

782 (3) The College of Law at Florida International
 783 University, to the extent consistent with the standards required
 784 by a ~~the American Bar Association or any other~~ nationally
 785 recognized association for the accreditation of colleges of law,
 786 shall develop a law library collection utilizing electronic
 787 formats and mediums.

788 (4) The College of Law at Florida International University
 789 shall develop and institute a program that is consistent with
 790 sound legal education principles as determined by a ~~the American~~
 791 ~~Bar Association or any other~~ nationally recognized association
 792 for the accreditation of colleges of law and that, to the extent
 793 consistent with such sound legal education principles, is
 794 structured to serve the legal needs of traditionally underserved
 795 portions of the population by providing an opportunity for
 796 participation in a legal clinic program or pro bono legal
 797 service.

798 (5) The Florida International University Board of Trustees
 799 and the Board of Governors may accept grants, donations, gifts,
 800 and moneys available for this purpose, including moneys for

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801 | planning and constructing the college. The Florida International
802 | University Board of Trustees may procure and accept any federal
803 | funds that are available for the planning, creation, and
804 | establishment of the college of law. If a ~~the American Bar~~
805 | ~~Association or any other~~ nationally recognized association for
806 | the accreditation of colleges of law issues a third disapproval
807 | of an application for provisional approval or for full approval
808 | or fails to grant, within 5 years following the graduation of
809 | the first class, a provisional approval, to the College of Law
810 | at Florida International University, the Board of Governors
811 | shall make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature
812 | as to whether the college of law will cease operations at the
813 | end of the full academic year subsequent to the receipt by the
814 | college of law of any such third disapproval, or whether the
815 | college of law will continue operations and any conditions for
816 | continued operations. If the college of law ceases operations
817 | pursuant to this section, the following conditions apply:

818 | (a) The authority for the College of Law at Florida
819 | International University and the authority of the Florida
820 | International University Board of Trustees and the Board of
821 | Governors provided in this section shall terminate upon the
822 | cessation of operations of the College of Law at Florida
823 | International University. The College of Law at Florida
824 | International University shall receive no moneys allocated for
825 | the planning, construction, or operation of the college of law

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826 after its cessation of operations other than moneys to be
 827 expended for the cessation of operations of the college of law.
 828 Any moneys allocated to the College of Law at Florida
 829 International University not expended prior to or scheduled to
 830 be expended after the date of the cessation of the college of
 831 law shall be appropriated for other use by the Legislature of
 832 the State of Florida.

833 (b) Any buildings of the College of Law at Florida
 834 International University constructed from the expenditure of
 835 capital outlay funds appropriated by the Legislature shall be
 836 owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust
 837 Fund and managed by the Florida International University Board
 838 of Trustees upon the cessation of the college of law.

839 Section 17. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section
 840 1004.40, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

841 1004.40 College of Law at Florida Agricultural and
 842 Mechanical University.—

843 (3) The College of Law at Florida Agricultural and
 844 Mechanical University, to the extent consistent with the
 845 standards required by a ~~the American Bar Association or any~~
 846 ~~other~~ nationally recognized association for the accreditation of
 847 colleges of law, shall develop a law library collection
 848 utilizing electronic formats and mediums.

849 (4) The College of Law at Florida Agricultural and
 850 Mechanical University shall develop and institute a program that

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851 is consistent with sound legal education principles as
852 determined by a ~~the American Bar Association or any other~~
853 nationally recognized association for the accreditation of
854 colleges of law and that, to the extent consistent with such
855 sound legal education principles, is structured to serve the
856 legal needs of traditionally underserved portions of the
857 population by providing an opportunity for participation in a
858 legal clinic program or pro bono legal service.

859 (5) The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
860 Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors may accept grants,
861 donations, gifts, and moneys available for this purpose,
862 including moneys for planning and constructing the college. The
863 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees
864 may procure and accept any federal funds that are available for
865 the planning, creation, and establishment of the college of law.
866 If a ~~the American Bar Association or any other~~ nationally
867 recognized association for the accreditation of colleges of law
868 issues a third disapproval of an application for provisional
869 approval or for full approval or fails to grant, within 5 years
870 following the graduation of the first class, a provisional
871 approval, to the College of Law at Florida Agricultural and
872 Mechanical University, the Board of Governors shall make
873 recommendations to the Governor and Legislature as to whether
874 the college of law will cease operations at the end of the full
875 academic year subsequent to the receipt by the college of law of

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876 any such third disapproval, or whether the college of law will
 877 continue operations and any conditions for continued operations.
 878 If the college of law ceases operations of the college of law
 879 pursuant to this section, the following conditions apply:

880 (a) The authority for the College of Law at Florida
 881 Agricultural and Mechanical University and the authority of the
 882 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees
 883 and the Board of Governors provided in this section shall
 884 terminate upon the cessation of operations of the College of Law
 885 at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. The College
 886 of Law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University shall
 887 receive no moneys allocated for the planning, construction, or
 888 operation of the college of law after its cessation of
 889 operations other than moneys to be expended for the cessation of
 890 operations of the college of law. Any moneys allocated to the
 891 College of Law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
 892 not expended prior to or scheduled to be expended after the date
 893 of the cessation of the college of law shall be appropriated for
 894 other use by the Legislature of the State of Florida.

895 (b) Any buildings of the College of Law at Florida
 896 Agricultural and Mechanical University constructed from the
 897 expenditure of capital outlay funds appropriated by the
 898 Legislature shall be owned by the Board of Trustees of the
 899 Internal Improvement Trust Fund and managed by the Florida
 900 Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees upon

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901 the cessation of the college of law.

902 Section 18. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
903 1005.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

904 1005.06 Institutions not under the jurisdiction or purview
905 of the commission.—

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

909 (b) Any college or school, ~~or course~~ licensed or approved
910 as an institution for establishment and operation by another
911 state agency. A college or school, or any of its programs or
912 courses, does not qualify for exemption from the commission's
913 jurisdiction under this paragraph solely because another state
914 agency licenses or approves one or more of its programs or
915 courses. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit
916 or affect the exemptions for contract training, continuing
917 education, or professional development programs or courses under
918 paragraph (d), even if such programs or courses are approved
919 under chapter 466 for establishment and operation under part I
920 of chapter 464, chapter 466, or chapter 475, or any other
921 chapter of the Florida Statutes requiring licensing or approval
922 as defined in this chapter.

923 Section 19. Section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, is amended
924 to read:

925 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For

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926 | the protection and safety of school personnel, property,
 927 | students, and visitors, each district school board and school
 928 | district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement
 929 | agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more
 930 | safe-school officers at each school facility within the
 931 | district, including charter schools. A district school board
 932 | must collaborate with charter school governing boards to
 933 | facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer
 934 | options available under this section. Notwithstanding any local
 935 | ordinance or development order, the school district or charter
 936 | school may implement any combination of the options in
 937 | subsections (1)-(4) to best meet the needs of the school
 938 | district and charter schools.

939 | (1) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.—A school district may
 940 | establish school resource officer programs through a cooperative
 941 | agreement with law enforcement agencies.

942 | (a) School resource officers shall undergo criminal
 943 | background checks, drug testing, and a psychological evaluation
 944 | and be certified law enforcement officers, as defined in s.
 945 | 943.10(1), who are employed by a law enforcement agency as
 946 | defined in s. 943.10(4). The powers and duties of a law
 947 | enforcement officer shall continue throughout the employee's
 948 | tenure as a school resource officer.

949 | (b) School resource officers shall abide by district
 950 | school board policies and shall consult with and coordinate

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951 activities through the school principal, but shall be
952 responsible to the law enforcement agency in all matters
953 relating to employment, subject to agreements between a district
954 school board and a law enforcement agency. The agreements shall
955 identify the entity responsible for maintaining records relating
956 to training. Activities conducted by the school resource officer
957 which are part of the regular instructional program of the
958 school shall be under the direction of the school principal.

959 (2) SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER.—A school district may
960 commission one or more school safety officers for the protection
961 and safety of school personnel, property, and students within
962 the school district. The district school superintendent may
963 recommend, and the district school board may appoint, one or
964 more school safety officers.

965 (a) School safety officers shall undergo criminal
966 background checks, drug testing, and a psychological evaluation
967 and be law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1),
968 certified under chapter 943 and employed by either a law
969 enforcement agency or by the district school board. If the
970 officer is employed by the district school board, the district
971 school board is the employing agency for purposes of chapter
972 943, and must comply with that chapter.

973 (b) A school safety officer has and shall exercise the
974 power to make arrests for violations of law on district school
975 board property or on property owned or leased by a charter

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976 school under a charter contract, as applicable, and to arrest
 977 persons, whether on or off such property, who violate any law on
 978 such property under the same conditions that deputy sheriffs are
 979 authorized to make arrests. A school safety officer has the
 980 authority to carry weapons when performing his or her official
 981 duties.

982 (c) School safety officers must complete mental health
 983 crisis intervention training using a curriculum developed by a
 984 national organization with expertise in mental health crisis
 985 intervention. The training shall improve officers' knowledge and
 986 skills as first responders to incidents involving students with
 987 emotional disturbance or mental illness, including de-escalation
 988 skills to ensure student and officer safety.

989 (d) A district school board may enter into mutual aid
 990 agreements with one or more law enforcement agencies as provided
 991 in chapter 23. A school safety officer's salary may be paid
 992 jointly by the district school board and the law enforcement
 993 agency, as mutually agreed to.

994 (3) SCHOOL GUARDIAN.—

995 (a) At the school district's or the charter school
 996 governing board's discretion, as applicable, pursuant to s.
 997 30.15, a school district or charter school governing board may
 998 participate in the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach
 999 Scott Beigel Guardian Program to meet the requirement of
 1000 establishing a safe-school officer. The following individuals

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1001 may serve as a school guardian, in support of school-sanctioned
 1002 activities for purposes of s. 790.115, upon satisfactory
 1003 completion of the requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k) and
 1004 certification by a sheriff:

1005 1. A school district employee or personnel, as defined
 1006 under s. 1012.01, or a charter school employee, as provided
 1007 under s. 1002.33(12)(a), who volunteers to serve as a school
 1008 guardian in addition to his or her official job duties; or

1009 2. An employee of a school district or a charter school
 1010 who is hired for the specific purpose of serving as a school
 1011 guardian.

1012 (b) Before appointing an individual as a school guardian,
 1013 the school district or charter school shall contact the
 1014 Department of Law Enforcement and review all information
 1015 maintained under s. 30.15(1)(k)3.c. related to the individual.

1016 (c) The department shall provide to the Department of Law
 1017 Enforcement any information relating to a school guardian
 1018 received pursuant to subsection (5).

1019 (4) SCHOOL SECURITY GUARD.—A school district or charter
 1020 school governing board may contract with a security agency as
 1021 defined in s. 493.6101(18) to employ as a school security guard
 1022 an individual who holds a Class "D" and Class "G" license
 1023 pursuant to chapter 493, provided the following training and
 1024 contractual conditions are met:

1025 (a) An individual who serves as a school security guard,

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1026 | for purposes of satisfying the requirements of this section,
 1027 | must:

1028 | 1. Demonstrate completion of 144 hours of required
 1029 | training conducted by a sheriff pursuant to s. 30.15(1)(k)2.

1030 | 2. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a
 1031 | psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the
 1032 | Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the
 1033 | evaluation to the sheriff's office and school district, charter
 1034 | school governing board, or employing security agency, as
 1035 | applicable. The Department of Law Enforcement is authorized to
 1036 | provide the sheriff's office, school district, charter school
 1037 | governing board, or employing security agency with mental health
 1038 | and substance abuse data for compliance with this paragraph.

1039 | 3. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent
 1040 | random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.
 1041 | 112.0455 and the sheriff's office, school district, charter
 1042 | school governing board, or employing security agency, as
 1043 | applicable.

1044 | 4. Be approved to work as a school security guard by the
 1045 | sheriff of each county in which the school security guard will
 1046 | be assigned to a school before commencing work at any school in
 1047 | that county. The sheriff's approval authorizes the security
 1048 | agency to assign the school security guard to any school in the
 1049 | county, and the sheriff's approval is not limited to any
 1050 | particular school.

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1051 5. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon
 1052 inspection, and firearm qualification conducted by a sheriff
 1053 pursuant to s. 30.15(1)(k)2.e. on at least an annual basis and
 1054 provide documentation to the sheriff's office, school district,
 1055 charter school governing board, or employing security agency, as
 1056 applicable.

1057 (b) The contract between a security agency and a school
 1058 district or a charter school governing board regarding
 1059 requirements applicable to school security guards serving in the
 1060 capacity of a safe-school officer for purposes of satisfying the
 1061 requirements of this section shall define the entity or entities
 1062 responsible for maintaining records relating to training,
 1063 inspection, and firearm qualification.

1064 (c) School security guards serving in the capacity of a
 1065 safe-school officer pursuant to this subsection are in support
 1066 of school-sanctioned activities for purposes of s. 790.115, and
 1067 must aid in the prevention or abatement of active assailant
 1068 incidents on school premises.

1069 (d) The Office of Safe Schools shall provide the
 1070 Department of Law Enforcement any information related to a
 1071 school security guard that the office receives pursuant to
 1072 subsection (5).

1073 (5) NOTIFICATION.—The district school superintendent or
 1074 charter school administrator, or a respective designee shall
 1075 notify the county sheriff and the Office of Safe Schools

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1076 immediately after, but no later than 72 hours after:

1077 (a) A safe-school officer is dismissed for misconduct or
1078 is otherwise disciplined.

1079 (b) A safe-school officer discharges his or her firearm in
1080 the exercise of the safe-school officer's duties, other than for
1081 training purposes.

1082 (6) CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING.—Each safe-school officer
1083 who is also a sworn law enforcement officer shall complete
1084 mental health crisis intervention training using a curriculum
1085 developed by a national organization with expertise in mental
1086 health crisis intervention. The training must improve the
1087 officer's knowledge and skills as a first responder to incidents
1088 involving students with emotional disturbance or mental illness,
1089 including de-escalation skills to ensure student and officer
1090 safety.

1091 (7) LIMITATIONS.—An individual must satisfy the background
1092 screening, psychological evaluation, and drug test requirements
1093 and be approved by the sheriff before participating in any
1094 training required by s. 30.15(1)(k), which may be conducted only
1095 by a sheriff.

1096 (8) EXEMPTION.—Any information that would identify whether
1097 a particular individual has been appointed as a safe-school
1098 officer pursuant to this section held by a law enforcement
1099 agency, school district, or charter school is exempt from s.
1100 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

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 1102 If a district school board, through its adopted policies,
 1103 procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any
 1104 safe-school officer options pursuant to this section, the school
 1105 district must assign a school resource officer or school safety
 1106 officer to the charter school. Under such circumstances, the
 1107 charter school's share of the costs of the school resource
 1108 officer or school safety officer may not exceed the safe school
 1109 allocation funds provided to the charter school pursuant to s.
 1110 1011.62(12) and shall be retained by the school district.

1111 Section 20. Paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of section
 1112 1007.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1113 1007.25 General education courses; common prerequisites;
 1114 other degree requirements.—

1115 (9)

1116 (b) An associate in arts specialized transfer degree must
 1117 include 36 semester hours of general education coursework and
 1118 require 60 semester hours or more of college credit. Specialized
 1119 transfer degrees are designed for Florida College System
 1120 institution students who need supplemental lower-level
 1121 coursework in preparation for transfer to another institution.
 1122 The State Board of Education shall establish criteria for the
 1123 review and approval of new specialized transfer degrees. The
 1124 approval process must require:

1125 1. A Florida College System institution to submit a notice

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1126 of its intent to propose a new associate in arts specialized
 1127 degree program to the Division of Florida Colleges. The notice
 1128 must include the recommended credit hours, the rationale for the
 1129 specialization, the demand for students entering the field, and
 1130 the coursework being proposed to be included beyond the 60
 1131 semester hours required for the general transfer degree, if
 1132 applicable. Notices of intent may be submitted by a Florida
 1133 College System institution at any time.

1134 2. The Division of Florida Colleges to forward the notice
 1135 of intent within 10 business days after receipt to all Florida
 1136 College System institutions and to the Chancellor of the State
 1137 University System, who shall forward the notice to all state
 1138 universities. State universities and Florida College System
 1139 institutions shall have 30 ~~60~~ days after receipt of the notice
 1140 to submit comments to the proposed associate in arts specialized
 1141 transfer degree.

1142 3. After the submission of comments pursuant to
 1143 subparagraph 2., the requesting Florida College System
 1144 institution to submit a proposal that, at a minimum, includes:

1145 a. Evidence that the coursework for the associate in arts
 1146 specialized transfer degree includes demonstration of competency
 1147 in a foreign language pursuant to s. 1007.262 and demonstration
 1148 of civic literacy competency as provided in subsection (5).

1149 b. Demonstration that all required coursework will count
 1150 toward the associate in arts degree or the baccalaureate degree.

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1151 c. An analysis of demand and unmet need for students
 1152 entering the specialized field of study at the baccalaureate
 1153 level.

1154 d. Justification for the program length if it exceeds 60
 1155 credit hours, including references to the common prerequisite
 1156 manual or other requirements for the baccalaureate degree. This
 1157 includes documentation of alignment between the exit
 1158 requirements of a Florida College System institution and the
 1159 admissions requirements of a baccalaureate program at a state
 1160 university to which students would typically transfer.

1161 e. Articulation agreements for graduates of the associate
 1162 in arts specialized transfer degree.

1163 f. Responses to the comments received under subparagraph
 1164 2.

1165 Section 21. Subsections (1) and (16) of section 1007.271,
 1166 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1167 1007.271 Dual enrollment programs.—

1168 (1) The dual enrollment program is the enrollment of an
 1169 eligible secondary student in this state or home education
 1170 student in this state in a postsecondary course creditable
 1171 toward high school completion and a career certificate or an
 1172 associate or baccalaureate degree. Postsecondary institutions
 1173 that are eligible to participate in the dual enrollment program
 1174 are Florida public postsecondary institutions and eligible not-
 1175 for-profit independent colleges and universities pursuant to s.

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1176 | 1011.62(1)(i). A student ~~who is~~ enrolled in postsecondary
 1177 | instruction that is not creditable toward a high school diploma
 1178 | may not be classified as a dual enrollment student.

1179 | (16) Students who ~~meet the eligibility requirements of~~
 1180 | ~~this section and who choose to~~ participate in dual enrollment
 1181 | programs are exempt from the payment of registration, tuition,
 1182 | and laboratory fees.

1183 | Section 22. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 1184 | 1008.2125, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1185 | 1008.2125 The Council for Early Grade Success.—

1186 | (1) The Council for Early Grade Success, a council as
 1187 | defined in s. 20.03(7), is created within the Department of
 1188 | Education to oversee the coordinated screening and progress
 1189 | monitoring program under s. 1008.25(9) for students in the
 1190 | Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program through grade 3 and,
 1191 | except as otherwise provided in this section, shall operate
 1192 | consistent with s. 20.052.

1193 | (a) The council shall be responsible for reviewing the
 1194 | implementation of, training for, and outcomes from the
 1195 | coordinated screening and progress monitoring program to provide
 1196 | recommendations to the department that support grade 3 students
 1197 | reading at or above grade level. The council, at a minimum,
 1198 | shall:

1199 | 1. Provide recommendations on the implementation of the
 1200 | coordinated screening and progress monitoring program, including

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1201 reviewing any procurement solicitation documents and criteria
 1202 before being published.

1203 2. Develop training plans and timelines for such training.

1204 3. Identify appropriate personnel, processes, and
 1205 procedures required for the administration of the coordinated
 1206 screening and progress monitoring program.

1207 4. Provide input on the methodology for calculating a
 1208 provider's or school's performance metric and designations under
 1209 s. 1002.68(3) ~~s. 1002.68(4)~~.

1210 5. Work with the department to review the methodology for
 1211 determining a child's kindergarten readiness.

1212 6. Review data on age-appropriate learning gains by grade
 1213 level that a student would need to attain in order to
 1214 demonstrate proficiency in reading by grade 3.

1215 7. Continually review anonymized data from the results of
 1216 the coordinated screening and progress monitoring program for
 1217 students in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program
 1218 through grade 3 to help inform recommendations to the department
 1219 that support practices that will enable grade 3 students to read
 1220 at or above grade level.

1221 Section 23. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4), paragraphs
 1222 (b) and (d) of subsection (5), and paragraph (a) of subsection
 1223 (9) of section 1008.25, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 1224 1008.25 Public school student progression; student
 1225 support; coordinated screening and progress monitoring;

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1226 reporting requirements.—

1227 (4) ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT.—

1228 (c) A student who has a substantial reading deficiency as
 1229 determined in paragraph (5) (a) or a substantial mathematics
 1230 deficiency as determined in paragraph (6) (a) must be covered by
 1231 a federally required student plan, such as an individual
 1232 education plan or an individualized progress monitoring plan, or
 1233 both, as necessary. The individualized progress monitoring plan
 1234 must be developed within 45 days after the results of the
 1235 coordinated screening and progress monitoring system become
 1236 available. The plan must, at a minimum, include:

1237 1. The student's specific, identified reading or
 1238 mathematics skill deficiency.

1239 2. Goals and benchmarks for student growth in reading or
 1240 mathematics.

1241 3. A description of the specific measures that will be
 1242 used to evaluate and monitor the student's reading or
 1243 mathematics progress.

1244 4. For a substantial reading deficiency, the specific
 1245 evidence-based literacy instruction grounded in the science of
 1246 reading which the student will receive.

1247 5. Strategies, resources, and materials that will be
 1248 provided to the student's parent to support the student to make
 1249 reading or mathematics progress. For a student with a
 1250 substantial reading deficiency, resources must include

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1251 information about the student's eligibility for the New Worlds
 1252 Reading Initiative under s. 1003.485.

1253 6. Any additional services the student's teacher deems
 1254 available and appropriate to accelerate the student's reading or
 1255 mathematics skill development.

1256 (5) READING DEFICIENCY AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION.—

1257 (b) A Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program student
 1258 who exhibits a substantial deficiency in early literacy skills
 1259 based upon the results of the administration of the midyear or
 1260 final coordinated screening and progress monitoring under
 1261 subsection (9) shall be referred to the local school district
 1262 and may be eligible to receive instruction in early literacy
 1263 skills before participating in kindergarten. A Voluntary
 1264 Prekindergarten Education Program student who scores below the
 1265 25th ~~40th~~ percentile on the final administration of the
 1266 coordinated screening and progress monitoring under subsection
 1267 (9) shall be referred to the local school district and is
 1268 eligible to receive early literacy skill instructional support
 1269 through a summer bridge program the summer before participating
 1270 in kindergarten. The summer bridge program must meet
 1271 requirements adopted by the department and shall consist of 4
 1272 hours of instruction per day for a minimum of 100 total hours. A
 1273 student with an individual education plan who has been retained
 1274 pursuant to paragraph (2) (g) and has demonstrated a substantial
 1275 deficiency in early literacy skills must receive instruction in

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1276 | early literacy skills.

1277 | (d) The parent of any student who exhibits a substantial
1278 | deficiency in reading, as described in paragraph (a), must be
1279 | immediately notified in writing of the following:

1280 | 1. That his or her child has been identified as having a
1281 | substantial deficiency in reading, including a description and
1282 | explanation, in terms understandable to the parent, of the exact
1283 | nature of the student's difficulty in learning and lack of
1284 | achievement in reading.

1285 | 2. A description of the current services that are provided
1286 | to the child.

1287 | 3. A description of the proposed intensive interventions
1288 | and supports that will be provided to the child that are
1289 | designed to remediate the identified area of reading deficiency.

1290 | 4. The student progression requirements under paragraph
1291 | (2)(h) and that if the child's reading deficiency is not
1292 | remediated by the end of grade 3, the child must be retained
1293 | unless he or she is exempt from mandatory retention for good
1294 | cause.

1295 | 5. Strategies, including multisensory strategies and
1296 | programming, through a read-at-home plan the parent can use in
1297 | helping his or her child succeed in reading. The read-at-home
1298 | plan must provide access to the resources identified in
1299 | paragraph (e).

1300 | 6. That the statewide, standardized English Language Arts

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1301 assessment is not the sole determiner of promotion and that
 1302 additional evaluations, portfolio reviews, and assessments are
 1303 available to the child to assist parents and the school district
 1304 in knowing when a child is reading at or above grade level and
 1305 ready for grade promotion.

1306 7. The district's specific criteria and policies for a
 1307 portfolio as provided in subparagraph (7)(b)4. and the evidence
 1308 required for a student to demonstrate mastery of Florida's
 1309 academic standards for English Language Arts. A school must
 1310 immediately begin collecting evidence for a portfolio when a
 1311 student in grade 3 is identified as being at risk of retention
 1312 or upon the request of the parent, whichever occurs first.

1313 8. The district's specific criteria and policies for
 1314 midyear promotion. Midyear promotion means promotion of a
 1315 retained student at any time during the year of retention once
 1316 the student has demonstrated ability to read at grade level.

1317 9. Information about the student's eligibility for the New
 1318 Worlds Reading Initiative under s. 1003.485 and the New Worlds
 1319 Scholarship Accounts under s. 1002.411 and information on parent
 1320 training modules and other reading engagement resources
 1321 available through the initiative.

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 1323 After initial notification, the school shall apprise the parent
 1324 at least monthly of the student's progress in response to the
 1325 intensive interventions and supports and the student's

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1326 | eligibility for the New Worlds Reading Initiative under s.
 1327 | 1003.485. Such communications must be in writing and must
 1328 | explain any additional interventions or supports that will be
 1329 | implemented to accelerate the student's progress if the
 1330 | interventions and supports already being implemented have not
 1331 | resulted in improvement. Upon the request of the parent, the
 1332 | teacher or school administrator shall meet to discuss the
 1333 | student's progress. The parent may request more frequent
 1334 | notification of the student's progress, more frequent
 1335 | interventions or supports, and earlier implementation of the
 1336 | additional interventions or supports described in the initial
 1337 | notification.

1338 | (9) COORDINATED SCREENING AND PROGRESS MONITORING SYSTEM.—

1339 | (a) The Department of Education, in collaboration with the
 1340 | Office of Early Learning, shall procure and require the use of a
 1341 | statewide, standardized coordinated screening and progress
 1342 | monitoring system for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
 1343 | Program and public schools. The system must:

1344 | 1. Measure student progress in meeting the appropriate
 1345 | expectations in early literacy and mathematics skills and in
 1346 | English Language Arts and mathematics standards as required by
 1347 | ss. 1002.67(1)(a) and 1003.41 and identify the educational
 1348 | strengths and needs of students.

1349 | 2. For students in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
 1350 | Program through grade 3, measure student performance in oral

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1351 language development, phonological and phonemic awareness,
 1352 knowledge of print and letters, decoding, fluency, vocabulary,
 1353 and comprehension, as applicable by grade level, and, at a
 1354 minimum, provide interval level and norm-referenced data that
 1355 measures equivalent levels of growth.

1356 3. Be a valid, reliable, and developmentally appropriate
 1357 computer-based direct instrument that provides screening and
 1358 diagnostic capabilities for monitoring student progress;
 1359 identifies students who have a substantial deficiency in reading
 1360 or mathematics, including identifying students with
 1361 characteristics of dyslexia, dyscalculia, and other learning
 1362 disorders; and informs instruction. Any student identified by
 1363 the system as having characteristics of dyslexia or dyscalculia
 1364 shall undergo further screening. Beginning with the 2023-2024
 1365 school year, the coordinated screening and progress monitoring
 1366 system must be computer-adaptive.

1367 4. Provide data for Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
 1368 Program accountability as required under s. 1002.68.

1369 5. Provide Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program
 1370 providers, school districts, schools, teachers, and parents with
 1371 data and resources that enhance differentiated instruction and
 1372 parent communication.

1373 6. Provide baseline data to the department of each
 1374 student's readiness for kindergarten. The determination of
 1375 kindergarten readiness must be based on the results of each

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1376 student's initial progress monitoring assessment in
 1377 kindergarten. The methodology for determining a student's
 1378 readiness for kindergarten must be developed by the department
 1379 and aligned to the methodology adopted pursuant to s. 1002.68(3)
 1380 ~~s. 1002.68(4)~~.

1381 7. Assess how well educational goals and curricular
 1382 standards are met at the provider, school, district, and state
 1383 levels and provide information to the department to aid in the
 1384 development of educational programs, policies, and supports for
 1385 providers, districts, and schools.

1386 Section 24. Subsection (2) of section 1008.47, Florida
 1387 Statutes, is amended to read:

1388 1008.47 Postsecondary education institution
 1389 accreditation.—

1390 (2) ACCREDITATION.—

1391 (a) ~~By September 1, 2022,~~ The Board of Governors or the
 1392 State Board of Education, as applicable, shall identify and
 1393 determine the accrediting agencies or associations best suited
 1394 to serve as an accreditor for public postsecondary institutions.
 1395 Such accrediting agencies or associations must be recognized by
 1396 the database created and maintained by the United States
 1397 Department of Education. Within 3 years ~~In the year~~ following
 1398 reaffirmation or fifth-year review by its accrediting agencies
 1399 or associations, each public postsecondary institution must seek
 1400 and obtain accreditation from an accrediting agency or

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1401 association identified by the Board of Governors or State Board
1402 of Education, respectively, before its next reaffirmation or
1403 fifth-year review date. The requirements in this section are
1404 limited to a one-time change in accreditation. The requirements
1405 of this subsection are not applicable to those professional,
1406 graduate, departmental, or certificate programs at public
1407 postsecondary institutions that have specific accreditation
1408 requirements or best practices, including, but not limited to,
1409 law, pharmacy, engineering, or other similarly situated
1410 educational programs.

1411 (b) Once a public postsecondary institution is required to
1412 seek and obtain accreditation from an agency or association
1413 identified pursuant to paragraph (a), the institution shall seek
1414 accreditation from an ~~a regional~~ accrediting agency or
1415 association and provide quarterly reports of its progress to the
1416 Board of Governors or State Board of Education, as applicable.
1417 If each ~~regional~~ accreditation agency or association identified
1418 pursuant to paragraph (a) has refused to grant candidacy status
1419 to an institution, the institution must seek and obtain
1420 accreditation from any accrediting agency or association that is
1421 different from its current accrediting agency or association and
1422 is recognized by the database created and maintained by the
1423 United States Department of Education. If a public postsecondary
1424 institution is not granted candidacy status before its next
1425 reaffirmation or fifth-year review date, the institution may

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1426 remain with its current accrediting agency or association.

1427 (c) This subsection expires December 31, 2032.

1428 Section 25. Subsection (7) of section 1009.21, Florida
 1429 Statutes, is amended to read:

1430 1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition
 1431 purposes.—Students shall be classified as residents or
 1432 nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in
 1433 postsecondary educational programs offered by charter technical
 1434 career centers or career centers operated by school districts,
 1435 in Florida College System institutions, and in state
 1436 universities.

1437 (7) A person may ~~shall~~ not lose his or her resident status
 1438 for tuition purposes solely by reason of his or her serving, or,
 1439 if such person is a dependent child, by reason of his or her
 1440 parent's or parents' serving outside this state as active duty
 1441 or civilian personnel:~~7~~

1442 (a) In the Armed Forces ~~outside this state~~.

1443 (b) On assignment for the United States Department of
 1444 State or Department of Defense.

1445 (c) Teaching at a Department of Defense Dependent School.

1446 Section 26. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section
 1447 1009.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1448 1009.25 Fee exemptions.—

1449 (1) The following students are exempt from the payment of
 1450 tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that

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1451 provides workforce education programs, Florida College System
 1452 institution, or state university:

1453 (e) A student who meets the definition of homeless
 1454 children and youths in s. 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless
 1455 Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. s. 11434a(2), as previously determined
 1456 by a public school in this state. This includes a student who
 1457 would otherwise meet the requirements of this paragraph, as
 1458 determined by a college or university, but for his or her
 1459 residence in college or university dormitory housing. The State
 1460 Board of Education may adopt rules and the Board of Governors
 1461 may adopt regulations regarding documentation and procedures to
 1462 implement this paragraph. Such rules and regulations must
 1463 consider documentation of a student's circumstance to be
 1464 adequate if such documentation meets the standards under 20
 1465 U.S.C. s. 1087uu-2(a). Any student who is determined to be a
 1466 homeless child or youth for a preceding award year is presumed
 1467 to be a homeless child or youth for each subsequent year unless
 1468 the student informs the institution that the student's
 1469 circumstances have changed or the institution has specific
 1470 conflicting information about the student's independence, and
 1471 has informed the student of this information. A distance
 1472 learning student residing out-of-state is ineligible for the
 1473 exemption in this paragraph.

1474 Section 27. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 1475 1009.893, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1476 | 1009.893 Benacquisto Scholarship Program.—

1477 | (4) In order to be eligible for an initial award under the
 1478 | scholarship program, a student must meet the requirements of
 1479 | paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

1480 | (a) A student who is a resident of this state, as
 1481 | determined in s. 1009.40 and rules of the State Board of
 1482 | Education, must:

1483 | 1. Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its
 1484 | equivalent pursuant to s. 1002.3105, s. 1003.4281, s. 1003.4282,
 1485 | or s. 1003.435 unless:

1486 | a. The student completes a home education program
 1487 | according to s. 1002.41; or

1488 | b. The student earns a high school diploma from a non-
 1489 | Florida school while living with a parent who is on military or
 1490 | public service assignment out of this state;

1491 | 2. Be accepted by and enroll in a Florida public or
 1492 | independent postsecondary educational institution that is
 1493 | regionally accredited; and

1494 | 3. Be enrolled full-time in a baccalaureate degree program
 1495 | at an eligible regionally accredited Florida public or
 1496 | independent postsecondary educational institution during the
 1497 | fall academic term following high school graduation. A student
 1498 | may defer the initial scholarship award for up to 1 year.

1499 | Section 28. Subsection (5) of section 1009.983, Florida
 1500 | Statutes, is amended to read:

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1501 1009.983 Direct-support organization; authority.—
 1502 (5) The chair of the board or a designee who possesses
 1503 knowledge, skill, and experience in the areas of accounting,
 1504 risk management, or investment management shall serve as a
 1505 director of the direct-support organization. The chair and the
 1506 executive director of the board shall jointly name, at a
 1507 minimum, four other individuals to serve as directors of the
 1508 organization.

1509 Section 29. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
 1510 1009.986, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1511 1009.986 Florida ABLE program.—

1512 (3) DIRECT-SUPPORT ORGANIZATION; FLORIDA ABLE, INC.—

1513 (d)1. The board of directors of Florida ABLE, Inc., shall
 1514 consist of:

1515 a. The chair of the Florida Prepaid College Board, or a
 1516 ~~his or her~~ designee who possesses knowledge, skill, and
 1517 experience in the areas of accounting, risk management, or
 1518 investment management.

1519 b. Up to three individuals who possess knowledge, skill,
 1520 and experience in the areas of accounting, risk management, or
 1521 investment management, one of whom may be a current member of
 1522 the Florida Prepaid College Board, who shall be appointed by the
 1523 Florida Prepaid College Board.

1524 c. One individual who possesses knowledge, skill, and
 1525 experience in the areas of accounting, risk management, or

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1526 investment management, who shall be appointed by the Governor.

1527 d. Two individuals who are advocates of persons with
 1528 disabilities, one of whom shall be appointed by the President of
 1529 the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of
 1530 the House of Representatives. At least one of the individuals
 1531 appointed under this sub-subparagraph must be an advocate of
 1532 persons with developmental disabilities, as that term is defined
 1533 in s. 393.063.

1534 2.a. The term of the appointees under sub-subparagraph
 1535 1.b. shall be up to 3 years as determined by the Florida Prepaid
 1536 College Board. Such appointees may be reappointed.

1537 b. The term of the appointees under sub-subparagraphs 1.c.
 1538 and d. shall be 3 years. Such appointees may be reappointed.

1539 3. Unless authorized by the board of directors of Florida
 1540 ABLE, Inc., an individual director has no authority to control
 1541 or direct the operations of Florida ABLE, Inc., or the actions
 1542 of its officers and employees.

1543 4. The board of directors of Florida ABLE, Inc.:

1544 a. Shall meet at least quarterly and at other times upon
 1545 the call of the chair.

1546 b. May use any method of telecommunications to conduct, or
 1547 establish a quorum at, its meetings or the meetings of a
 1548 subcommittee or other subdivision if the public is given proper
 1549 notice of the telecommunications meeting and provided reasonable
 1550 access to observe and, if appropriate, to participate.

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1551 c. Shall annually elect a board member to serve as chair.
 1552 5. A majority of the total current membership of the board
 1553 of directors of Florida ABLE, Inc., constitutes a quorum of the
 1554 board.
 1555 6. Members of the board of directors of Florida ABLE,
 1556 Inc., and the board's subcommittees or other subdivisions shall
 1557 serve without compensation; however, the members may be
 1558 reimbursed for reasonable, necessary, and actual travel expenses
 1559 pursuant to s. 112.061.
 1560 Section 30. Present paragraphs (h) and (i) of subsection
 1561 (17) of section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
 1562 paragraphs (i) and (j), respectively, and a new paragraph (h) is
 1563 added to that subsection, to read:
 1564 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual
 1565 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
 1566 district for operation of schools is not determined in the
 1567 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
 1568 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
 1569 follows:
 1570 (17) ACADEMIC ACCELERATION OPTIONS SUPPLEMENT.—The
 1571 academic acceleration options supplement is created to assist
 1572 school districts in providing academic acceleration options,
 1573 career-themed courses, and courses that lead to digital tool
 1574 certificates and industry certifications for prekindergarten
 1575 through grade 12 students and shall be allocated annually in the

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1576 General Appropriations Act.

1577 (h) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent
1578 membership based on Florida advanced courses and tests scores of
1579 students.—A value of 0.16 full-time equivalent student
1580 membership shall be calculated for each student in a Florida
1581 advanced course who achieves a minimum score on an assessment
1582 identified by the Department of Education pursuant to s.
1583 1007.27(2) and added to the total full-time equivalent student
1584 membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in the
1585 subsequent fiscal year. Each district shall allocate at least 80
1586 percent of the funds provided to the district for advanced
1587 course instruction, in accordance with this paragraph, to the
1588 high school that generates the funds. The school district shall
1589 distribute to each classroom teacher who provided the advanced
1590 course instruction:

1591 1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by
1592 the Florida advanced course teacher in each Florida advanced
1593 course who achieves a minimum score on an assessment identified
1594 by the Department of Education pursuant to s. 1007.27(2).

1595 2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each Florida advanced
1596 course teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F"
1597 who has at least one student who achieves a minimum score on an
1598 assessment identified by the Department of Education pursuant to
1599 s. 1007.27(2), regardless of the number of classes taught or of
1600 the number of students who achieve a minimum score on an

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1601 assessment identified by the Department of Education pursuant to
 1602 s. 1007.27(2).

1603 Section 31. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 1604 1011.69, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1605 1011.69 Equity in School-Level Funding Act.—

1606 (4) After providing Title I, Part A, Basic funds to
 1607 schools above the 75 percent poverty threshold, which may
 1608 include high schools above the 50 percent threshold as permitted
 1609 by federal law, school districts shall provide any remaining
 1610 Title I, Part A, Basic funds directly to all eligible schools as
 1611 provided in this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, an
 1612 eligible school is a school that is eligible to receive Title I
 1613 funds, including a charter school. The threshold for identifying
 1614 eligible schools may not exceed the threshold established by a
 1615 school district for the 2016-2017 school year or the statewide
 1616 percentage of economically disadvantaged students, as determined
 1617 annually.

1618 (a) Prior to the allocation of Title I funds to eligible
 1619 schools, a school district may withhold funds only as follows:

1620 1. One percent for parent involvement, in addition to the
 1621 one percent the district must reserve under federal law for
 1622 allocations to eligible schools for parent involvement;

1623 2. A necessary and reasonable amount for administration
 1624 which includes the district's indirect cost rate, not to exceed
 1625 a total of 10 percent;

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1626 3. A reasonable and necessary amount to provide:
 1627 a. Homeless programs;
 1628 b. Delinquent and neglected programs;
 1629 c. Prekindergarten programs and activities;
 1630 d. Private school equitable services; and
 1631 e. Transportation for foster care children to their school
 1632 of origin or choice programs; and

1633 4. A necessary and reasonable amount, not to exceed 1
 1634 percent, for eligible schools to provide educational services in
 1635 accordance with the approved Title I plan. Such educational
 1636 services may include the provision of STEM curricula,
 1637 instructional materials, and related learning technologies that
 1638 support academic achievement in science, technology,
 1639 engineering, and mathematics in Title I schools, including, but
 1640 not limited to, technologies related to drones, coding,
 1641 animation, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data science,
 1642 the engineering design process, mobile development, and
 1643 robotics. Funds may be reserved under this subparagraph only to
 1644 the extent that all required reservations under federal law have
 1645 been met and that such reservation does not reduce school-level
 1646 allocations below the levels required under federal law.

1647 Section 32. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.