

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to instruction for homebound and
 3 hospitalized students; amending s. 1003.57, F.S.;
 4 requiring districts to provide instruction to
 5 homebound or hospitalized students in accordance with
 6 state board rule; requiring certain provisions to be
 7 adopted in state board rule; providing an effective
 8 date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 1003.57,
 13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14 1003.57 Exceptional students instruction.—

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16 (b) Each district school board shall provide for an
 17 appropriate program of special instruction, facilities, and
 18 services for exceptional students as prescribed by the State
 19 Board of Education as acceptable. Each district program must,
 20 ~~including provisions that:~~

21 1. ~~The district school board~~ Provide the necessary
 22 professional services for diagnosis and evaluation of
 23 exceptional students. At least once every 3 years, the district
 24 school board must submit to the department its proposed
 25 procedures for the provision of special instruction and services
 26 for exceptional students.

27 2. ~~The district school board~~ Provide the special
 28 instruction, classes, and services, either within the district
 29 school system, in cooperation with other district school
 30 systems, or through contractual arrangements with approved
 31 private schools or community facilities that meet standards
 32 established by the commissioner.

33 3. ~~The district school board~~ Annually provide information
 34 describing the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind and all
 35 other programs and methods of instruction available to the
 36 parent of a sensory-impaired student.

37 4. ~~The district school board, once every 3 years, submit~~
 38 ~~to the department its proposed procedures for the provision of~~
 39 ~~special instruction and services for exceptional students.~~

40 4. Provide instruction to homebound or hospitalized
 41 students in accordance with this section and rules adopted by
 42 the state board, which must establish, at minimum, the
 43 following:

44 a. Criteria for eligibility of K-12 homebound or
 45 hospitalized students for specially designed instruction.

46 b. Procedures for determining student eligibility.

47 c. A list of appropriate methods for providing instruction
 48 to homebound or hospitalized students.

49 d. Requirements for initiating instructional services for
 50 a homebound or hospitalized student once the student is
 51 determined to be eligible.

52 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.