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# **Education & Employment Committee**

**February 21, 2024**

## **Action Packet**

**Paul Renner  
Speaker**

**Ralph Massullo  
Chair**

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Education & Employment Committee**

**2/21/2024 8:00AM**

**Location:** Morris Hall (17 HOB)

**Summary:**

**Education & Employment Committee**

*Wednesday February 21, 2024 08:00 am*

PCS for CS/CS/HB 929	Favorable	Yeas: 20	Nays: 0
PCS for CS/HB 1349	Favorable	Yeas: 19	Nays: 1
CS/HB 1353	Favorable With Committee Substitute	Yeas: 19	Nays: 0
Amendment 008913	Adopted Without Objection		
Amendment 772925	Adopted as Amended		

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**Attendance:**

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Ralph Massullo, MD (Chair)	X		
Douglas Bankson	X		
Melony Bell	X		
Jennifer Canady	X		
Kimberly Daniels	X		
Tiffany Esposito	X		
Randy Fine	X		
Gallop Franklin II	X		
Karen Gonzalez Pittman	X		
Traci Koster	X		
Stan McClain	X		
Lauren Melo	X		
Alex Rizo	X		
Dana Trabulsy	X		
Chase Tramont	X		
Kaylee Tuck	X		
Susan Valdés	X		
Katherine Waldron	X		
Patricia Williams	X		
Marie Woodson	X		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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# COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

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**Location:** Morris Hall (17 HOB)

**PCS for CS/CS/HB 929 : School Readiness Program**

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Douglas Bankson	X				
Melony Bell	X				
Jennifer Canady	X				
Kimberly Daniels	X				
Tiffany Esposito	X				
Randy Fine	X				
Gallop Franklin II	X				
Karen Gonzalez Pittman	X				
Traci Koster	X				
Stan McClain	X				
Lauren Melo	X				
Alex Rizo	X				
Dana Trabulsy	X				
Chase Tramont	X				
Kaylee Tuck	X				
Susan Valdés	X				
Katherine Waldron	X				
Patricia Williams	X				
Marie Woodson	X				
Ralph Massullo, MD (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 20</b>					
		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

**Appearances:**

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**PCS for CS/CS/HB 929 : School Readiness Program (continued)**

**Appearances: (continued)**

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**PCS for CS/HB 1349 : History and Instruction of Political and Socio-economic Systems**

*Favorable*

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Douglas Bankson	X				
Melony Bell	X				
Jennifer Canady	X				
Kimberly Daniels	X				
Tiffany Esposito	X				
Randy Fine	X				
Gallop Franklin II	X				
Karen Gonzalez Pittman	X				
Traci Koster	X				
Stan McClain	X				
Lauren Melo	X				
Alex Rizo	X				
Dana Trabulsy	X				
Chase Tramont	X				
Kaylee Tuck	X				
Susan Valdés	X				
Katherine Waldron	X				
Patricia Williams		X			
Marie Woodson	X				
Ralph Massullo, MD (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 19</b>		<b>Total Nays: 1</b>			

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**CS/HB 1353 : Early Learning**

*Favorable With Committee Substitute*

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Douglas Bankson	X				
Melony Bell	X				
Jennifer Canady			X		
Kimberly Daniels	X				
Tiffany Esposito	X				
Randy Fine	X				
Gallop Franklin II	X				
Karen Gonzalez Pittman	X				
Traci Koster	X				
Stan McClain	X				
Lauren Melo	X				
Alex Rizo	X				
Dana Trabulsy	X				
Chase Tramont	X				
Kaylee Tuck	X				
Susan Valdés	X				
Katherine Waldron	X				
Patricia Williams	X				
Marie Woodson	X				
Ralph Massullo, MD (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 19</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

**CS/HB 1353 Amendments**

**Amendment 008913**

*Adopted Without Objection*

**Amendment 772925**

*Adopted as Amended*

**Appearances:**

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**CS/HB 1353 : Early Learning (continued)**

**Appearances: (continued)**

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

- ADOPTED  (Y/N)
- ADOPTED AS AMENDED  (Y/N)
- ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION  (Y/N)
- FAILED TO ADOPT  (Y/N)
- WITHDRAWN  (Y/N)
- OTHER

*Adopted  
without  
objection  
2/21/24*

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education & Employment  
2 Committee

3 Representative Snyder offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section  
8 402.305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 402.305 · Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

10 (7) SANITATION AND SAFETY.—

11 (a) Minimum standards shall include requirements for  
12 sanitary and safety conditions, first aid treatment, emergency  
13 procedures, and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The  
14 minimum standards shall require that at least one staff person  
15 trained in person in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, as evidenced

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16 by current documentation of course completion, must be present  
17 at all times that children are present.

18 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 1002.61, Florida  
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 1002.61 Summer prekindergarten program delivered by public  
21 schools and private prekindergarten providers.—

22 (4) Notwithstanding ss. 1002.55(3)(c)1. and 1002.63(4),  
23 each public school and private prekindergarten provider must  
24 have, for each prekindergarten class, at least one  
25 prekindergarten instructor who is a certified teacher or holds  
26 one of the educational credentials specified in s. 1002.55(4)(a)  
27 or (b), or an educational credential specified in s.  
28 1002.55(3)(c)1. as long as the instructor has completed the  
29 early literacy micro-credential program under s. 1003.485. As  
30 used in this subsection, the term "certified teacher" means a  
31 teacher holding a valid Florida educator certificate under s.  
32 1012.56 who has the qualifications required by the district  
33 school board to instruct students in the summer prekindergarten  
34 program. In selecting instructional staff for the summer  
35 prekindergarten program, each school district shall give  
36 priority to teachers who have experience or coursework in early  
37 childhood education and have completed emergent literacy and  
38 performance standards courses, as provided for in s.  
39 1002.55(3)(c)2.

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40 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
41 1002.67, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

42 1002.67 Performance standards and curricula.—

43 (2)

44 (b) Each private prekindergarten provider's and public  
45 school's curriculum must be developmentally appropriate and  
46 must:

47 1. Be designed to prepare a student for early literacy and  
48 provide for instruction in early math skills;

49 2. Develop students' background knowledge through a  
50 content-rich and sequential knowledge building early literacy  
51 curriculum;

52 3. Enhance the age-appropriate progress of students in  
53 attaining the performance standards adopted by the department  
54 under subsection (1); and

55 4. Support student learning gains through differentiated  
56 instruction that must ~~shall~~ be measured by the coordinated  
57 screening and progress monitoring program under s. 1008.25(9). A  
58 private prekindergarten provider's or public school's curriculum  
59 may not use the coordinated screening and progress monitoring  
60 program or any other progress monitoring program for direct  
61 student instruction. A private prekindergarten provider or  
62 public school may not allow any student to view an electronic  
63 screen, commonly known as screen time, for more than 10 percent  
64 of the day. As used in this subparagraph, the term "screen"

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65 includes, but is not limited to, a television, a computer, a  
66 tablet, a virtual reality device, a mobile telephone, or a  
67 gaming console. Any such screen time must involve activities  
68 directly related to the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education  
69 Program standards. This limitation does not include  
70 administration of the coordinated screening and progress  
71 monitoring system as required under s. 1008.25(9).

72 Section 4. Paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section  
73 1002.68, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) of  
74 subsection (4) of that section is republished, to read:

75 1002.68 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program  
76 accountability.-

77 (4)

78 (c) The program assessment composite score and performance  
79 metric must be calculated for each private prekindergarten or  
80 public school site.

81 (6)

82 (d) A good cause exemption may not be granted to any  
83 private prekindergarten provider or public school that has any  
84 class I violations or three ~~two~~ or more of the same class II  
85 violations, as defined by rule of the Department of Children and  
86 Families, within the 2 years preceding the provider's or  
87 school's request for the exemption.

88 Section 5. Upon the expiration and reversion of the  
89 amendments made to section 1002.68, Florida Statutes, pursuant

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90 to section 6 of chapter 2023-240, Laws of Florida, paragraphs  
91 (a) and (f) of subsection (4) of section 1002.68, Florida  
92 Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) and paragraph (e) of  
93 subsection (6) of that section are republished, to read:

94 1002.68 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program  
95 accountability.—

96 (4)(a) Beginning with the 2023-2024 ~~2022-2023~~ program  
97 year, the department shall adopt a methodology for calculating  
98 each private prekindergarten provider's and public school  
99 provider's performance metric, which must be based on a  
100 combination of the following:

101 1. Program assessment composite scores under subsection  
102 (2), which must be weighted at no less than 50 percent.

103 2. Learning gains operationalized as change-in-ability  
104 scores from the initial and final progress monitoring results  
105 described in subsection (1).

106 3. Norm-referenced developmental learning outcomes  
107 described in subsection (1).

108 (f) The department shall adopt procedures to annually  
109 calculate each private prekindergarten provider's and public  
110 school's performance metric, based on the methodology adopted in  
111 paragraphs (a) and (b), and assign a designation under paragraph  
112 (d). Beginning with the 2024-2025 ~~2023-2024~~ program year, each  
113 private prekindergarten provider or public school shall be  
114 assigned a designation within 45 days after the conclusion of

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115 the school-year Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program  
116 delivered by all participating private prekindergarten providers  
117 or public schools and within 45 days after the conclusion of the  
118 summer Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program delivered by  
119 all participating private prekindergarten providers or public  
120 schools.

121 (5)(a) If a public school's or private prekindergarten  
122 provider's program assessment composite score for its  
123 prekindergarten classrooms fails to meet the minimum program  
124 assessment composite score for contracting adopted in rule by  
125 the department, the private prekindergarten provider or public  
126 school may not participate in the Voluntary Prekindergarten  
127 Education Program beginning in the consecutive program year and  
128 thereafter until the public school or private prekindergarten  
129 provider meets the minimum composite score for contracting. A  
130 public school or private prekindergarten provider may request  
131 one program assessment per program year in order to requalify  
132 for participation in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education  
133 Program, provided that the public school or private  
134 prekindergarten provider is not excluded from participation  
135 under ss. 1002.55(6), 1002.61(10)(b), 1002.63(9)(b), or  
136 paragraph (5)(b) of this section. If a public school or private  
137 prekindergarten provider would like an additional program  
138 assessment completed within the same program year, the public  
139 school or private prekindergarten provider shall be responsible

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140 for the cost of the program assessment.

141 (b) If a private prekindergarten provider's or public  
142 school's performance metric or designation falls below the  
143 minimum performance metric or designation, the early learning  
144 coalition shall:

145 1. Require the provider or school to submit for approval  
146 to the early learning coalition an improvement plan and  
147 implement the plan.

148 2. Place the provider or school on probation.

149 3. Require the provider or school to take certain  
150 corrective actions, including the use of a curriculum approved  
151 by the department under s. 1002.67(2)(c) and a staff development  
152 plan approved by the department to strengthen instructional  
153 practices in emotional support, classroom organization,  
154 instructional support, language development, phonological  
155 awareness, alphabet knowledge, and mathematical thinking.

156 (c) A private prekindergarten provider or public school  
157 that is placed on probation must continue the corrective actions  
158 required under paragraph (b) until the provider or school meets  
159 the minimum performance metric or designation adopted by the  
160 department. Failure to meet the requirements of subparagraphs  
161 (b)1. and 3. shall result in the termination of the provider's  
162 or school's contract to deliver the Voluntary Prekindergarten  
163 Education Program for a period of at least 2 years but no more  
164 than 5 years.

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165 (d) If a private prekindergarten provider or public school  
166 remains on probation for 2 consecutive years and fails to meet  
167 the minimum performance metric or designation, or is not granted  
168 a good cause exemption by the department, the department shall  
169 require the early learning coalition to revoke the provider's  
170 eligibility and the school district to revoke the school's  
171 eligibility to deliver the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education  
172 Program and receive state funds for the program for a period of  
173 at least 2 years but no more than 5 years.

174 (6)

175 (e) A private prekindergarten provider or public school  
176 granted a good cause exemption shall continue to implement its  
177 improvement plan and continue the corrective actions required  
178 under paragraph (5)(b) until the provider or school meets the  
179 minimum performance metric.

180 Section 6. Paragraph (j) of subsection (2) of section  
181 1002.82, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

182 1002.82 Department of Education; powers and duties.—

183 (2) The department shall:

184 (j) Monitor the alignment and consistency of the standards  
185 and benchmarks developed and adopted by the department that  
186 address the age-appropriate progress of children in the  
187 development of school readiness skills. The standards for  
188 children from birth to kindergarten entry in the school  
189 readiness program must be aligned with the performance standards

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190 adopted for children in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education  
191 Program and must address the following domains:

- 192 1. Approaches to learning.
- 193 2. Cognitive development and general knowledge.
- 194 3. Numeracy, language, and communication.
- 195 4. Physical development.
- 196 5. Executive functioning ~~Self-regulation~~.

197 Section 7. Present subsections (5) through (16) of section  
198 1002.83, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6)  
199 through (17), respectively, a new subsection (5) is added to  
200 that section, and subsection (3) of that section is amended, to  
201 read:

202 1002.83 Early learning coalitions.—

203 (3) The Governor shall appoint the chair and two other  
204 members of each early learning coalition, who must each meet the  
205 qualifications of a private sector business member under  
206 subsection (7) ~~(6)~~. In the absence of a governor-appointed  
207 chair, the Commissioner of Education may appoint an interim  
208 chair from the current early learning coalition board  
209 membership.

210 (5) Each early learning coalition may choose to appoint an  
211 additional public sector board member in order to include a  
212 representative of local law enforcement.

213 Section 8. Present paragraphs (h) through (s) of  
214 subsection (1) of section 1002.88, Florida Statutes, are

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215 redesignated as paragraphs (i) through (t), respectively, a new  
216 paragraph (h) is added to that subsection, and present  
217 paragraphs (n) and (p) of that subsection are amended, to read:

218 1002.88 School readiness program provider standards;  
219 eligibility to deliver the school readiness program.—

220 (1) To be eligible to deliver the school readiness  
221 program, a school readiness program provider must:

222 (h) Prohibit a child from birth to 3 years of age from  
223 viewing an electronic screen, commonly known as screen time. A  
224 student 4 years of age or older may have screen time for no more  
225 than 10 percent of the day. As used in this paragraph, the term  
226 "screen" includes, but is not limited to, a television, a  
227 computer, a tablet, a virtual reality device, a mobile  
228 telephone, or a gaming console.

229 (o)~~(n)~~ For a provider that is an informal provider, comply  
230 with the provisions of paragraph (n) ~~(m)~~ or maintain homeowner's  
231 liability insurance and, if applicable, a business rider. If an  
232 informal provider chooses to maintain a homeowner's policy, the  
233 provider must obtain and retain a homeowner's insurance policy  
234 that provides a minimum of \$100,000 of coverage per occurrence  
235 and a minimum of \$300,000 general aggregate coverage. The  
236 department may authorize lower limits upon request, as  
237 appropriate. An informal provider must add the coalition as a  
238 named certificateholder and as an additional insured. An  
239 informal provider must provide the coalition with a minimum of

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240 10 calendar days' advance written notice of cancellation of or  
241 changes to coverage. The general liability insurance required by  
242 this paragraph must remain in full force and effect for the  
243 entire period of the provider's contract with the coalition.

244 (q)~~(p)~~ Notwithstanding paragraph (n) ~~(m)~~, for a provider  
245 that is a state agency or a subdivision thereof, as defined in  
246 s. 768.28(2), agree to notify the coalition of any additional  
247 liability coverage maintained by the provider in addition to  
248 that otherwise established under s. 768.28. The provider shall  
249 indemnify the coalition to the extent permitted by s. 768.28.

250 Notwithstanding paragraph (n) ~~(m)~~, for a child development  
251 program that is accredited by a national accrediting body and  
252 operates on a military installation that is certified by the  
253 United States Department of Defense, the provider may  
254 demonstrate liability coverage by affirming that it is subject  
255 to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. ss. 2671 et seq.

256 Section 9. Subsection (4) of section 1002.89, Florida  
257 Statutes, is amended to read:

258 1002.89 School readiness program; funding.—

259 (4) COST REQUIREMENTS.—Costs shall be kept to the minimum  
260 necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the  
261 school readiness program with the highest priority of  
262 expenditure being direct services for eligible children.

263 However, no more than 5 percent of the funds allocated in  
264 paragraph (1)(a) may be used for administrative costs and no

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265 more than 22 percent of the funds allocated in paragraph (1) (a)  
266 may be used in any fiscal year for any combination of  
267 administrative costs, quality activities, and nondirect services  
268 as follows:

269 (a) Administrative costs as described in 45 C.F.R. s.  
270 98.54, which shall include monitoring providers using the  
271 standard methodology adopted under s. 1002.82 to improve  
272 compliance with state and federal regulations and law pursuant  
273 to the requirements of the statewide provider contract adopted  
274 under s. 1002.82(2) (m).

275 (b) Activities to improve the quality of child care as  
276 described in 45 C.F.R. s. 98.53, which shall be limited to the  
277 following:

278 1. Developing, establishing, expanding, operating, and  
279 coordinating resource and referral programs specifically related  
280 to the provision of comprehensive consumer education to parents  
281 and the public to promote informed child care choices specified  
282 in 45 C.F.R. s. 98.33.

283 2. Awarding grants and providing financial support to  
284 school readiness program providers and their staff to assist  
285 them in meeting applicable state requirements for the program  
286 assessment required under s. 1002.82(2) (n), child care  
287 performance standards, implementing developmentally appropriate  
288 curriculum under s. 1002.82(2) (1) ~~curricula~~ and related  
289 classroom resources that support parent engagement ~~curricula~~,

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290 ~~providing~~ literacy supports, ~~and~~ providing continued  
291 professional development and training through the Teacher  
292 Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH) Scholarship Program  
293 under s. 1002.95, and reimbursement for background screenings.  
294 Any grants awarded pursuant to this subparagraph must ~~shall~~  
295 comply with ss. 215.971 and 287.058.

296 3. Providing training, technical assistance, and financial  
297 support to school readiness program providers, staff, and  
298 parents on standards, child screenings, child assessments, the  
299 ~~child development research and best practices,~~ developmentally  
300 appropriate curriculum under s. 1002.82(2)(1), executive  
301 functioning curricula, ~~character development,~~ teacher-child  
302 interactions, age-appropriate discipline practices, health and  
303 safety, nutrition, first aid, in person cardiopulmonary  
304 resuscitation, the recognition of communicable diseases, and  
305 child abuse detection, prevention, and reporting.

306 4. Providing, from among the funds provided for the  
307 activities described in subparagraphs 1.-3., adequate funding  
308 for infants and toddlers as necessary to meet federal  
309 requirements related to expenditures for quality activities for  
310 infant and toddler care.

311 5. Improving the monitoring of compliance with, and  
312 enforcement of, applicable state and local requirements as  
313 described in and limited by 45 C.F.R. s. 98.40.

314 6. Responding to Warm-Line requests by providers and

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315 parents, including providing developmental and health screenings  
316 to school readiness program children.

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318 By July 1, 2026, all training and professional development  
319 provided by an early learning coalition under this paragraph  
320 must be aligned with the early learning professional development  
321 standards and career pathways under s. 1002.995.

322 (c) Nondirect services as described in applicable Office  
323 of Management and Budget instructions are those services not  
324 defined as administrative, direct, or quality services that are  
325 required to administer the school readiness program. Such  
326 services include, but are not limited to:

327 1. Assisting families to complete the required application  
328 and eligibility documentation.

329 2. Determining child and family eligibility.

330 3. Recruiting eligible child care providers.

331 4. Processing and tracking attendance records.

332 5. Developing and maintaining a statewide child care  
333 information system.

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335 As used in this paragraph, the term "nondirect services" does  
336 not include payments to school readiness program providers for  
337 direct services provided to children who are eligible under s.  
338 1002.87, administrative costs as described in paragraph (a), or  
339 quality activities as described in paragraph (b).

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340 Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to early learning; amending s.

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402.305, F.S.; requiring that at least one staff

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person receive in-person cardiopulmonary resuscitation

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training; amending s. 1002.61, F.S.; revising

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requirements for prekindergarten instructors; amending

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s. 1002.67, F.S.; providing that private

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prekindergarten provider or public school curricula

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may not use a certain coordinated screening and

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progress monitoring program or other specified methods

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for direct student instruction; providing a limitation

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for which a private prekindergarten provider or public

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school may allow students to view an electronic

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screen; defining the term "screen"; requiring that

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such time involve certain activities; providing that

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the limitation does not include the required

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administration of the screening and monitoring system;

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amending s. 1002.68, F.S.; revising circumstances

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under which a good cause exemption may not be granted;

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revising requirements with respect to performance

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/HB 1353 (2024)

Amendment No. 1

365 metric methodology and the assignment of designations  
366 under the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program;  
367 republishing reverted provisions of law pursuant to  
368 ch. 2023-240, Laws of Florida; amending s. 1002.82,  
369 F.S.; revising the performance standards adopted by  
370 the Department of Education relating to the Voluntary  
371 Prekindergarten Education Program; amending s.  
372 1002.83, F.S.; authorizing an early learning coalition  
373 to appoint a certain additional board member; amending  
374 s. 1002.88, F.S.; requiring a school readiness program  
375 provider to prohibit certain students from viewing  
376 electronic screens; authorizing certain students to  
377 view electronic screens for a specified amount of  
378 time; defining the term "screen"; amending s. 1002.89,  
379 F.S.; revising school readiness program expenditures  
380 that are subject to certain cost requirements;  
381 requiring that certain training be provided by a  
382 specified date; providing an effective date.

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Bill No. CS/HB 1353 (2024)

Amendment No. 2

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u>      </u>	

*Adopted  
w/ out  
objection  
2/21/24*

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education & Employment  
2 Committee

3 Representative Bartleman offered the following:

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5 **Amendment to Amendment (772925) by Representative Snyder**  
6 **(with title amendment)**

7 Remove lines 256-258 of the amendment and insert:  
8 Section 9. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
9 1002.87, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10 1002.87 School readiness program; eligibility and  
11 enrollment.—

12 (1) Each early learning coalition shall give priority for  
13 participation in the school readiness program as follows:

14 (c) Subsequent priority shall be given, based on the early  
15 learning coalition's local priorities identified under s.

16 1002.85(2)(i), to children who meet the following criteria:

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17           1. A child from birth to the beginning of the school year  
18 for which the child is eligible for admission to kindergarten in  
19 a public school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2. who is from a working  
20 family that is economically disadvantaged, and may include such  
21 child's eligible siblings, beginning with the school year in  
22 which the sibling is eligible for admission to kindergarten in a  
23 public school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2. until the beginning of  
24 the school year in which the sibling is eligible to begin 6th  
25 grade, provided that the first priority for funding an eligible  
26 sibling is local revenues available to the coalition for funding  
27 direct services.

28           2. A child of a parent who transitions from the work  
29 program into employment as described in s. 445.032 from birth to  
30 the beginning of the school year for which the child is eligible  
31 for admission to kindergarten in a public school under s.  
32 1003.21(1)(a)2.

33           3. An at-risk child who is at least 9 years of age but  
34 younger than 13 years of age. An at-risk child whose sibling is  
35 enrolled in the school readiness program within an eligibility  
36 priority category listed in paragraphs (a) and (b) and  
37 subparagraph 1. shall be given priority over other children who  
38 are eligible under this paragraph.

39           4. A child who is younger than 13 years of age from a  
40 working family that is economically disadvantaged.

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41 5. A child of a parent who transitions from the work  
42 program into employment as described in s. 445.032 who is  
43 younger than 13 years of age.

44 6.a. A child who has special needs ~~and~~ has been  
45 determined eligible as a student who requires additional  
46 accommodations beyond those required by the Americans with  
47 Disabilities Act. The child's special needs and associated  
48 accommodations must be validated by a licensed health care  
49 professional, licensed mental health professional, or  
50 educational psychologist. Such person may not be the child's  
51 parent or a person employed by a child care provider. The  
52 following documentation must be used to determine the child's  
53 eligibility for such accommodations:

54 I. ~~with a disability, has~~ A current individual education  
55 plan with a Florida school district; ~~and is not younger than 3~~  
56 ~~years of age.~~

57 II. A current individualized family support plan;

58 III. A diagnosed special need; or

59 IV. A determination of required accommodations.

60 b. The child care provider of a child who meets the  
61 requirements of this subparagraph may be eligible for additional  
62 funding through the special needs differential allocation to  
63 implement the special needs rate as determined in s.  
64 1002.89(1)(d) ~~needs child eligible under this paragraph remains~~

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65 ~~eligible until the child is eligible for admission to~~  
66 ~~kindergarten in a public school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2.~~

67 7. A child who otherwise meets one of the eligibility  
68 criteria in paragraphs (a) and (b) and subparagraphs 1. and 2.  
69 but who is also enrolled concurrently in the federal Head Start  
70 Program and the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.

71 Section 10. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and subsection  
72 (4) of section 1002.89, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

73 1002.89 School readiness program; funding.—

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

78 (d) Special needs differential allocation.—There is  
79 created the special needs differential allocation to assist  
80 eligible school readiness program providers to implement the  
81 special needs rate provisions defined in the state's approved  
82 Child Care and Development Fund Plan. Subject to legislative  
83 appropriation, each early learning coalition shall be reimbursed  
84 based on actual expenditures. All expenditures from the special  
85 needs differential allocation shall be used by the department to  
86 help meet federal targeted requirements for improving quality to  
87 the extent allowable in the state's approved plan. A school  
88 readiness program provider is eligible for funding through the

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89 allocation to implement the special needs differential rate upon  
90 meeting all of the following requirements by July 1, 2025:

91 1. If the provider has a program assessment score, the  
92 score must meet or exceed the composite score established by the  
93 department.

94 2. The provider has completed 10 hours of training in  
95 inclusive early childhood or inclusive school-age education  
96 practices within the preceding 2-year period with the provider  
97 completing an additional 10 hours of such training each  
98 subsequent 5-year period as specified by the department.

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Remove lines 378-379 of the amendment and insert:  
103 time; defining the term "screen"; amending s. 1002.87,  
104 F.S.; revising the criteria for a child to receive  
105 priority for participation in the school readiness  
106 program; conforming provisions to changes made by the  
107 act; amending s. 1002.89, F.S.; providing requirements  
108 for a school readiness program provider to be eligible  
109 to receive specified funding; revising school  
110 readiness program expenditures