

CHAPTER 2020-72

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 156

An act relating to the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program; amending s. 1003.481, F.S.; extending the scheduled expiration of the pilot program; revising an eligibility requirement; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; requiring the University of Florida's College of Education to collaborate with Florida International University's school of music for evaluation of the pilot program; requiring that the evaluation be shared with the Florida Center for Partnerships in Arts-Integrated Teaching; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1003.481, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.481 Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program.—

(1) ~~Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year,~~ The Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program is created within the Department of Education ~~for a period of 3 school years.~~ The purpose of the pilot program is to assist selected school districts in implementing comprehensive music education programs for students in kindergarten through grade 2.

(2) ~~In order for~~ A school district ~~is to be~~ eligible for participation in the pilot program ~~if~~; the superintendent certifies ~~must certify~~ to the Commissioner of Education, in a format prescribed by the department, that specified elementary schools ~~each elementary school~~ within the district have ~~has~~ established a comprehensive music education program that:

(a) Includes all students at the school enrolled in kindergarten through grade 2.

(b) Is staffed by certified music educators.

(c) Provides music instruction for at least 30 consecutive minutes 2 days a week.

(d) Complies with class size requirements under s. 1003.03.

(e) Complies with the department's standards for early childhood music education programs for students in kindergarten through grade 2.

(3)(a) The commissioner shall select school districts for participation in the pilot program, subject to legislative appropriation, based on the school district's proximity to the University of Florida and needs-based criteria established by the State Board of Education. Selected school districts shall annually receive \$150 per full-time equivalent student in kindergarten

through grade 2 who is enrolled in a comprehensive music education program.

(b) To maintain eligibility for participation in the pilot program, a selected school district must annually certify to the commissioner, in a format prescribed by the department, that each specified elementary school within the district provides a comprehensive music education program that meets the requirements of subsection (2). If a selected school district fails to provide the annual certification for a fiscal year, the school district must return all funds received through the pilot program for that fiscal year.

(4) The University of Florida’s College of Education, in collaboration with Florida International University’s School of Music, shall evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program by measuring student academic performance and the success of the program. The evaluation must include, but is not limited to, a quantitative analysis of student achievement and a qualitative evaluation of students enrolled in the comprehensive music education programs. The results of the evaluation must be shared with the Florida Center for Partnerships for Arts-Integrated Teaching upon completion of the evaluation.

(5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to administer this section.

(6) This section expires June 30, ~~2022~~ 2020.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Approved by the Governor June 23, 2020.

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