

By Senator Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Early Childhood Music Education
3 Incentive Pilot Program; amending s. 1003.481, F.S.;
4 extending the scheduled expiration of the pilot
5 program; providing an effective date.

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

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

11 1003.481 Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot
12 Program.—

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

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

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

27 (b) Is staffed by certified music educators.

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

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

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

34 (3) (a) The commissioner shall select school districts for
35 participation in the pilot program, subject to legislative
36 appropriation, based on the school district's proximity to the
37 University of Florida and needs-based criteria established by
38 the State Board of Education. Selected school districts shall
39 annually receive \$150 per full-time equivalent student in
40 kindergarten through grade 2 who is enrolled in a comprehensive
41 music education program.

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

51 (4) The University of Florida's College of Education shall
52 evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program by measuring
53 student academic performance and the success of the program. The
54 evaluation must include, but is not limited to, a quantitative
55 analysis of student achievement and a qualitative evaluation of
56 students enrolled in the comprehensive music education programs.

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

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

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.