

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Brandes

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to the competency-based innovation  
3 pilot program; establishing a competency-based  
4 innovation pilot program within the Department of  
5 Education; defining the term "competency-based  
6 education"; authorizing certain schools to apply to  
7 the department for approval of a competency-based  
8 innovation pilot program; specifying information to be  
9 included in the application; authorizing certain  
10 waivers; providing reporting and funding requirements  
11 for students participating in the pilot program at  
12 participating schools; requiring the department to  
13 compile certain information and provide access to  
14 statewide, standardized assessments; requiring the  
15 department to submit an annual report to the Governor  
16 and the Legislature by a specified date; specifying  
17 the contents of the annual report; providing for  
18 expiration of the pilot program; providing an  
19 effective date.

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

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23 Section 1. Competency-based innovation pilot program.—  
24 Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, a competency-based  
25 innovation pilot program is established within the Department of  
26 Education.

27 (1) For the purposes of this section, the term "competency-  
28 based education" means a system in which a student may advance  
29 to higher levels of learning after demonstrating a mastery of  
30 concepts and skills instead of after a specified timeframe.

31 (2) Public schools in Lake and Pinellas Counties, P.K.  
32 Yonge Developmental Research School, and school districts or

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33 charter schools designated by the Commissioner of Education may  
34 submit an application to the department for approval of a  
35 competency-based innovation pilot program. The application shall  
36 be submitted on a form provided and by a date specified by the  
37 department and must include, but need not be limited to, the  
38 following:

39 (a) A vision for the pilot program, including a timeline  
40 for the program and the timeframe for districtwide  
41 implementation of competency-based education.

42 (b) Annual goals and performance outcomes that  
43 participating schools must meet, including, but not limited to:

44 1. Student performance, as defined in s. 1008.34, Florida  
45 Statutes.

46 2. Promotion and retention rates.

47 3. Graduation rates.

48 4. Indicators of college and career readiness.

49 (c) A communication plan for stakeholders, including  
50 businesses and community members.

51 (d) A scope of, and a timeline for, professional  
52 development.

53 (e) A plan for student progression based on mastery of  
54 concepts and skills, including proposed methods to determine the  
55 degree to which a student has attained mastery of concepts and  
56 skills.

57 (f) A plan for using technology and digital and blended  
58 learning to enhance student achievement and to facilitate  
59 competency-based education.

60 (g) A plan for how resources will be allocated for the  
61 pilot program at both the district and school levels.

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62       (h) The recruitment and selection of participating schools.

63       (i) Rules to be waived, as authorized in subsection (3), as  
64 necessary to implement the program.

65       (3) In addition to the waivers provided in s. 1001.10(3),  
66 Florida Statutes, the State Board of Education may authorize the  
67 Commissioner of Education to grant waivers relating to the  
68 awarding of credit and pupil progression.

69       (4) Students participating in the pilot program at  
70 participating schools shall be reported and generate funding  
71 consistent with the requirements of s. 1011.62, Florida  
72 Statutes.

73       (5) The department shall:

74       (a) Compile student and staff schedules before and after  
75 implementation of the pilot program.

76       (b) Provide access to statewide, standardized assessments  
77 pursuant to s. 1008.22(3), Florida Statutes.

78       (c) By June 1 of each year, provide a report summarizing  
79 the activities and accomplishments of the pilot programs and any  
80 recommendations for statutory revisions for statewide  
81 implementation to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and  
82 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

83       (6) This section expires June 30, 2021.

84       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.