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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Appropriations Committee on Education (Jones) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1321 and 1322

insert:

Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 1002.421, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.421 State school choice scholarship program accountability and oversight.—

(3) COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION AUTHORITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—

The Commissioner of Education:



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11 (c) May permanently deny or revoke the authority of an
12 owner or operator to establish or operate a private school in
13 the state and include such individual on the disqualification
14 list maintained by the department pursuant to s. 1001.10(4)(b)
15 if the commissioner decides that the owner or operator:

16 1. Is operating or has operated an educational institution
17 in the state or another state or jurisdiction in a manner
18 contrary to the health, safety, or welfare of the public; or

19 2. Has operated an educational institution that closed
20 during the school year. An individual may be removed from the
21 disqualification list if the individual reimburses the
22 department or eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding
23 organization the amount of scholarship funds received by the
24 educational institution during the school year in which it
25 closed, and shall include such individuals on the
26 disqualification list maintained by the department pursuant to
27 s. 1001.10(4)(b).

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29 The commissioner's order suspending payment pursuant to this
30 paragraph may be appealed pursuant to the same procedures and
31 timelines as the notice of proposed action set forth in
32 subparagraph (d)2.

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35 And the title is amended as follows:

36 Delete line 58

37 and insert:

38 1002.40, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending
39 s. 1002.421, F.S.; revising the Commissioner of



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Education's authority and obligations relating to the
state school choice scholarship program; creating