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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WITHDRAWN	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>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Children, Families &
2 Seniors Subcommittee
3 Representative Anderson offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 377-395 and insert:

Section 11. Section 1002.935, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

1002.935 School Readiness Subsidy Program.—The school
readiness subsidy program is created within the Department of
Education to support the continued school readiness and child
care needs of children and working families. The program is
contingent upon a legislative appropriation and is provided on a
first-come, first-served basis.

(1) (a) A child who is determined ineligible for school
readiness funds, due to family income, during the annual

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17 eligibility determination pursuant to s. 1002.87(6), is eligible
18 for a subsidy under this section if the family income is at or
19 above eighty-five percent of the state median income but is at or
20 below one hundred percent of the state median income.

21 (b) The early learning coalitions established in s.
22 1002.83 shall administer the school readiness subsidy program
23 and provide participants with access to the benefit management
24 and career planning tool described in s. 445.009(1) (k).

25 (2) (a) The amount of the subsidy shall be a percentage of
26 the early learning coalition's approved school readiness
27 provider reimbursement rates as calculated pursuant to s.
28 1002.84(17). Early learning coalitions shall consider family
29 income and a required parent copayment, that increases in
30 relation to the family income, when establishing the percentage.

31 (b) The amount of the subsidy and parent copayment must be
32 sufficient to provide the family access to child care providers
33 pursuant to s. 1002.88, and enable the parent to achieve self-
34 sufficiency.

35 (3) For a parent to receive a subsidy, the parent must:

36 (a) Submit an application to the early learning coalition
37 in a format prescribed by the Department of Education.

38 (b) Provide the documentation necessary to verify the
39 parent's eligibility to receive the subsidy.

40 (c) Be responsible for the payment of all child care
41 expenses in excess of the amount of the subsidy.

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Remove lines 44-45 and insert:

Such report; creating s. 1002.935, F.S.; establishing the school
readiness child care subsidy program; providing eligibility;
requiring each early learning coalition to administer the
program;