

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to kindergarten readiness rates;
3 amending s. 1002.69, Florida Statutes; excluding
4 certain students from kindergarten readiness rate
5 calculations; 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. Subsection (5) of section 1002.69, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 1002.69 Statewide kindergarten screening; kindergarten
12 readiness rates; state-approved prekindergarten enrollment
13 screening; good cause exemption.—

14 (5) The office shall adopt procedures to annually
15 calculate each private prekindergarten provider's and public
16 school's kindergarten readiness rate, which must be expressed as
17 the percentage of the provider's or school's students who are
18 assessed as ready for kindergarten. The methodology for
19 calculating each provider's kindergarten readiness rate must
20 include student learning gains when available and the percentage
21 of students who meet all state readiness measures. The rates
22 must not include students who are not administered the statewide
23 kindergarten screening or students who, upon starting
24 kindergarten, are identified to receive English language
25 instruction for limited English proficient students under s.

26 | 1003.56. The office shall determine learning gains using a
27 | value-added measure based on growth demonstrated by the results
28 | of the preassessment and postassessment from at least 2
29 | successive years of administration of the preassessment and
30 | postassessment.

31 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.