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2 An act relating to the Competency-Based Education  
3 Pilot Program; creating s. 1003.4996, F.S.; creating  
4 the Competency-Based Education Pilot Program;  
5 providing for participation in the program and  
6 application requirements; exempting participating  
7 school districts from specified rules; providing for  
8 funding of students enrolled in participating schools;  
9 providing duties of the Department of Education;  
10 providing for rulemaking; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 1003.4996, Florida Statutes, is created  
15 to read:

16 1003.4996 Competency-Based Education Pilot Program.—  
17 Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the Competency-Based  
18 Education Pilot Program is created within the Department of  
19 Education to be administered for a period of 5 years. The  
20 purpose of the pilot program is to provide an educational  
21 environment that allows students to advance to higher levels of  
22 learning upon the mastery of concepts and skills through  
23 statutory exemptions relating to student progression and the  
24 awarding of credits.

25 (1) PARTICIPATION.—The P. K. Yonge Developmental Research  
26 School and the Lake, Palm Beach, Pinellas, and Seminole County



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27 School Districts may submit an application in a format  
28 prescribed by the department to participate in the pilot  
29 program.

30 (2) APPLICATION.—The application to participate in the  
31 pilot program must, at a minimum, include:

32 (a) The vision and timelines for the implementation of  
33 competency-based education within the school district, including  
34 a list of the schools that will participate in the pilot program  
35 during the first school year and the list of schools that will  
36 be integrated into the program in subsequent school years.

37 (b) The annual goals and performance outcomes for  
38 participating schools, including, but not limited to:

- 39 1. Student performance as defined in s. 1008.34.  
40 2. Promotion and retention rates.  
41 3. Graduation rates.  
42 4. Indicators of college and career readiness.

43 (c) A communication plan for parents and other  
44 stakeholders, including local businesses and community members.

45 (d) The scope of and timelines for professional  
46 development for school instructional and administrative  
47 personnel.

48 (e) A plan for student progression based on the mastery of  
49 content, including mechanisms that determine and ensure that a  
50 student has satisfied the requirements for grade-level promotion  
51 and content mastery.

52 (f) A plan for using technology and digital and blended



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53 learning to enhance student achievement and facilitate the  
54 competency-based education system.

55 (g) The proposed allocation of resources for the pilot  
56 program at the school and district levels.

57 (h) The recruitment and selection of participating  
58 schools.

59 (i) The rules to be waived for participating schools  
60 pursuant to subsection (3) to implement the pilot program.

61 (3) EXEMPTION FROM RULES.—In addition to the waivers  
62 authorized in s. 1001.10(3), the State Board of Education may  
63 authorize the commissioner to grant an additional waiver of  
64 rules relating to student progression and the awarding of  
65 credits.

66 (4) STUDENT FUNDING.—Students enrolled in a participating  
67 school shall be reported for and generate funding pursuant to s.  
68 1011.62.

69 (5) DEPARTMENT DUTIES.—The department shall:

70 (a) Compile the student and staff schedules of  
71 participating schools before and after implementation of the  
72 pilot program.

73 (b) Provide participating schools with access to  
74 statewide, standardized assessments required under s. 1008.22.

75 (c) Annually, by June 1, provide to the Governor, the  
76 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
77 Representatives a report summarizing the activities and  
78 accomplishments of the pilot program and any recommendations for



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79 statutory revisions.

80 (6) RULES.—The State Board of Education shall adopt rules  
81 to administer this section.

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