

HB 37

2013

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to high school diploma options;
3 requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
4 Government Accountability, in conjunction with the
5 Department of Education, to conduct a study on the
6 creation of a high school graduation option that
7 focuses on career-technical education and workforce
8 development and leads to a career-technical education
9 diploma; providing requirements for the study with
10 recommendations to the Legislature; providing an
11 effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
16 Government Accountability, in conjunction with the Department of
17 Education, shall conduct a study on the creation of a 4-year
18 high school graduation option that focuses on career-technical
19 education and workforce development at the high school level.
20 The study shall include, but is not limited to:

21 (a) The feasibility of offering students the option of
22 pursuing a career-technical education diploma, distinct from the
23 standard high school diploma, which provides workforce readiness
24 and requires at a minimum that a student earn at least one
25 national industry certification identified in the Industry
26 Certification Funding List pursuant to rules adopted by the
27 State Board of Education.

28 (b) The identification of course requirements for a
29 career-technical education diploma and overlapping course
30 requirements for a career-technical education diploma and the
31 standard high school diploma, with a view to enabling a student
32 to switch between diploma options.

33 (c) The potential use of career and professional
34 academies, internships, the Florida Ready to Work Certification
35 Program, and other relevant career and technical education
36 programs.

37 (d) A timeframe for implementing a career-technical
38 education graduation option and diploma if determined to be
39 feasible.

40 (2) The study shall build upon the information and
41 findings reported in the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
42 Government Accountability Report No. 11-05.

43 (3) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
44 Accountability shall submit the results of the study with
45 recommendations to the President of the Senate and the Speaker
46 of the House of Representatives by December 1, 2013.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.