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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)

ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION _____ (Y/N)

FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)

WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)

OTHER _____

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Higher Education &
2 Workforce Subcommittee
3 Representative Raburn offered the following:
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5   **Amendment (with title amendment)**
6   Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
7   Section 1. Subsection (43) is added to section 570.07,
8 Florida Statutes, to read:
9   570.07 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
10 functions, powers, and duties.—The department shall have and
11 exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:
12   (43) In cooperation with the Institute of Food and
13 Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida and the
14 College of Agriculture and Food Sciences at Florida Agriculture
15 and Mechanical University, annually provide to the State Board
16 of Education and the Department of Education information and
17 industry certifications for farm occupations to be considered

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18 for placement on the Industry Certification Funding List and the

19 Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List pursuant to s.

20 1008.44. Information and industry certifications provided by the

21 department must be based upon the best available data.

22   Section 2. Section 1003.492, Florida Statutes, is amended

23 to read:

24   1003.492 Industry-certified career education programs.—

25   (1) Secondary schools offering career-themed courses, as

26 defined in s. 1003.493(1)(b), and career and professional

27 academies shall be coordinated with the relevant and appropriate

28 industry to prepare a student for further education or for

29 employment in that industry.

30   (2) Industry certification as used in this section is a

31 voluntary process through which students are assessed by an

32 independent, third-party certifying entity using predetermined

33 standards for knowledge, skills, and competencies, resulting in

34 the award of a time-limited credential that is nationally

35 recognized and must be at least one of the following:

36   (a) Within an industry that addresses a critical local or

37 statewide economic need;

38   (b) Linked to an occupation that is included in the

39 workforce system's targeted occupation list; or

40   (c) Linked to an occupation that is identified as

41 emerging.

42   (3)(2) The State Board of Education shall use the

43 expertise of Workforce Florida, Inc., and the Department of

44 Agriculture and Consumer Services, to develop and adopt rules

45 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 for implementing an

46 industry certification process.

47   (a) For nonfarm occupations,~ industry certification shall

48 be ~~defined by the Department of Economic Opportunity,~~ based upon

49 the highest available national standards for specific industry

50 certification~ to ensure student skill proficiency and to

51 address emerging labor market and industry trends. A regional

52 workforce board or a school principal may apply to Workforce

53 Florida, Inc., to request additions to the approved list of

54 industry certifications based on high-skill, high-wage, and

55 high-demand job requirements in the regional economy. ~~The list~~

56 ~~of industry certifications approved by Workforce Florida, Inc.,~~

57 ~~and the Department of Education shall be published and updated~~

58 ~~annually by a date certain, to be included in the adopted rule.~~

59   (b) For farm occupations submitted pursuant to s. 570.07,

60 industry certification shall demonstrate student skill

61 proficiency and be based upon the best available data to address

62 critical local or statewide economic needs.

63   (4) The list of industry certifications approved by

64 Workforce Florida, Inc., the Department of Agriculture and

65 Consumer Services, and the Department of Education shall be

66 published and updated annually by a date certain, to be included

67 in the adopted rule.

68   (5)~~(3)~~ The Department of Education shall collect student

69 achievement and performance data in industry-certified career

70 education programs and career-themed courses and shall work with
71 Workforce Florida, Inc., and the Department of Agriculture and
72 Consumer Services in the analysis of collected data. The data
73 collection and analyses shall examine the performance of
74 participating students over time. Performance factors shall
75 include, but not be limited to, graduation rates, retention
76 rates, Florida Bright Futures Scholarship awards, additional
77 educational attainment, employment records, earnings, industry
78 certification, and employer satisfaction. The results of this
79 study shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and the
80 Speaker of the House of Representatives annually by December 31.
81   Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 1003.4935, Florida
82 Statutes, is amended to read:
83   1003.4935 Middle grades career and professional academy
84 courses and career-themed courses.—
85   (3) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, if a school
86 district implements a middle school career and professional
87 academy or a career-themed course, the Department of Education
88 shall collect and report student achievement data pursuant to
89 performance factors identified under s. 1003.492(5) 1003.492(3)
90 for students enrolled in an academy or a career-themed course.
91   Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.
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95   **T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

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96   Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

97 An act relating to agricultural industry certifications;

98 amending s. 570.07, F.S.; requiring the Department of

99 Agriculture and Consumer Services to annually provide to the

100 State Board of Education and the Department of Education

101 information and industry certifications for farm occupations to

102 be considered for placement on industry certification funding

103 lists; amending s. 1003.492, F.S.; defining industry

104 certification as part of career education programs; requiring

105 the state board to adopt rules for implementing an industry

106 certification process for farm occupations; amending s.

107 1003.4935, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an

108 effective date