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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to high school graduation requirements; providing additional science and language requirements; revising the minimum grade point average; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and in addition to other requirements, beginning with the 1998-1999 school year, the requirements for a standard high school diploma in this state include:

(a) Two credits in algebra and one credit in geometry, as determined by the state board.

(b) One credit in biology, one credit in chemistry, and one credit in physics, or their equivalents, as determined by the state board.

(c) Two credits in the same foreign language. A student whose native language is not English is exempt from this requirement if the student demonstrates proficiency in the native language. American sign language constitutes a foreign language.

(2) To receive a high school diploma, a student must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average in the subjects required in subsection (1).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Revises high school graduation requirements. Requires algebra, geometry, biology, chemistry, physics, and foreign language credits.