

By the Committee on Education and Senator Turner

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to high school graduation
3 requirements; providing mathematics, science,
4 and language requirements for the college-ready
5 diploma; providing a minimum grade-point
6 average; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law
11 to the contrary and in addition to other requirements, the
12 requirements for a college-ready high school diploma in this
13 state include:

14 (a) Two credits in algebra and one credit in geometry
15 or higher-level mathematics courses, or their equivalents, as
16 determined by the state board.

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

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

25 (2) To receive a high school diploma, a student must
26 have a minimum 2.0 grade-point average in the subjects
27 required for graduation.

28 (3) The provisions of this section apply only to
29 students entering grade 9 in the 1999-2000 school year and
30 thereafter.

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

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SB 1536

The committee substitute differs from SB 1536 as follows:
The requirements of the bill apply to students entering grade 9 in the 1999-2000 school year.
Higher level mathematics courses may be substituted for algebra and geometry.
The 2.0 grade point average required for graduation is changed to an overall grade point average.
The requirements are applicable only to the college-ready diploma.