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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to courses of study; amending
s. 232.246, F.S.; requiring instruction in
parenting skills to be included in the one-half
credit in life management skills required for
graduation from high school; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section
232.246, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to
read:

232.246 General requirements for high school
graduation.--

(1) Graduation requires successful completion of
either a minimum of 24 academic credits in grades 9 through 12
or an International Baccalaureate curriculum. The 24 credits
shall be distributed as follows:

(i) One-half credit in life management skills to
include consumer education, positive emotional development,
marriage and relationship skill-based education, nutrition,
parenting skills, prevention of human immunodeficiency virus
infection and acquired immune deficiency syndrome and other
sexually transmissible diseases, benefits of sexual abstinence
and consequences of teenage pregnancy, information and
instruction on breast cancer detection and breast
self-examination, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, drug
education, and the hazards of smoking. Such credit shall be
given for a course to be taken by all students in either the
9th or 10th grade.

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2 School boards may award a maximum of one-half credit in social
3 studies and one-half elective credit for student completion of
4 nonpaid voluntary community or school service work. Students
5 choosing this option must complete a minimum of 75 hours of
6 service in order to earn the one-half credit in either
7 category of instruction. Credit may not be earned for service
8 provided as a result of court action. School boards that
9 approve the award of credit for student volunteer service
10 shall develop guidelines regarding the award of the credit,
11 and school principals are responsible for approving specific
12 volunteer activities. A course designated in the Course Code
13 Directory as grade 9 through grade 12 which is taken below the
14 9th grade may be used to satisfy high school graduation
15 requirements or Florida Academic Scholar's Certificate Program
16 requirements as specified in a district's pupil progression
17 plan.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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21 HOUSE SUMMARY

22 Requires instruction in parenting skills to be included
23 in the one-half credit in life management skills required
24 for graduation from high school.
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