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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, 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.

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

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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19 HOUSE SUMMARY

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