

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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Representative(s) Alexander offered the following:

**Amendment to Amendment (720813) (with title amendment)**

On page 1, between lines 17 & 18, of the amendment

insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (c) 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:

(a) Four credits in English, with major concentration in composition and literature.

(b) Three credits in mathematics. Effective for students entering the 9th grade in the 1997-1998 school year and thereafter, one of these credits must be Algebra I, a series of courses equivalent to Algebra I, or a higher-level mathematics course.

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1           (c) Three credits in science, two of which must have a  
2 laboratory component. The State Board of Education may grant  
3 an annual waiver of the laboratory requirement to a school  
4 district that certifies that its laboratory facilities are  
5 inadequate, provided the district submits a capital outlay  
6 plan to provide adequate facilities and makes the funding of  
7 this plan a priority of the school board. Effective July 1,  
8 2001, Agriscience Foundations I, the core course in secondary  
9 Agriscience and Natural Resources programs, counts as one of  
10 the science credits.

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14 And the title is amended as follows:

15           On page 80, line 12, of the amendment after assistance

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17 insert:

18           amending s. 232.246, F.S.; allowing Agriscience

19           to count as a science course;

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