

Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

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11 Representative(s) Alexander offered the following:

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13 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

14 On page 5, line 5, of the bill

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16 insert:

17 Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
18 232.246, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19 232.246 General requirements for high school
20 graduation.--

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

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

27 (b) Three credits in mathematics. Effective for
28 students entering the 9th grade in the 1997-1998 school year
29 and thereafter, one of these credits must be Algebra I, a
30 series of courses equivalent to Algebra I, or a higher-level
31 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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And the title is amended as follows:

On page 1, line 19, after the semicolon

insert:

amending s. 232.246, F.S.; allowing Agriscience
to count as a science course;