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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to requirements for high school
3 graduation; amending s. 1003.43, F.S.; requiring that
4 instruction in parenting skills be included within the
5 one-half credit in life management skills required for
6 graduation from high school; 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. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section
11 1003.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1003.43 General requirements for high school graduation.--

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

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

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29 District school boards may award a maximum of one-half credit in
30 social studies and one-half elective credit for student



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31 completion of nonpaid voluntary community or school service
32 work. Students choosing this option must complete a minimum of
33 75 hours of service in order to earn the one-half credit in
34 either category of instruction. Credit may not be earned for
35 service provided as a result of court action. District school
36 boards that approve the award of credit for student volunteer
37 service shall develop guidelines regarding the award of the
38 credit, and school principals are responsible for approving
39 specific volunteer activities. A course designated in the Course
40 Code Directory as grade 9 through grade 12 that is taken below
41 the 9th grade may be used to satisfy high school graduation
42 requirements or Florida Academic Scholars award requirements as
43 specified in a district school board's student progression plan.
44 A student shall be granted credit toward meeting the
45 requirements of this subsection for equivalent courses, as
46 identified pursuant to s. 1007.271(6), taken through dual
47 enrollment.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.