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A bill to be entitled  
 An act relating to career and technical education in the public schools; creating s. 1003.492, F.S.; providing for pilot projects designed to blend into the middle school curriculum elements of career and technical education; providing goals of the pilot projects; requiring an evaluation component; requiring the Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement to review the pilot projects and provide recommendations; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1003.492, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1003.492 Career and technical education pilot projects.--

(1) It is the purpose of this section to authorize the Broward County District School Board and the Duval County District School Board to implement pilot projects that more clearly and systematically blend into the middle school curriculum elements of career and technical education for the purpose of achieving the following goals:

(a) Exploring with middle school students how they can successfully live and work in a culturally diverse world.

(b) Helping middle school students recognize their interests, aptitudes, and abilities, and understand adult roles in the world of work.

(c) Helping middle school students understand the broad scope of work and career possibilities available currently and in the future.



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31 (d) Helping middle school students to broaden their  
32 aspirations beyond the stereotypes of gender, socioeconomic  
33 status, and ethnicity.

34 (e) Integrating career and technical education into the  
35 general middle school academic curriculum in order to promote  
36 intellectual development and the acquisition of higher-level  
37 thinking and problem-solving skills.

38 (f) Assisting with middle school students' development of  
39 social skills, personal values, and self-esteem.

40 (g) Working with the families of middle school students to  
41 support their children's career aspirations.

42 (2) Beginning in the 2003-2004 school year, the Broward  
43 County District School Board and the Duval County District  
44 School Board shall implement pilot projects in at least two and  
45 no more than four middle schools in each school district  
46 designed to meet the goals in subsection (1). Middle schools  
47 selected shall be representative of both high and low scoring  
48 schools as measured by the Florida Comprehensive Assessment  
49 Test. Each pilot project may target all students in each middle  
50 school selected for the pilot projects.

51 (3) Instructional and administrative staff from each  
52 middle school selected for a pilot project and responsible for  
53 implementing each project shall consult with their respective  
54 regional workforce board, provided for in s. 445.007, in  
55 developing each pilot project and to assist in providing  
56 technical assistance and resources towards achieving the goals  
57 of the pilot project.

58 (4) Each pilot project shall have an evaluation component  
59 designed and conducted by the district school board or designed  
60 and conducted pursuant to a contract with a university school of



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61 education in consultation with the Council for Education Policy  
62 Research and Improvement provided for in s. 1008.51.

63 (5) The Council for Education Policy Research and  
64 Improvement is responsible for reviewing each pilot project's  
65 evaluation and providing a report by January 1, 2005, to the  
66 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
67 Representatives on the effectiveness of each pilot project, with  
68 recommendations and suggestions for expanding the programs  
69 statewide.

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