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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to high school graduation options;
 3 amending s. 1003.429, F.S.; revising credit requirements
 4 for the accelerated high school graduation career
 5 preparatory program; providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1003.429, Florida
 10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 1003.429 Accelerated high school graduation options.--

12 (1) Beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, all students
 13 scheduled to graduate in 2004 and thereafter may select one of
 14 the following three high school graduation options:

15 (a) Completion of the general requirements for high school
 16 graduation pursuant to s. 1003.43;

17 (b) Completion of a 3-year standard college preparatory
 18 program requiring successful completion of a minimum of 18
 19 academic credits in grades 9 through 12. The 18 credits shall be
 20 primary requirements and shall be distributed as follows:

21 1. Four credits in English, with major concentration in
 22 composition and literature;

23 2. Three credits in mathematics at the Algebra I level or
 24 higher from the list of courses that qualify for state
 25 university admission;

26 3. Three credits in natural science, two of which must
 27 have a laboratory component;

28 4. Three credits in social sciences;

29 5. Two credits in the same second language unless the
 30 student is a native speaker of or can otherwise demonstrate

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31 competency in a language other than English. If the student
 32 demonstrates competency in another language, the student may
 33 replace the language requirement with two credits in other
 34 academic courses; and

35 6. Three credits in electives; or

36 (c) Completion of a 3-year career preparatory program
 37 requiring successful completion of a minimum of 18 academic
 38 credits in grades 9 through 12. The 18 credits shall be primary
 39 requirements and shall be distributed as follows:

40 1. Four credits in English, with major concentration in
 41 composition and literature;

42 2. Three credits in mathematics, one of which must be
 43 Algebra I;

44 3. Three credits in natural science, two of which must
 45 have a laboratory component;

46 4. Three credits in social sciences;

47 5. Two credits in the same second language unless the
 48 student is a native speaker of or can otherwise demonstrate
 49 competency in a language other than English. If the student
 50 demonstrates competency in another language, the student may
 51 replace the language requirement with two credits in other
 52 academic courses. For students scheduled to graduate in 2007 and
 53 thereafter, two credits in the same second language or two
 54 credits in vocational education, one credit of which may be a
 55 career class, shall be required; and

56 6. Three credits in electives. For students scheduled to
 57 graduate in 2007 and thereafter, three elective credits in a
 58 vocational program of study shall be required.

59 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.