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The Committee on Education Appropriations (Constantine)
recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 46, line 25, through
page 51, line 8, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 24. Section 1003.429, Florida Statutes, is
amended to read:

1003.429 Accelerated high school graduation options.--

(1) Students who enter grade 9 in the 2006-2007
~~2004-2005~~ school year and thereafter may select, upon receipt
of each consent required by this section, one of the following
three high school graduation options:

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

(b) Completion of a 3-year standard college
preparatory program requiring successful completion of a
minimum of 18 academic credits in grades 9 through 12. At
least 6 of the 18 credits required for completion of this

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1 program must be received in classes that are offered pursuant
 2 to the International Baccalaureate Program, the Advanced
 3 Placement Program ~~honors, dual enrollment, advanced placement,~~
 4 ~~International Baccalaureate,~~ Advanced International
 5 Certificate of Education, or specifically listed or identified
 6 by the Department of Education as rigorous pursuant to s.
 7 1009.531(3), ~~or weighted by the district school board for~~
 8 ~~class ranking purposes~~. The 18 credits required for completion
 9 of this program shall be primary requirements and shall be
 10 distributed as follows:

- 11 1. Four credits in English, with major concentration
 12 in composition and literature;
- 13 2. Three credits in mathematics at the Algebra I level
 14 or higher from the list of courses that qualify for state
 15 university admission;
- 16 3. Three credits in natural science, two of which must
 17 have a laboratory component;
- 18 4. Three credits in social sciences, which must
 19 include one credit in American history, one credit in world
 20 history, one-half credit in American government, and one-half
 21 credit in economics;
- 22 5. Two credits in the same second language unless the
 23 student is a native speaker of or can otherwise demonstrate
 24 competency in a language other than English. If the student
 25 demonstrates competency in another language, the student may
 26 replace the language requirement with two credits in other
 27 academic courses; and
- 28 6. Three credits in electives; or
- 29 (c) Completion of a 3-year career preparatory program
 30 requiring successful completion of a minimum of 18 academic
 31 credits in grades 9 through 12. The 18 credits shall be

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1 primary requirements and shall be distributed as follows:

2 1. Four credits in English, with major concentration
3 in composition and literature;

4 2. Three credits in mathematics, one of which must be
5 Algebra I;

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

8 4. Three credits in social sciences, which must
9 include one credit in American history, one credit in world
10 history, one-half credit in American government, and one-half
11 credit in economics;

12 5. Three credits in a single vocational or career
13 education program, three credits in career and technical
14 certificate dual enrollment courses, or five credits in
15 vocational or career education courses; and

16 6. Two credits in electives unless five credits are
17 earned pursuant to subparagraph 5.

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19 Any student who selected an accelerated graduation program
20 before July 1, 2004, may continue that program, and all
21 statutory program requirements that were applicable when the
22 student made the program choice shall remain applicable to the
23 student as long as the student continues that program.

24 (2) Prior to selecting a program described in
25 paragraph (1)(b) or paragraph (1)(c), a student and the
26 student's parent must meet with designated school personnel to
27 receive an explanation of the relative requirements,
28 advantages, and disadvantages of each program option, and the
29 student must also receive the written consent of the student's
30 high school principal, high school guidance counselor, and
31 parent. ~~the following requirements must be met:~~

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1 ~~(a) Designated school personnel shall meet with the~~
 2 ~~student and student's parent to give an explanation of the~~
 3 ~~relative requirements, advantages, and disadvantages of each~~
 4 ~~graduation option.~~

5 ~~(b) The student shall submit to the high school~~
 6 ~~principal and guidance counselor a signed parental consent to~~
 7 ~~enter the 3-year accelerated graduation program.~~

8 ~~(c) The student shall have achieved at least an FCAT~~
 9 ~~reading achievement level of 3, an FCAT mathematics~~
 10 ~~achievement level of 3, and an FCAT Writing score of 3 on the~~
 11 ~~most recent assessments taken by the student.~~

12 (3) Beginning with the 2006-2007 ~~2004-2005~~ school
 13 year, each district school board shall provide each student in
 14 grades 6 through 9 and their parents with information
 15 concerning the 3-year and 4-year high school graduation
 16 options listed in subsection (1), including the respective
 17 curriculum requirements for those options, so that the
 18 students and their parents may select the program
 19 ~~postsecondary education or career plan~~ that best fits their
 20 needs. The information must ~~shall~~ include a timeframe for
 21 achieving each graduation option.

22 (4) Selection of one of the graduation options listed
 23 in subsection (1) must be completed by the student prior to
 24 the end of grade 9 and is exclusively up to the student and
 25 parent, subject to the requirements in subsection (2). Each
 26 district school board shall establish policies for extending
 27 this deadline to the end of a student's first semester of
 28 grade 10 for a student who entered a Florida public school
 29 after grade 9 upon transfer from a private school or another
 30 state or who was prevented from choosing a graduation option
 31 due to illness during grade 9. If the student and parent fail

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1 to select a graduation option, the student shall be considered
2 to have selected the general requirements for high school
3 graduation pursuant to paragraph (1)(a).

4 (5) District school boards may ~~shall~~ not establish
5 requirements for accelerated 3-year high school graduation
6 options in excess of the requirements in paragraphs (1)(b) and
7 (c).

8 (6) Students pursuing accelerated 3-year high school
9 graduation options pursuant to paragraph (1)(b) or paragraph
10 (1)(c) are required to:

11 (a) Earn passing scores on the FCAT as defined in s.
12 1008.22(3)(c) or scores on a standardized test that are
13 concordant with passing scores on the FCAT as defined in s.
14 1008.22(9).

15 (b)1. Achieve a cumulative ~~weighted~~ grade point
16 average of 3.5 ~~3.0~~ on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the
17 courses required for the ~~college preparatory~~ accelerated
18 3-year high school graduation ~~options~~ option pursuant to
19 ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (1)(b) and (c); and ~~or~~

20 2. Receive a grade no lower than a "B" or its
21 equivalent, representing at least 3.0 points on a 4.0 scale,
22 in any course taken in connection with an accelerated 3-year
23 program under paragraphs (1)(b) and (c). If any student
24 participating in an accelerated 3-year program does not meet
25 this requirement, the student shall be required to complete
26 the general requirements for high school graduation pursuant
27 to s. 1003.43.

28 (7) A student who selects an accelerated 3-year
29 graduation program may change at any time to the 4-year
30 program set forth in s. 1003.43.

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 On page 4, lines 11-13, delete those lines

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5 and insert:

6 standard college preparatory program;

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