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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the general requirements for high school graduation; amending s. 1003.43, F.S.; providing that the completion of a course in electricity, as specified, counts as one substitutional credit in science which has a laboratory component; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 1003.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.43 General requirements for high school graduation.--

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

(c) Three credits in science, two of which must have a laboratory component. Agriscience Foundations I, the core course in secondary Agriscience and Natural Resources programs, counts as one of the science credits. Electricity 1-3, consisting of student performance standards number 8727210, 8727220, and 8727230, which are the core sequence courses in the secondary electrical program, counts as one substitutional science credit having a laboratory component for a student in grades 11 through 12.

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

1 completion of nonpaid voluntary community or school service
2 work. Students choosing this option must complete a minimum
3 of 75 hours of service in order to earn the one-half credit in
4 either category of instruction. Credit may not be earned for
5 service provided as a result of court action. District school
6 boards that approve the award of credit for student volunteer
7 service shall develop guidelines regarding the award of the
8 credit, and school principals are responsible for approving
9 specific volunteer activities. A course designated in the
10 Course Code Directory as grade 9 through grade 12 that is
11 taken below the 9th grade may be used to satisfy high school
12 graduation requirements or Florida Academic Scholars award
13 requirements as specified in a district school board's student
14 progression plan. A student shall be granted credit toward
15 meeting the requirements of this subsection for equivalent
16 courses, as identified pursuant to s. 1007.271(6), taken
17 through dual enrollment.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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21 SENATE SUMMARY

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23 as specified, satisfies a requirement for high school
24 graduation by counting as one substitutional credit in
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