

1 receipt of the student's declaration of intent to terminate
2 school enrollment. The student's guidance counselor or other
3 school personnel must conduct an exit interview with the
4 student to determine the reasons for the student's decision to
5 terminate school enrollment and actions that could be taken to
6 keep the student in school. The student must be informed of
7 opportunities to continue his or her education in a different
8 environment, including, but not limited to, adult education
9 and GED test preparation. Additionally, the student must
10 complete a survey in a format prescribed by the Department of
11 Education to provide data on student reasons for terminating
12 enrollment and actions taken by schools to keep students
13 enrolled. The school must also assign a counselor or other
14 school personnel to the student who shall serve as a resource
15 for educational information until the student attains the age
16 of 18.

17 Section 2. Present subsections (9) through (11) of
18 section 1003.428, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
19 subsections (10) through (12), respectively, and a new
20 subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:

21 1003.428 General requirements for high school
22 graduation; revised.--

23 (9) Each student who is in the second semester of the
24 9th grade, or any student who is withdrawing from school
25 without graduating or transferring to another school, must be
26 given instruction that includes a detailed discussion of the
27 relative advantages and disadvantages of the following:

28 (a) The value of a high school education, both
29 financially and culturally;

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1 (b) The alternative assessments, such as the SAT and
2 the ACT, the scores of which could help the student obtain a
3 high school diploma; and

4 (c) The secondary and postsecondary options that are
5 available, including secondary career and professional academy
6 opportunities, workforce training, and enrolling in a
7 community college or university, and the prerequisites to
8 each, with or without a diploma.

9 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
10 law.

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12 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
13 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
14 SB's 336 and 416

15 The committee substitute:

16 Requires that 9th grade students, prior to the second
17 semester, and students who withdraw from public school without
18 graduating or transferring to another school must be provided
19 instruction regarding the financial and cultural value of a
20 high school education, alternative assessments through which
the student might obtain a high school diploma, available
opportunities to participate in career academies, and
workforce training and postsecondary education options that
are available to the student; and

21 Requires the school to assign a counselor or other school
22 personnel to serve as a resource for educational information
23 for any student who withdraws without graduating or
transferring to another school, until the student reaches 18
years of age.