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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Wise moved the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (413008) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete lines 20 - 62

5 and insert:

6           Section 3. Section 4 of this act may be cited as the  
7 "Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Education Act."

8           Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
9 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10           1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades  
11 promotion.—

12           (1) Beginning with students entering grade 6 in the 2006-



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13 2007 school year, promotion from a school composed of middle  
14 grades 6, 7, and 8 requires that:

15 (a) The student must successfully complete academic courses  
16 as follows:

17 1. Three middle school or higher courses in English. These  
18 courses shall emphasize literature, composition, and technical  
19 text.

20 2. Three middle school or higher courses in mathematics.  
21 Each middle school must offer at least one high school level  
22 mathematics course for which students may earn high school  
23 credit.

24 3. Three middle school or higher courses in social studies,  
25 one semester of which must include the study of state and  
26 federal government and civics education. Beginning with students  
27 entering grade 6 in the 2011-2012 school year, the one-semester  
28 civics education course must include, at minimum, the roles and  
29 responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments; the  
30 structures and functions of the legislative, executive, and  
31 judicial branches of government; and the meaning and  
32 significance of historic documents, such as the Articles of  
33 Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, and the  
34 Constitution of the United States.

35 4. Three middle school or higher courses in science.

36 5. One course in career and education planning to be  
37 completed in 7th or 8th grade. The course may be taught by any  
38 member of the instructional staff; must include career  
39 exploration using Florida CHOICES for the 21st Century or a  
40 comparable cost-effective program; must include educational  
41 planning using the online student advising system known as



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42 Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students at the  
43 Internet website FACTS.org; and shall result in the completion  
44 of a personalized academic and career plan.

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46 Each school must hold a parent meeting either in the evening or  
47 on a weekend to inform parents about the course curriculum and  
48 activities. Each student shall complete an electronic personal  
49 education plan that must be signed by the student; the student's  
50 instructor, guidance counselor, or academic advisor; and the  
51 student's parent. ~~By January 1, 2007,~~ The Department of  
52 Education shall develop course frameworks and professional  
53 development materials for the career exploration and education  
54 planning course. The course may be implemented as a stand-alone  
55 course or integrated into another course or courses. The  
56 Commissioner of Education shall collect longitudinal high school  
57 course enrollment data by student ethnicity in order to analyze  
58 course-taking patterns.

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60 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

61 And the title is amended as follows:

62 Delete lines 278 - 279

63 and insert:

64 Program; creating the "Justice Sandra Day O'Connor  
65 Civics Education Act"; amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.;  
66 requiring that a student successfully complete a  
67 civics course covering certain subject matter for  
68 middle-grades promotion beginning with certain  
69 students during a specified school year; amending s.  
70 1003.429, F.S.; revising