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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to career and technical education in
3 public schools; providing for pilot projects in Broward
4 County, Duval County, Miami-Dade County, and Palm Beach
5 County which are designed to incorporate the elements of
6 career and technical education into the middle school
7 curriculum; providing goals for the pilot projects;
8 requiring that the Broward County District School Board,
9 the Duval County District School Board, the Miami-Dade
10 County District School Board, and the Palm Beach County
11 District School Board implement the pilot projects in a
12 certain number of middle schools within each of their
13 respective districts; authorizing each of the district
14 school boards to enter into a contract with a
15 postsecondary educational institution to carry out the
16 goals of the pilot projects; requiring that instructional
17 and administrative staff from each middle school selected
18 for a pilot project consult with their respective regional
19 workforce board to implement the projects; requiring that
20 each district school board and postsecondary educational
21 institution, if applicable, develop criteria and evaluate
22 each pilot project in consultation with the Council for
23 Education Policy Research and Improvement; requiring that
24 the council review the evaluations for the pilot projects
25 and submit a report to the Legislature by a specified
26 date; providing an effective date.

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

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30 Section 1. (1) The purpose of this section is to
31 authorize the Broward County District School Board, the Duval
32 County District School Board, the Miami-Dade County District
33 School Board, and the Palm Beach County District School Board to
34 implement pilot projects that more clearly and systematically
35 incorporate the elements of career and technical education into
36 the middle school curriculum in order to achieve the following
37 goals:

38 (a) Exploring with middle school students how they can
39 successfully live and work in a culturally diverse world.

40 (b) Helping middle school students recognize their
41 interests, aptitudes, and abilities, and understand adult roles
42 in the world of work.

43 (c) Helping middle school students understand the broad
44 scope of work and career possibilities available currently and
45 in the future.

46 (d) Helping middle school students to broaden their
47 aspirations beyond the stereotypes of gender, socioeconomic
48 status, and ethnicity.

49 (e) Integrating career and technical education into the
50 general middle school academic curriculum in order to promote
51 intellectual development and the acquisition of higher-level
52 thinking and problem-solving skills.

53 (f) Assisting with middle school students' development of
54 social skills, personal values, and self-esteem.

55 (g) Working with the families of middle school students to
56 support their children's career aspirations.

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57 (2) Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, the Broward
58 County District School Board, the Duval County District School
59 Board, the Miami-Dade County District School Board, and the Palm
60 Beach County District School Board shall implement pilot
61 projects in at least two but no more than four middle schools in
62 each of their respective school districts. The district school
63 boards may enter into a contract with a postsecondary
64 educational institution to carry out the goals of the pilot
65 projects. The middle schools that are selected to participate in
66 the pilot projects shall be representative of both high and low
67 scoring schools as measured by the Florida Comprehensive
68 Assessment Test. All students who are enrolled in each of the
69 middle schools may participate in the pilot projects.

70 (3) Instructional and administrative staff from each
71 middle school selected for participation in the pilot project
72 shall consult with their respective regional workforce board, as
73 provided in s. 445.007, Florida Statutes, to develop and
74 implement each pilot project. The regional workforce board shall
75 provide technical assistance and resources to the middle schools
76 in order to achieve the goals provided in subsection (1).

77 (4) Each district school board and postsecondary
78 educational institution, if applicable, shall develop criteria
79 for evaluating each pilot project in consultation with the
80 Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement, created
81 in s. 1000.01, Florida Statutes.

82 (5) The council shall review each evaluation and submit a
83 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
84 House of Representatives by January 1, 2012, regarding the

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85 | effectiveness of each pilot project, including recommendations
86 | for implementing the projects on a statewide basis.

87 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.