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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to career and education planning; amending  
3           s. 1003.4156, F.S.; requiring career exploration in  
4           specified fields to be included in a career and education  
5           planning course required for middle grades promotion;  
6           providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
11   1003.4156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12           1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades  
13   promotion.—

14           (1) Beginning with students entering grade 6 in the 2006-  
15   2007 school year, promotion from a school composed of middle  
16   grades 6, 7, and 8 requires that:

17           (a) The student must successfully complete academic  
18   courses as follows:

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

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

26           3. Three middle school or higher courses in social  
27   studies, one semester of which must include the study of state  
28   and federal government and civics education.

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

30 5. One course in career and education planning to be  
31 completed in 7th or 8th grade. The course may be taught by any  
32 member of the instructional staff; must include career  
33 exploration in the fields of science, technology, engineering,  
34 mathematics, agriculture, business management and  
35 administration, retail and wholesale, construction, education,  
36 the arts, hospitality, advanced manufacturing, automotive  
37 services, biotechnology, cosmetology, aerospace, energy and  
38 power, transportation, homeland security, information  
39 technology, healthcare, and service industries using CHOICES for  
40 the 21st Century or a comparable cost-effective program; must  
41 include educational planning using the online student advising  
42 system known as Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for  
43 Students at the Internet website FACTS.org; and shall result in  
44 the completion 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

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57 | course enrollment data by student ethnicity in order to analyze  
58 | course-taking patterns.

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