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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Wilson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades promotion.—

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

(a) The student must successfully complete academic courses



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13 as follows:

14 1. Three middle school or higher courses in English. These  
15 courses shall emphasize literature, composition, and technical  
16 text.

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

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

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

25 5. One course in career and education planning to be  
26 completed in 7th or 8th grade. The course may be taught by any  
27 member of the instructional staff; must include career  
28 exploration aligned to the National Career Clusters supported by  
29 Florida's Career Clusters Initiative; must include career  
30 exploration using CHOICES ~~for the 21st Century~~ or a comparable  
31 cost-effective program; must include educational planning using  
32 the online student advising system known as Florida Academic  
33 Counseling and Tracking for Students at the Internet website  
34 FACTS.org; and shall result in the completion of a personalized  
35 academic and career plan.

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37 Each school must hold a parent meeting either in the evening or  
38 on a weekend to inform parents about the course curriculum and  
39 activities. Each student shall complete an electronic personal  
40 education plan that must be signed by the student; the student's  
41 instructor, guidance counselor, or academic advisor; and the



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42 student's parent. ~~By January 1, 2007, the Department of~~  
43 ~~Education shall develop course frameworks and professional~~  
44 ~~development materials for the career exploration and education~~  
45 ~~planning course.~~ The course may be implemented as a stand-alone  
46 course or integrated into another course or courses. The  
47 Commissioner of Education shall collect longitudinal high school  
48 course enrollment data by student ethnicity in order to analyze  
49 course-taking patterns.

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

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

53 And the title is amended as follows:

54 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
55 and insert:

56 A bill to be entitled  
57 An act relating to career and education planning;  
58 amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.; revising the general  
59 requirements for middle grades promotion to require  
60 that a course in career and education planning explore  
61 the National Career Clusters; providing an effective  
62 date.