

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Smith

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to career and education planning;
3 amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.; revising the general
4 requirements for middle grades promotion to require
5 that a course in career and education planning explore
6 the National Career Clusters; providing an effective
7 date.

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

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
12 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades
14 promotion.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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