By Senator Wise

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An act relating to educational services in Department

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of Juvenile Justice programs; amending s. 1003.52, F.S.; providing that adult education general education 5 development test preparation courses and adult education career education courses may be offered as electives to high school level students who have a

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

transition plan that does not include a return to

public high school; providing an effective date.

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 1003.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.52 Educational services in Department of Juvenile Justice programs. -

- (3) The district school board of the county in which the residential or nonresidential care facility or juvenile assessment facility is located shall provide appropriate educational assessments and an appropriate program of instruction and special education services.
- (a) The district school board shall make provisions for each student to participate in basic, career education, and exceptional student programs as appropriate. Students served in Department of Juvenile Justice programs shall have access to the appropriate courses and instruction to prepare them for the GED test. Students participating in GED preparation programs shall be funded at the basic program cost factor for Department of Juvenile Justice programs in the Florida Education Finance

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Program. Adult education GED test preparation courses and adult education career education courses may be offered as electives to high school level students who have a transition plan that does not include a return to public high school. Each program shall be conducted according to applicable law providing for the operation of public schools and rules of the State Board of Education. School districts shall provide the GED exit option for all juvenile justice programs.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.