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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Department of Juvenile Justice  
3           education programs; amending s. 1003.52, F.S.; providing  
4           that adult education GED test preparation courses and  
5           adult education career education courses may be offered to  
6           certain high school level students served in department  
7           programs; providing an effective 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 (3) of section  
12           1003.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           1003.52 Educational services in Department of Juvenile  
14           Justice programs.—

15           (3) The district school board of the county in which the  
16           residential or nonresidential care facility or juvenile  
17           assessment facility is located shall provide appropriate  
18           educational assessments and an appropriate program of  
19           instruction and special education services.

20           (a) The district school board shall make provisions for  
21           each student to participate in basic, career education, and  
22           exceptional student programs as appropriate. Students served in  
23           Department of Juvenile Justice programs shall have access to the  
24           appropriate courses and instruction to prepare them for the GED  
25           test. Adult education GED test preparation courses and adult  
26           education career education courses may be offered as electives  
27           to high school level students who have a transition plan that  
28           does not include return to public high school. Students

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29 participating in GED preparation programs shall be funded at the  
30 basic program cost factor for Department of Juvenile Justice  
31 programs in the Florida Education Finance Program. Each program  
32 shall be conducted according to applicable law providing for the  
33 operation of public schools and rules of the State Board of  
34 Education. School districts shall provide the GED exit option  
35 for all juvenile justice programs.

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