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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Bean) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 603 and 604  
insert:

Section 9. Section 1003.4285, Florida Statutes, is amended  
to read:

1003.4285 Standard high school diploma academic eligibility  
designations. ~~Each standard high school diploma shall include,~~  
~~as applicable:~~

(1) SCHOLAR DESIGNATION.—In addition to the requirements of  
ss. 1003.428 and 1003.4282, as applicable, in order to earn the  
academic eligibility scholar designation, a student must:



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13           (a) Pass the 11th grade English/Language Arts common core  
14 assessment when the state transitions to common core  
15 assessments;

16           (b) Earn one credit in Algebra II and one credit in  
17 statistics or an equally rigorous course. When the state  
18 transitions to common core assessments, students must pass the  
19 Algebra II common core assessment;

20           (c) Pass the statewide, standardized Biology I end-of-  
21 course assessment and earn one credit in Chemistry or Physics  
22 and one credit in a course that is equally rigorous to Chemistry  
23 or Physics;

24           (d) Pass the statewide, standardized United States history  
25 end-of course assessment;

26           (e) Earn two credits in the same foreign language; and

27           (f) Earn at least one credit in an International  
28 Baccalaureate, an Advanced Placement, an Advanced International  
29 Certification of Education, or a dual enrollment course.

30           (2) GOLD SCHOLAR DESIGNATION.—In addition to the  
31 requirements of ss. 1003.428 and 1003.4282, as applicable, in  
32 order to earn the academic eligibility gold scholar designation,  
33 a student must attain two or more industry certifications that  
34 lead to college credit.

35           (3) DUTIES.—The school district shall provide each student  
36 and parent information about diploma designations through an  
37 online education and career planning tool that allows students  
38 to monitor their progress toward the attainment of each  
39 designation.

40           (4) APPROVAL.—The State Board of Education, in  
41 collaboration with the Board of Governors, shall approve the



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42 academic eligibility designations. The State Board of Education  
43 shall review the academic eligibility designations and make  
44 recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2013, for  
45 aligning the designations to the eligibility criteria for  
46 receiving a Bright Futures Scholarship award.

47 ~~(1) A designation of the student's major area of interest~~  
48 ~~pursuant to the student's completion of credits as provided in~~  
49 ~~s. 1003.428.~~

50 ~~(2) A designation reflecting completion of four or more~~  
51 ~~accelerated college credit courses if the student is eligible~~  
52 ~~for college credit pursuant to s. 1007.27 or s. 1007.271 in~~  
53 ~~Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Advanced~~  
54 ~~International Certificate of Education, or dual enrollment~~  
55 ~~courses. The Commissioner of Education shall establish~~  
56 ~~guidelines for successful passage of examinations or coursework~~  
57 ~~in each of the accelerated college credit options for purposes~~  
58 ~~of this subsection.~~

59 ~~(3) A designation reflecting the attainment of one or more~~  
60 ~~industry certifications from the list approved by Workforce~~  
61 ~~Florida, Inc., under s. 1003.492.~~

62 ~~(4) A designation reflecting a Florida Ready to Work~~  
63 ~~Credential in accordance with s. 445.06.~~

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

66 And the title is amended as follows:

67 Delete line 56

68 and insert:

69 high school graduation; amending s. 1003.4285, F.S.;

70 revising standard high school diploma designations;



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71 requiring a school district to provide each student  
72 and parent information about diploma designations  
73 through an online education and career planning tool;  
74 requiring the State Board of Education to approve  
75 academic eligibility designations; requiring the State  
76 Board of Education to review academic eligibility  
77 designations and make recommendations to the  
78 Legislature; amending s. 1003.429, F.S.;