

By Senator Bean

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to high school course options;  
3           requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
4           Government Accountability, in conjunction with the  
5           Department of Education, to conduct a study on the  
6           identification or creation of career-technical high  
7           school courses of provable equivalency to standard  
8           required courses; providing requirements for the  
9           study; requiring the office to submit study results to  
10          the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

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14           Section 1. (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
15 Government Accountability, in conjunction with the Department of  
16 Education, shall conduct a study on the identification or  
17 creation of high school courses of provable equivalency to  
18 standard required courses at the high school level. The study  
19 shall include, but is not limited to:

20           (a) The feasibility of offering students alternative high  
21 school courses structured toward career-technical education and  
22 workforce development which have provable equivalent rigor and  
23 would be substitutable for standard required courses in an  
24 effort to provide multiple pathways for the student to best  
25 achieve a high school diploma based on his or her learning style  
26 or interests.

27           (b) The potential for the courses to be credited towards  
28 the attainment of a national industry certification identified  
29 in the Industry Certification Funding List pursuant to rules

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30 adopted by the State Board of Education and to provide workforce  
31 readiness.

32 (c) The identification of requirements for a career-  
33 technical course and overlapping requirements for a career-  
34 technical course and the corresponding standard high school  
35 course, with a view to enabling a student to substitute one for  
36 the other.

37 (d) The potential use of career and professional academies,  
38 internships, the Florida Ready to Work Certification Program,  
39 and other relevant career and technical education programs.

40 (e) A timeframe for implementing career-technical  
41 curriculum options if determined to be feasible.

42 (2) The study shall build upon the information and findings  
43 reported in the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
44 Accountability Report No. 11-05.

45 (3) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
46 Accountability shall submit the results of the study to the  
47 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
48 Representatives by December 1, 2013.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.