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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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03/25/2014	.	
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The Committee on Education (Montford) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (43) is added to section 570.07,
Florida Statutes, to read:

570.07 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
functions, powers, and duties.—The department shall have and
exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:

(43) In cooperation with the Institute of Food and
Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida and the



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12 College of Agriculture and Food Sciences at Florida Agricultural
13 and Mechanical University, annually provide to the State Board
14 of Education and the Department of Education information and
15 industry certifications for farm occupations to be considered
16 for placement on the Industry Certification Funding List and the
17 Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List pursuant to s.
18 1008.44. The information and industry certifications provided by
19 the department must be based upon the best available data.

20 Section 2. Section 1003.492, Florida Statutes, is amended
21 to read:

22 1003.492 Industry-certified career education programs.—

23 (1) Secondary schools offering career-themed courses, as
24 defined in s. 1003.493(1)(b), and career and professional
25 academies shall be coordinated with the relevant and appropriate
26 industry to prepare a student for further education or for
27 employment in that industry.

28 (2) As used in this section, the term "industry
29 certification" means a voluntary process through which students
30 are assessed by an independent, third-party certifying entity
31 using predetermined standards for knowledge, skills, and
32 competencies, and resulting in the award of a credential that is
33 nationally recognized and must be at least one of the following:

34 (a) Within an industry that addresses a critical local or
35 statewide economic need.

36 (b) Linked to an occupation that is included in the
37 workforce system's targeted occupation list.

38 (c) Linked to an occupation that is identified as emerging.

39 (3)~~(2)~~ The State Board of Education shall use the expertise
40 of Workforce Florida, Inc., and the Department of Agriculture



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41 and Consumer Services, to develop and adopt rules pursuant to
42 ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 for implementing an industry
43 certification process.

44 (a) For nonfarm occupations, industry certification shall
45 ~~be defined by the Department of Economic Opportunity,~~ based upon
46 the highest available national standards for specific industry
47 certification, to ensure student skill proficiency and to
48 address emerging labor market and industry trends. A regional
49 workforce board or a school principal may apply to Workforce
50 Florida, Inc., to request additions to the approved list of
51 industry certifications based on high-skill, high-wage, and
52 high-demand job requirements in the regional economy. ~~The list~~
53 ~~of industry certifications approved by Workforce Florida, Inc.,~~
54 ~~and the Department of Education shall be published and updated~~
55 ~~annually by a date certain, to be included in the adopted rule.~~

56 (b) For farm occupations submitted pursuant to s. 570.07,
57 industry certification shall demonstrate student skill
58 proficiency and be based upon the best available data to address
59 critical local or statewide economic needs.

60 (4) The list of industry certifications approved by
61 Workforce Florida, Inc., the Department of Agriculture and
62 Consumer Services, and the Department of Education shall be
63 published and updated annually by a date certain, to be included
64 in the adopted rule.

65 (5)-(3) The Department of Education shall collect student
66 achievement and performance data in industry-certified career
67 education programs and career-themed courses and shall work with
68 Workforce Florida, Inc., and the Department of Agriculture and
69 Consumer Services in the analysis of collected data. The data



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70 collection and analyses shall examine the performance of
71 participating students over time. Performance factors shall
72 include, but not be limited to, graduation rates, retention
73 rates, Florida Bright Futures Scholarship awards, additional
74 educational attainment, employment records, earnings, industry
75 certification, and employer satisfaction. The results of this
76 study shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and the
77 Speaker of the House of Representatives annually by December 31.

78 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 1003.4935, Florida
79 Statutes, is amended to read:

80 1003.4935 Middle grades career and professional academy
81 courses and career-themed courses.—

82 (3) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, if a school
83 district implements a middle school career and professional
84 academy or a career-themed course, the Department of Education
85 shall collect and report student achievement data pursuant to
86 performance factors identified under s. 1003.492(5) ~~s.~~
87 ~~1003.492(3)~~ for students enrolled in an academy or a career-
88 themed course.

89 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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

92 And the title is amended as follows:

93 Delete everything before the enacting clause
94 and insert:

95 A bill to be entitled
96 An act relating to agricultural industry
97 certifications; amending s. 570.07, F.S.; requiring
98 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to



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99 annually provide to the State Board of Education and
100 the Department of Education information and industry
101 certifications for farm occupations to be considered
102 for placement on industry certification funding lists;
103 amending s. 1003.492, F.S.; defining the term
104 "industry certification"; requiring the state board to
105 adopt rules for implementing an industry certification
106 process for farm occupations; amending s. 1003.4935,
107 F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an
108 effective date.