

By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senator Legg

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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to education; amending s. 402.56,
 F.S.; adding a superintendent of schools to the
 membership of the Children and Youth Cabinet; amending
 s. 1003.4285, F.S.; revising the requirements to earn
 a Merit designation on a standard high school diploma;
 providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 402.56, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

402.56 Children's cabinet; organization; responsibilities;
 annual report.—

(4) MEMBERS.—The cabinet shall consist of 16 ~~14~~ members
 including the Governor and the following persons:

- (a)1. The Secretary of Children and Family Services;
- 2. The Secretary of Juvenile Justice;
- 3. The director of the Agency for Persons with
 Disabilities;
- 4. The director of the Office of Early Learning;
- 5. The State Surgeon General;
- 6. The Secretary of Health Care Administration;
- 7. The Commissioner of Education;
- 8. The director of the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office;
- 9. The director of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention;

and

10. A superintendent of schools, appointed by the Governor;

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30 ~~11.10.~~ Five members representing children and youth
31 advocacy organizations, who are not service providers and who
32 are appointed by the Governor.

33 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
34 1003.4285, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

35 1003.4285 Standard high school diploma designations.—

36 (1) Each standard high school diploma shall include, as
37 applicable, the following designations if the student meets the
38 criteria set forth for the designation:

39 (b) *Merit designation.*—In addition to the requirements of
40 ss. 1003.428 and 1003.4282, as applicable, in order to earn the
41 Merit designation, a student must attain two ~~one~~ or more
42 industry certifications from the list established under s.
43 1003.492.

44 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.