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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Appropriations (Gardiner) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 505 - 535

and insert:

Section 1. Present subsection (10) of section 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (11), and a new subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma.—

(10) STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.—Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2014-2015 school year, this subsection



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11 applies to a student with a disability.

12 (a) A parent of the student with a disability shall, in  
13 collaboration with the individual education plan (IEP) team  
14 during the transition planning process pursuant to s. 1003.5716,  
15 declare an intent for the student to graduate from high school  
16 with either a standard high school diploma or a certificate of  
17 completion. A student with a disability who does not satisfy the  
18 standard high school diploma requirements pursuant to this  
19 section shall be awarded a certificate of completion.

20 (b) The following options, in addition to the other options  
21 specified in this section, may be used to satisfy the standard  
22 high school diploma requirements, as specified in the student's  
23 individual education plan:

24 1. For a student with a disability for whom the IEP team  
25 has determined that the Florida Alternate Assessment is the most  
26 appropriate measure of the student's skills:

27 a. A combination of course substitutions, assessments,  
28 industry certifications, and other acceleration options  
29 appropriate to the student's unique skills and abilities that  
30 meet the criteria established by State Board of Education rule.

31 b. A portfolio of quantifiable evidence that documents a  
32 student's mastery of academic standards through rigorous metrics  
33 established by State Board of Education rule. A portfolio may  
34 include, but is not limited to, documentation of work  
35 experience, internships, community service, and postsecondary  
36 credit.

37 2. For a student with a disability for whom the IEP team  
38 has determined that mastery of academic and employment  
39 competencies is the most appropriate way for a student to



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40 demonstrate his or her skills:

41 a. Documented completion of the number of course credits  
42 prescribed by the district school board in the district student  
43 progression plan pursuant to s. 1008.25.

44 b. Documented achievement of all annual goals and short-  
45 term objectives for academic and employment competencies and  
46 industry certifications specified in the student's transition  
47 plan. The documentation must be verified by the IEP team.

48 c. Documented successful employment for the number of hours  
49 per week specified in the student's transition plan, for the  
50 equivalent of 1 semester, and payment of a minimum wage in  
51 compliance with the requirements of the federal Fair Labor  
52 Standards Act.

53 d. Documented mastery of the academic and employment  
54 competencies and industry certifications specified in the  
55 student's transition plan. The documentation must be verified by  
56 the IEP team, the employer, and the teacher. The transition plan  
57 must be developed and signed by the student, parent, teacher,  
58 and employer before placement in employment and must identify  
59 the following:

60 (I) The expected academic and employment competencies and  
61 industry certifications;

62 (II) The criteria for determining and certifying mastery of  
63 the competencies;

64 (III) The work schedule and the minimum number of hours to  
65 be worked per week; and

66 (IV) A description of the supervision to be provided by the  
67 school district.

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69 The State Board of Education shall adopt rules under ss.  
70 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this subparagraph, including  
71 rules that establish the minimum requirements for students  
72 described in this subparagraph to earn a standard high school  
73 diploma.

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

76 And the title is amended as follows:

77 Delete line 47

78 and insert:

79 disabilities; requiring the State Board of Education  
80 to adopt rules; authorizing a student with a  
81 disability to defer the receipt of a standard high  
82 school diploma if certain conditions are met;  
83 authorizing certain students with