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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to students with disabilities;
3 amending s. 1003.5716, F.S.; requiring occupational
4 skills training be incorporated into an individual
5 education plan for students with disabilities;
6 providing minimum requirements; providing an effective
7 date.

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

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11 Section 1. Present subsections (2) through (4) of section
12 1003.5716, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (3)
13 through (5), respectively, a new subsection (2) is added to that
14 section, and present subsection (3) of that section is amended,
15 to read:

16 1003.5716 Transition to postsecondary education and career
17 opportunities.—All students with disabilities who are 3 years of
18 age to 21 years of age have the right to a free, appropriate
19 public education. As used in this section, the term "IEP" means
20 individual education plan.

21 (2) In addition to the requirements of subsection (1), a
22 student with a disability shall have occupational skills
23 training incorporated into his or her IEP to the greatest extent
24 practicable. At a minimum, the IEP must provide for:

25 (a) Completion of an initial oral assessment to evaluate
26 occupational skills and abilities in grade 8.

27 (b) Continued development of occupational skills and
28 abilities throughout high school, including opportunities to
29 participate in externship programs with potential employers.

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30 (c) Completion of a final oral assessment and interview in
31 grade 12 to facilitate appropriate job placement with potential
32 employers upon graduation.

33 (4)~~(3)~~ Any change in the IEP for the goals specified in
34 subsection (3) ~~(2)~~ must be approved by the parent and is subject
35 to verification for appropriateness by an independent reviewer
36 selected by the parent as provided in s. 1003.572.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.