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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the dual enrollment program;
3 amending s. 1007.271, F.S.; exempting dual enrollment
4 students from paying certain fees, including
5 technology fees; deleting the requirement that a home
6 education secondary student be responsible for his or
7 her own instructional materials in order to
8 participate in the dual enrollment program; requiring
9 a postsecondary institution that is eligible to
10 participate in the dual enrollment program to enter
11 into a home education articulation agreement;
12 requiring the postsecondary institution to annually
13 complete and submit the agreement to the Department of
14 Education by a specified date; conforming provisions
15 to changes made by the act; authorizing certain
16 instructional materials to be made available free of
17 charge to dual enrollment students in public high
18 schools, home education programs, and private schools;
19 requiring the department to review dual enrollment
20 articulation agreements submitted for certain
21 students, including home education students and
22 private school students, to participate in a dual
23 enrollment program; requiring the Commissioner of
24 Education to notify the district school board
25 superintendent and the president of the postsecondary
26 institution if the dual enrollment articulation
27 agreement does not comply with statutory requirements;
28 requiring a district school board and a Florida
29 College System institution to annually complete and

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30 submit to the department by a specified date a dual
31 enrollment articulation agreement with a state
32 university and an eligible independent college or
33 university, as applicable; providing requirements for
34 a private school student to participate in a dual
35 enrollment program; requiring a postsecondary
36 institution eligible to participate in the dual
37 enrollment program to enter into an articulation
38 agreement with each private school student seeking
39 enrollment in a dual enrollment course and his or her
40 parent; requiring the postsecondary institution to
41 annually complete and submit the articulation
42 agreement to the department by a specified date;
43 providing requirements for the articulation agreement;
44 amending ss. 1002.20 and 1011.62, F.S.; conforming
45 provisions to changes made by the act; providing an
46 effective date.

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

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50 Section 1. Subsections (2), (10), (11), (13), (16), (17),
51 (22), (23), and (24) of section 1007.271, Florida Statutes, are
52 amended to read:

53 1007.271 Dual enrollment programs.—

54 (2) For the purpose of this section, an eligible secondary
55 student is a student who is enrolled in any of grades 6 through
56 12 in a Florida public school or in a Florida private school
57 that is in compliance with s. 1002.42(2) and provides a
58 secondary curriculum pursuant to s. 1003. 4282. A student

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59 ~~Students~~ who is ~~are~~ eligible for dual enrollment pursuant to
60 this section may enroll in dual enrollment courses conducted
61 during school hours, after school hours, and during the summer
62 term. However, if the student is projected to graduate from high
63 school before the scheduled completion date of a postsecondary
64 course, the student may not register for that course through
65 dual enrollment. The student may apply to the postsecondary
66 institution and pay the required registration, tuition, and fees
67 if the student meets the postsecondary institution's admissions
68 requirements under s. 1007.263. Instructional time for dual
69 enrollment may vary from 900 hours; however, the full-time
70 equivalent student membership value is ~~shall be~~ subject to ~~the~~
71 ~~provisions in~~ s. 1011.61(4). A student enrolled as a dual
72 enrollment student is exempt from the payment of registration,
73 tuition, technology, and laboratory fees. Applied academics for
74 adult education instruction, developmental education, and other
75 forms of precollegiate instruction, as well as physical
76 education courses that focus on the physical execution of a
77 skill, rather than the intellectual attributes of the activity,
78 are ineligible for inclusion in the dual enrollment program.
79 Recreation and leisure studies courses shall be evaluated
80 individually in the same manner as physical education courses
81 for potential inclusion in the program.

82 (10) Early admission is a form of dual enrollment through
83 which an eligible secondary student enrolls ~~students enroll~~ in a
84 postsecondary institution on a full-time basis in courses that
85 are creditable toward the high school diploma and the associate
86 or baccalaureate degree. A student must enroll in a minimum of
87 12 college credit hours per semester or the equivalent to

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88 participate in the early admission program; however, a student
89 may not be required to enroll in more than 15 college credit
90 hours per semester or the equivalent. A student ~~Students~~
91 enrolled pursuant to this subsection is ~~are~~ exempt from the
92 payment of registration, tuition, technology, and laboratory
93 fees.

94 (11) Career early admission is a form of career dual
95 enrollment through which an eligible secondary student enrolls
96 ~~students enroll~~ full time in a career center or a Florida
97 College System institution in postsecondary programs leading to
98 industry certifications, as listed in the Postsecondary Industry
99 Certification Funding List pursuant to s. 1008.44, which are
100 creditable toward the high school diploma and the certificate or
101 associate degree. Participation in the career early admission
102 program is limited to students who have completed a minimum of 4
103 semesters of full-time secondary enrollment, including studies
104 undertaken in ~~the ninth~~ grade 9. A student ~~Students~~ enrolled
105 pursuant to this section is ~~are~~ exempt from the payment of
106 registration, tuition, technology, and laboratory fees.

107 (13) (a) The dual enrollment program for a home education
108 student ~~students~~ consists of the enrollment of an eligible home
109 education secondary student in a postsecondary course creditable
110 toward an associate degree, a career certificate, or a
111 baccalaureate degree. To participate in the dual enrollment
112 program, an eligible home education secondary student must:

113 1. Provide proof of enrollment in a home education program
114 pursuant to s. 1002.41.

115 2. Be responsible for his or her own ~~instructional~~
116 ~~materials and~~ transportation unless provided for otherwise.

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117 3. Sign a home education articulation agreement pursuant to
118 paragraph (b).

119 (b) Each postsecondary institution that is eligible to
120 participate in the dual enrollment program pursuant to s.
121 1011.62(1)(i) must ~~shall~~ enter into a home education
122 articulation agreement with each home education student seeking
123 enrollment in a dual enrollment course and the student's parent.
124 By August 1 of each year, the applicable postsecondary
125 institution shall complete and submit the home education
126 articulation agreement to the Department of Education. The home
127 education articulation agreement must ~~shall~~ include, at a
128 minimum:

129 1. A delineation of courses and programs available to a
130 ~~dually enrolled~~ home education student who participates in a
131 dual enrollment program students. The postsecondary institution
132 may add, revise, or delete courses and programs ~~may be added,~~
133 ~~revised, or deleted~~ at any time ~~by the postsecondary~~
134 ~~institution.~~

135 2. The initial and continued eligibility requirements for
136 home education student participation, not to exceed those
137 required of other dual enrollment ~~dually enrolled~~ students.

138 3. The student's responsibilities for providing his or her
139 own ~~instructional materials and~~ transportation.

140 4. A copy of the statement on transfer guarantees developed
141 by the Department of Education under subsection (15).

142 (16) A student ~~Students~~ who meets ~~meet~~ the eligibility
143 requirements of this section and who chooses ~~choose~~ to
144 participate in dual enrollment programs is ~~are~~ exempt from the
145 payment of registration, tuition, technology, and laboratory

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146 fees.

147 (17) Instructional materials assigned for use within dual
148 enrollment courses shall be made available free of charge to
149 dual enrollment students from ~~Florida~~ public high schools in
150 this state, home education programs pursuant to s. 1002.41, and
151 private schools pursuant to subsection (2) free of charge. This
152 subsection does not prohibit a Florida College System
153 institution from providing instructional materials at no cost to
154 a home education student or student from a private school.
155 Instructional materials purchased by a district school board or
156 Florida College System institution board of trustees on behalf
157 of dual enrollment students are ~~shall be~~ the property of the
158 board against which the purchase is charged.

159 (22) The Department of Education shall develop an
160 electronic submission system for dual enrollment articulation
161 agreements and shall review, for compliance, each dual
162 enrollment articulation agreement submitted pursuant to
163 subsections (13), ~~subsection~~ (21), and (24). The Commissioner of
164 Education shall notify the district school superintendent and
165 the president of the postsecondary institution that is eligible
166 to participate in the dual enrollment program pursuant to s.
167 1011.62(1)(i) ~~Florida College System institution president~~ if
168 the dual enrollment articulation agreement does not comply with
169 statutory requirements and shall submit any dual enrollment
170 articulation agreement with unresolved issues of noncompliance
171 to the State Board of Education.

172 (23) A district school board ~~boards~~ and a Florida College
173 System institution ~~institutions~~ may enter into an additional
174 dual enrollment articulation agreement ~~agreements~~ with a state

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175 university ~~universities~~ for the purposes of this section. A
176 school district ~~districts~~ may also enter into a dual enrollment
177 articulation agreement ~~agreements~~ with an eligible independent
178 college or university ~~colleges and universities~~ pursuant to s.
179 1011.62(1)(i). By August 1 of each year, the district school
180 board and the Florida College System institution shall complete
181 and submit the dual enrollment articulation agreement with the
182 state university and an eligible independent college or
183 university, as applicable, to the Department of Education.

184 (24)(a) The dual enrollment program for a private school
185 student consists of the enrollment of an eligible private school
186 student in a postsecondary course creditable toward an associate
187 degree, a career certificate, or a baccalaureate degree. In
188 addition, the private school in which the student is enrolled
189 must award credit toward high school completion for the
190 postsecondary course under the dual enrollment program. To
191 participate in the dual enrollment program, an eligible private
192 school student shall:

193 1. Provide proof of enrollment in a private school pursuant
194 to subsection (2).

195 2. Be responsible for his or her own transportation unless
196 provided for otherwise.

197 3. Sign a private school articulation agreement pursuant to
198 paragraph (b).

199 (b) Each postsecondary institution that is eligible to
200 participate in the dual enrollment program pursuant to s.
201 1011.62(1)(i) must enter into a private school articulation
202 agreement with each private school student seeking enrollment in
203 a dual enrollment course and the student's parent. By August 1

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204 of each year, the applicable postsecondary institution shall
205 complete and submit the private school articulation agreement to
206 the Department of Education. The articulation agreement must
207 include, at a minimum:

208 1. A delineation of courses and programs available to a
209 private school student who participates in a dual enrollment
210 program. The postsecondary institution may add, revise, or
211 delete courses and programs at any time.

212 2. The initial and continued eligibility requirements for
213 private school student participation, not to exceed those
214 required of other dual enrollment students.

215 3. The student's responsibilities for providing his or her
216 own transportation.

217 4. A copy of the statement on transfer guarantees developed
218 by the Department of Education under subsection (15)
219 ~~Postsecondary institutions may enter into dual enrollment~~
220 ~~articulation agreements with private secondary schools pursuant~~
221 ~~to subsection (2).~~

222 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (19) of section
223 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

224 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public
225 school students must receive accurate and timely information
226 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
227 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
228 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
229 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

230 (19) INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.—

231 (d) *Dual enrollment students.*—Instructional materials
232 purchased by a district school board or Florida College System

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233 institution board of trustees on behalf of ~~public school~~ dual
234 enrollment students shall be made available free of charge to
235 the dual enrollment students ~~free of charge~~, in accordance with
236 s. 1007.271(17).

237 Section 3. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section
238 1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

239 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual
240 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
241 district for operation of schools is not determined in the
242 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
243 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
244 follows:

245 (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR
246 OPERATION.—The following procedure shall be followed in
247 determining the annual allocation to each district for
248 operation:

249 (i) *Calculation of full-time equivalent membership with*
250 *respect to dual enrollment instruction.*—Students enrolled in
251 dual enrollment instruction pursuant to s. 1007.271 may be
252 included in calculations of full-time equivalent student
253 memberships for basic programs for grades 9 through 12 by a
254 district school board. Instructional time for dual enrollment
255 may vary from 900 hours; however, the full-time equivalent
256 student membership value shall be subject to the provisions in
257 s. 1011.61(4). Dual enrollment full-time equivalent student
258 membership shall be calculated in an amount equal to the hours
259 of instruction that would be necessary to earn the full-time
260 equivalent student membership for an equivalent course if it
261 were taught in the school district. Students in dual enrollment

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262 courses may also be calculated as the proportional shares of
263 full-time equivalent enrollments they generate for a Florida
264 College System institution or university conducting the dual
265 enrollment instruction. Early admission students shall be
266 considered dual enrollments for funding purposes. Students may
267 be enrolled in dual enrollment instruction provided by an
268 eligible independent college or university and may be included
269 in calculations of full-time equivalent student memberships for
270 basic programs for grades 9 through 12 by a district school
271 board. However, those provisions of law which exempt dual
272 enrollment students ~~dual-enrolled~~ and early admission students
273 from payment of instructional materials and tuition and fees,
274 including technology, registration, and laboratory fees, do
275 ~~shall~~ not apply to students who select the option of enrolling
276 in an eligible independent institution. An independent college
277 or university that ~~which~~ is located and chartered in Florida, is
278 not for profit, is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of
279 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or the
280 Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools, and
281 confers degrees as defined in s. 1005.02 is ~~shall be~~ eligible
282 for inclusion in the dual enrollment or early admission program.
283 Students enrolled in dual enrollment instruction are ~~shall be~~
284 exempt from the payment of tuition and fees, including
285 technology, registration, and laboratory fees. A ~~No~~ student
286 enrolled in college credit mathematics or English dual
287 enrollment instruction may not ~~shall~~ be funded as a dual
288 enrollment unless the student has successfully completed the
289 relevant section of the entry-level examination required
290 pursuant to s. 1008.30.

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Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.