

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to educational instruction; creating  
 3           s. 1003.481, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of  
 4           Education to develop an elective course for certain  
 5           students that must be included in the Course Code  
 6           Directory and include instruction in life skills;  
 7           authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt  
 8           rules; providing an effective date.

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

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 12           Section 1.   Section 1003.481, Florida Statutes, is created  
 13   to read:

14           1003.481 Instruction in life skills.-

15           (1) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with  
 16 the Articulation Coordinating Committee, shall develop an  
 17 elective course for students in grades 9 through 12 that  
 18 addresses skills and character development not included in  
 19 rigorous academic courses.

20           (2) The course must be included in the Course Code  
 21 Directory and, at a minimum, include instruction on:

22           (a) Developing leadership skills, interpersonal skills,  
 23 organization skills, and research skills.

24           (b) Creating a resume.

25           (c) Developing and practicing the skills necessary for  
 26 employment interviews.

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27 (d) Managing stress and expectations.

28 (e) Developing personal skills that enable students to  
29 become resilient and self-motivated.

30 (3) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
31 implement this section.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.