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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Hays moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 14 - 29

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section
1003.4156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades
promotion.—

(1) In order for a student to be promoted to high school
from a school that includes middle grades 6, 7, and 8, the
student must successfully complete the following courses:



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12 (e) One course in career and education planning to be
13 completed in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. The course may be taught by
14 any member of the instructional staff. At a minimum, the course
15 must be Internet-based, easy to use, and customizable to each
16 student and include research-based assessments to assist
17 students in determining educational and career options and
18 goals. In addition, the course must result in a completed
19 personalized academic and career plan for the student, which the
20 student is in no way obligated to pursue; must emphasize the
21 importance of entrepreneurship skills; must emphasize technology
22 or the application of technology in career fields; and,
23 beginning in the 2014-2015 academic year, must include
24 information from the Department of Economic Opportunity's
25 economic security report as described in s. 445.07. The required
26 personalized academic and career plan must inform students of
27 high school graduation requirements, including a detailed
28 explanation of the diploma designation options provided under s.
29 1003.4285; high school assessment and college entrance test
30 requirements; Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
31 requirements; state university and Florida College System
32 institution admission requirements; available opportunities to
33 earn college credit in high school, including Advanced Placement
34 courses; the International Baccalaureate Program; the Advanced
35 International Certificate of Education Program; dual enrollment,
36 including career dual enrollment; and career education courses,
37 including career-themed courses and courses that lead to
38 industry certification pursuant to s. 1003.492 or s. 1008.44.
39 The course in career and education planning required in this
40 paragraph may include, or a school district may develop, grade



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41 level curricula or instruction that introduces students to
42 various careers, but the course or school district must not
43 require any curriculum, instruction, or employment-related
44 activity that obligates an elementary or a secondary student to
45 involuntarily select a career, a career interest, an employment
46 goal, or a related job training.

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48 Each school must inform parents about the course curriculum and
49 activities. Each student shall complete a personal education
50 plan that must be signed by the student and the student's
51 parent. The Department of Education shall develop course
52 frameworks and professional development materials for the career
53 and education planning course. The course may be implemented as
54 a stand-alone course or integrated into another course or
55 courses. The Commissioner of Education shall collect
56 longitudinal high school course enrollment data by student
57 ethnicity in order to analyze course-taking patterns.

58 Section 2. Section 1003.4996, Florida Statutes, is created
59 to read:

60 1003.4996 Competency-Based Education Pilot Program.—
61 Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the Competency-Based
62 Education Pilot Program is created within the Department of
63 Education to be administered for a period of 5 years. The
64 purpose of the pilot program is to provide an educational
65 environment that allows students to advance to higher levels of
66 learning upon the mastery of concepts and skills through
67 statutory exemptions relating to student progression and the
68 awarding of credits.

69 (1) PARTICIPATION.—The P.K. Yonge Developmental Research



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70 School and the Lake, Palm Beach, Pinellas, and Seminole County
71 School Districts may submit an application in a format
72 prescribed by the department to participate in the pilot
73 program. A school or school district may discontinue its
74 participation in the pilot program at its discretion, or a
75 student who participates in the pilot program may discontinue
76 his or her participation in the program at the end of the
77 current academic period and at the discretion of the student or
78 the student's parent.

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

81 And the title is amended as follows:

82 Delete lines 2 - 6

83 and insert:

84 An act relating to the competency-based education;
85 amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.; specifying that a student
86 is not obligated to pursue the personalized academic
87 and career plan; authorizing career and education
88 planning courses to include, or school districts to
89 develop, specified grade level curricula or
90 instruction; prohibiting such courses or school
91 districts from requiring certain curricula,
92 instruction, or activities; creating s. 1003.4996,
93 F.S.; creating the Competency-Based Education Pilot
94 Program; providing for participation in the program
95 and application requirements; specifying that program
96 participants may discontinue participation in the
97 program; exempting participating