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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 which must be included in the Course Code
6 Directory; requiring the elective course to include
7 instruction in certain skills; authorizing the State
8 Board of Education to adopt rules; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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

15 1003.481 Instruction in life skills.-

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

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

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

25 (b) Creating a resume.

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

28 (d) Managing stress and expectations.

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

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

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