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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Montford) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section
1003.4282, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma.—

(8) CAREER EDUCATION COURSES THAT SATISFY HIGH SCHOOL
CREDIT REQUIREMENTS.—

(a) Participation in career education courses engages



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11 students in their high school education, increases academic
12 achievement, enhances employability, and increases postsecondary
13 success. By July 1, 2014, the department shall develop, for
14 approval by the State Board of Education, multiple, additional
15 career education courses or a series of courses that meet the
16 requirements set forth in s. 1003.493(2), (4), and (5) and this
17 subsection and allow students to earn credit in both the career
18 education course and courses required for high school graduation
19 under this section and s. 1003.4281.

20 1. The state board must determine if sufficient academic
21 standards are covered to warrant the award of academic credit.

22 2. Career education courses must include workforce and
23 digital literacy skills and the integration of required course
24 content with practical applications and designated rigorous
25 coursework that results in one or more industry certifications
26 or clearly articulated credit or advanced standing in a 2-year
27 or 4-year certificate or degree program, which may include high
28 school junior and senior year work-related internships or
29 apprenticeships. The department shall negotiate state licenses
30 for material and testing for industry certifications. The
31 instructional methodology used in these courses must be
32 comprised of authentic projects, problems, and activities for
33 contextually learning the academics.

34 3. A student who earns credit upon completion of an
35 apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program registered with the
36 Department of Education under chapter 446 may use such credit to
37 satisfy the high school graduation credit requirements in
38 paragraphs (3) (e) and (g). The state board shall approve and
39 identify in the Course Code Directory the apprenticeship and



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40 preapprenticeship programs from which earned credit may be used
41 pursuant to this subparagraph.

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

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45 And the title is amended as follows:

46 Delete everything before the enacting clause
47 and insert:

48 A bill to be entitled
49 An act relating to high school graduation
50 requirements; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; authorizing
51 the use of credits earned upon completion of a
52 registered apprenticeship or preapprenticeship to
53 satisfy specified high school graduation credit
54 requirements; requiring that the State Board of
55 Education approve and identify apprenticeship and
56 preapprenticeship programs for such purpose; providing
57 an effective date.