

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to high school graduation
3 requirements; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; authorizing
4 the use of credits earned upon completion of a
5 registered apprenticeship or preapprenticeship to
6 satisfy specified high school graduation credit
7 requirements; requiring that the State Board of
8 Education approve and identify apprenticeship and
9 preapprenticeship programs for such purpose; providing
10 an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section
15 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school
17 diploma.—

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

20 (a) Participation in career education courses engages
21 students in their high school education, increases academic
22 achievement, enhances employability, and increases postsecondary
23 success. By July 1, 2014, the department shall develop, for
24 approval by the State Board of Education, multiple, additional
25 career education courses or a series of courses that meet the

26 requirements set forth in s. 1003.493(2), (4), and (5) and this
27 subsection and allow students to earn credit in both the career
28 education course and courses required for high school graduation
29 under this section and s. 1003.4281.

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

32 2. Career education courses must include workforce and
33 digital literacy skills and the integration of required course
34 content with practical applications and designated rigorous
35 coursework that results in one or more industry certifications
36 or clearly articulated credit or advanced standing in a 2-year
37 or 4-year certificate or degree program, which may include high
38 school junior and senior year work-related internships or
39 apprenticeships. The department shall negotiate state licenses
40 for material and testing for industry certifications. The
41 instructional methodology used in these courses must be
42 comprised of authentic projects, problems, and activities for
43 contextually learning the academics.

44 3. A student who earns credit upon completion of an
45 apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program registered with the
46 Department of Education under chapter 446 may use such credit to
47 satisfy the high school graduation credit requirements in
48 paragraphs (3)(e) and (g). The state board shall approve and
49 identify in the Course Code Directory the apprenticeship and
50 preapprenticeship programs from which earned credit may be used

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51 | pursuant to this subparagraph.

52 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.