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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Baxley moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 323 - 379

and insert:

Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) and subsection (11) of section 1002.37, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.—

(8) (a) The Florida Virtual School may provide full-time and part-time instruction for students in kindergarten through grade 12. ~~To receive part-time instruction in kindergarten through grade 5, a student must meet at least one of the eligibility~~



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12 ~~criteria in s. 1002.455(2).~~

13 ~~(11) The Auditor General shall conduct an operational audit~~
14 ~~of the Florida Virtual School, including Florida Virtual School~~
15 ~~Global. The scope of the audit shall include, but not be limited~~
16 ~~to, the administration of responsibilities relating to~~
17 ~~personnel; procurement and contracting; revenue production;~~
18 ~~school funds, including internal funds; student enrollment~~
19 ~~records; franchise agreements; information technology~~
20 ~~utilization, assets, and security; performance measures and~~
21 ~~standards; and accountability. The final report on the audit~~
22 ~~shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and the~~
23 ~~Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than January~~
24 ~~31, 2014.~~

25 Section 9. Section 1002.455, Florida Statutes, is amended
26 to read:

27 1002.455 Student eligibility for K-12 virtual instruction.-

28 ~~(1) All students, including home education and private~~
29 ~~school students, are eligible to participate in any of the~~
30 ~~following A student may participate in virtual instruction in~~
31 ~~the school district in which he or she resides if the student~~
32 ~~meets the eligibility criteria in subsection (2).~~

33 ~~(2) A student is eligible to participate in virtual~~
34 ~~instruction if:~~

35 ~~(a) The student spent the prior school year in attendance~~
36 ~~at a public school in the state and was enrolled and reported by~~
37 ~~the school district for funding during October and February for~~
38 ~~purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program surveys;~~

39 ~~(b) The student is a dependent child of a member of the~~
40 ~~United States Armed Forces who was transferred within the last~~



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41 ~~12 months to this state from another state or from a foreign~~
42 ~~country pursuant to a permanent change of station order;~~

43 ~~(c) The student was enrolled during the prior school year~~
44 ~~in a virtual instruction program under s. 1002.45 or a full-time~~
45 ~~Florida Virtual School program under s. 1002.37(8) (a);~~

46 ~~(d) The student has a sibling who is currently enrolled in~~
47 ~~a virtual instruction program and the sibling was enrolled in~~
48 ~~that program at the end of the prior school year;~~

49 ~~(e) The student is eligible to enter kindergarten or first~~
50 ~~grade; or~~

51 ~~(f) The student is eligible to enter grades 2 through 5 and~~
52 ~~is enrolled full-time in a school district virtual instruction~~
53 ~~program, virtual charter school, or the Florida Virtual School.~~

54 ~~(3) The virtual instruction options for which this~~
55 ~~eligibility section applies include:~~

56 ~~(1)(a) School district operated part-time or full-time~~
57 ~~kindergarten through grade 12 virtual instruction programs under~~
58 ~~s. 1002.45 s. 1002.45(1) (b) for students enrolled in the school~~
59 ~~district.~~

60 ~~(2)(b) Full-time virtual charter school instruction~~
61 ~~authorized under s. 1002.33 to students within the school~~
62 ~~district or to students in other school districts throughout the~~
63 ~~state pursuant to s. 1002.31.~~

64 ~~(3)(e) Virtual courses offered in the course code directory~~
65 ~~to students within the school district or to students in other~~
66 ~~school districts throughout the state pursuant to s. 1003.498.~~

67 ~~(4) Florida Virtual School instructional services~~
68 ~~authorized under s. 1002.37.~~

69 Section 10. Paragraphs (b), (d), and (f) of subsection (3)



70 and subsections (4), (7), and (9) of section 1003.4282, Florida
71 Statutes, are amended to read:

72 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma.—

73 (3) STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; COURSE AND ASSESSMENT
74 REQUIREMENTS.—

75 (b) *Four credits in mathematics.*—A student must earn one
76 credit in Algebra I and one credit in Geometry. A student's
77 performance on the statewide, standardized Algebra I end-of-
78 course (EOC) assessment constitutes 30 percent of the student's
79 final course grade. A student must pass the statewide,
80 standardized Algebra I EOC assessment, or earn a comparative
81 score, in order to earn a standard high school diploma. A
82 student must take one statewide, standardized Mathematics
83 assessment in high school which must be Algebra I, Geometry, or
84 Algebra II. A student's performance on the statewide,
85 standardized assessment ~~Geometry EOC assessment~~ constitutes 30
86 percent of the student's final course grade. ~~If the state~~
87 ~~administers a statewide, standardized Algebra II assessment, a~~
88 ~~student selecting Algebra II must take the assessment, and the~~
89 ~~student's performance on the assessment constitutes 30 percent~~
90 ~~of the student's final course grade.~~ A student who earns an
91 industry certification for which there is a statewide college
92 credit articulation agreement approved by the State Board of
93 Education may substitute the certification for one mathematics
94 credit. Substitution may occur for up to two mathematics
95 credits, except for Algebra I and Geometry.

96 (d) *Three credits in social studies.*—A student must earn
97 one credit in United States History; one credit in World
98 History; one-half credit in economics, which must include



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99 financial literacy; and one-half credit in United States
100 Government. ~~The United States History EOC assessment constitutes~~
101 ~~30 percent of the student's final course grade.~~

102 (f) *One credit in physical education.*—Physical education
103 must include the integration of health. Participation in an
104 interscholastic sport at the junior varsity or varsity level for
105 two full seasons shall satisfy the one-credit requirement in
106 physical education ~~if the student passes a competency test on~~
107 ~~personal fitness with a score of "C" or better. The competency~~
108 ~~test on personal fitness developed by the Department of~~
109 ~~Education must be used.~~ A district school board may not require
110 that the one credit in physical education be taken during the
111 9th grade year. Completion of one semester with a grade of "C"
112 or better in a marching band class, in a physical activity class
113 that requires participation in marching band activities as an
114 extracurricular activity, or in a dance class shall satisfy one-
115 half credit in physical education or one-half credit in
116 performing arts. This credit may not be used to satisfy the
117 personal fitness requirement or the requirement for adaptive
118 physical education under an individual education plan (IEP) or
119 504 plan. Completion of 2 years in a Reserve Officer Training
120 Corps (R.O.T.C.) class, a significant component of which is
121 drills, shall satisfy the one-credit requirement in physical
122 education and the one-credit requirement in performing arts.
123 This credit may not be used to satisfy the personal fitness
124 requirement or the requirement for adaptive physical education
125 under an IEP or 504 plan.

126 (4) ONLINE COURSE REQUIREMENT.—At least one course within
127 the 24 credits required under this section must be completed



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128 through online or blended learning.

129 (a) An online course taken in grade 6, grade 7, or grade 8
130 fulfills the requirements of this subsection. The requirement is
131 met through an online course offered by the Florida Virtual
132 School, a virtual education provider approved by the State Board
133 of Education, a high school, or an online dual enrollment
134 course. A student who is enrolled in a full-time or part-time
135 virtual instruction program under s. 1002.45 meets the
136 requirement.

137 (b) A district school board or a charter school governing
138 board, as applicable, may allow a student ~~offer students the~~
139 ~~following options~~ to satisfy the online or blended learning
140 course requirements of this subsection by completing+

141 ~~1. Completion of a course in which the a student earns a~~
142 nationally recognized industry certification in information
143 technology that is identified on the CAPE Industry Certification
144 Funding List pursuant to s. 1008.44 or passing ~~passage of the~~
145 information technology certification examination without
146 enrolling enrollment in or completing completion of the
147 corresponding course or courses, as applicable.

148 ~~2. Passage of an online content assessment, without~~
149 ~~enrollment in or completion of the corresponding course or~~
150 ~~courses, as applicable, by which the student demonstrates skills~~
151 ~~and competency in locating information and applying technology~~
152 ~~for instructional purposes.~~

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154 For purposes of this subsection, a school district may not
155 require a student to take the online or blended learning course
156 outside the school day or in addition to a student's courses for



157 a given semester. This subsection does not apply to a student
158 who has an individual education plan under s. 1003.57 which
159 indicates that an online or blended learning course would be
160 inappropriate or to an out-of-state transfer student who is
161 enrolled in a Florida high school and has 1 academic year or
162 less remaining in high school.

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

165 And the title is amended as follows:

166 Delete lines 32 - 37

167 and insert:

168 1002.37, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for
169 specified students to receive part-time instruction at
170 the Florida Virtual School; removing provisions
171 requiring the Auditor General to conduct an
172 operational audit of the Florida Virtual School;
173 amending s. 1002.455, F.S.; authorizing all students,
174 including home education and private school students,
175 to participate in specified virtual instruction
176 options; deleting the eligibility criteria for a
177 student to participate in virtual instruction;
178 amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; revising the requirements
179 for a standard high school diploma; removing a
180 requirement that a student participating in an
181 interscholastic sport pass a competency test on
182 personal fitness to satisfy the physical education
183 credit requirement for high school graduation;
184 revising the options that a district school board or
185 charter school governing board may offer for a student



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to satisfy certain online course requirements;
deleting provisions requiring