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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Stargel) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment**

Delete lines 658 - 798  
and insert:  
programs. As used in this section, the term "early college program" means a structured high school acceleration program in which a cohort of students is taking postsecondary courses full time toward an associate degree. The early college program must prioritize courses applicable as general education core courses under s. 1007.25 for an associate degree or a baccalaureate



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11 degree.

12 ~~(2) At a minimum, collegiate high school programs must~~  
13 ~~include an option for public school students in grade 11 or~~  
14 ~~grade 12 participating in the program, for at least 1 full~~  
15 ~~school year, to earn CAPE industry certifications pursuant to s.~~  
16 ~~1008.44 and to successfully complete 30 credit hours through the~~  
17 ~~dual enrollment program under s. 1007.271 toward the first year~~  
18 ~~of college for an associate degree or baccalaureate degree while~~  
19 ~~enrolled in the program.~~

20 (2)(3) Each district school board and its local Florida  
21 College System institution shall execute a contract to establish  
22 one or more early college ~~collegiate high school~~ programs at a  
23 mutually agreed upon location or locations. ~~Beginning with the~~  
24 ~~2015-2016 school year,~~ If the Florida College System institution  
25 does not establish an early college a program with a district  
26 school board in its designated service area, another Florida  
27 College System institution may execute a contract with that  
28 district school board to establish the early college program.  
29 The contract must be executed by January 1 of each school year  
30 for implementation of the program during the next school year.  
31 The contract must:

32 (a) Identify the grade levels to be included in the early  
33 college program ~~collegiate high school program~~ which must, ~~at a~~  
34 ~~minimum, include grade 12.~~

35 (b) Describe the early college ~~collegiate high school~~  
36 program, including the delineation of courses that must, at a  
37 minimum, include general education core courses pursuant to s.  
38 1007.25; ~~and industry certifications offered, including online~~  
39 ~~course availability; the high school and college credits earned~~



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40 for each postsecondary course completed and industry  
41 certification earned; student eligibility criteria; and the  
42 enrollment process and relevant deadlines.

43 (c) Describe the methods, medium, and process by which  
44 students and their parents or legal guardians are annually  
45 informed about the availability of the early college ~~collegiate~~  
46 ~~high school~~ program, the return on investment associated with  
47 participation in the early college program, and the information  
48 described in paragraphs (a) and (b).

49 (d) Identify the delivery methods for instruction and the  
50 instructors for all courses.

51 (e) Identify student advising services and progress  
52 monitoring mechanisms.

53 (f) Establish a program review and reporting mechanism  
54 regarding student performance outcomes.

55 (g) Describe the terms of funding arrangements to implement  
56 the early college ~~collegiate high school~~ program pursuant to  
57 subsection (5).

58 (3)-(4) Each student participating in an early college ~~a~~  
59 ~~collegiate high school~~ program must enter into a student  
60 performance contract, which must be signed by the student, the  
61 parent or legal guardian, and a representative of the school  
62 district and the ~~applicable~~ Florida College System institution  
63 partner, state university, or other eligible postsecondary  
64 institution partner participating pursuant to subsection (4)  
65 ~~(5)~~. The performance contract must, at a minimum, specify  
66 ~~include~~ the schedule of courses, by semester, and industry  
67 certifications to be taken by the student, if any; student  
68 attendance requirements; ~~and~~ and course grade requirements; and the



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69 applicability of such courses to an associate degree or a  
70 baccalaureate degree.

71 (4)~~(5)~~ In addition to executing a contract with the local  
72 Florida College System institution under this section, a  
73 district school board may execute a contract to establish an  
74 early college ~~a collegiate high school~~ program with a state  
75 university or an institution that is eligible to participate in  
76 the William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education  
77 Grant Program, that is a nonprofit independent college or  
78 university located and chartered in this state, and that is  
79 accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern  
80 Association of Colleges and Schools to grant baccalaureate  
81 degrees. Such university or institution must meet the  
82 requirements specified under subsections (2) ~~(3)~~ and (3) ~~(4)~~. A  
83 charter school may execute a contract directly with the local  
84 Florida College System institution or another institution as  
85 authorized under this section to establish an early college  
86 program at a mutually agreed upon location.

87 (5)~~(6)~~ The early college ~~collegiate high school~~ program  
88 shall be funded pursuant to ss. 1007.271 and 1011.62. The State  
89 Board of Education shall enforce compliance with this section by  
90 withholding the transfer of funds for the school districts and  
91 the Florida College System institutions in accordance with s.  
92 1008.32.

93 (6) By November 30, 2021, and annually thereafter, the  
94 commissioner must report the status of early college programs,  
95 including, at a minimum, a summary of student enrollment in  
96 public and private postsecondary institutions and completion  
97 information to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and



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98 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

99 Section 3. Section 1009.31, Florida Statutes, is created to  
100 read:

101 1009.31 Dual Enrollment Scholarship Program.—

102 (1) The Legislature finds and declares that dual enrollment  
103 is an integral part of the education system in this state and  
104 should be available for all eligible secondary students without  
105 cost to the student. There is established the Dual Enrollment  
106 Scholarship Program to support public postsecondary institutions  
107 in providing dual enrollment.

108 (2) The department shall administer the Dual Enrollment  
109 Scholarship Program in accordance with rules of the State Board  
110 of Education.

111 (3) (a) Beginning in the 2020 fall term, the program shall  
112 reimburse eligible public postsecondary institutions for tuition  
113 and related instructional materials costs for dual enrollment  
114 courses taken by private school or home education program  
115 secondary students during the fall or spring terms.

116 (b) Beginning in the 2021 summer term, the program shall  
117 reimburse eligible public institutions for tuition and related  
118 instructional materials costs for dual enrollment courses taken  
119 by public school, private school, or home education program  
120 secondary students during the summer terms.

121 (4) A student participating in a dual enrollment program  
122 must meet the minimum eligibility requirements specified in s.  
123 1007.271 in order for the institution to receive a  
124 reimbursement.

125 (5) Annually, by March 15, each participating public  
126 institution must report to the department its eligible secondary



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127 students from private schools or home education programs who  
128 were enrolled during the previous fall or spring terms.  
129 Annually, by July 15, each participating public institution must  
130 report to the department its eligible public school, private  
131 school, or home education program students who were enrolled  
132 during the summer terms. For each dual enrollment course in  
133 which the student is enrolled, the report must include a unique  
134 student identifier, the postsecondary institution name, the  
135 postsecondary course number, the postsecondary course name, and  
136 the number of postsecondary course credits earned by the  
137 student.

138 (6) (a) Florida College System institutions shall be  
139 reimbursed for college credit instruction at the in-state  
140 resident tuition rate established in s. 1009.23(3) (a).

141 (b) State universities shall be reimbursed at the standard  
142 tuition rate established in s. 1009.24(4) (a).

143 (c) Workforce education instruction leading to a career  
144 certificate or an applied technology diploma shall be reimbursed  
145 at the standard tuition rate established in s. 1009.22(3) (c).

146 (d) Institutions shall be reimbursed for instructional  
147 materials costs based on a rate as specified in the General  
148 Appropriations Act.