

By Senator Diaz

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Florida Talent Development  
3           Council; amending s. 1004.015, F.S.; requiring the  
4           council to submit, by a specified date, a report with  
5           recommendations related to the Pathways in Technology  
6           Early College High School (P-TECH) program, or a  
7           similar program, to the Governor, the Legislature, the  
8           Board of Governors, and the State Board of Education;  
9           requiring the P-TECH program to incorporate secondary  
10          and postsecondary education with workforce education  
11          and work experience; providing requirements for the  
12          report; providing an effective date.

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

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16           Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 1004.015,  
17           Florida Statutes, to read:

18           1004.015 Florida Talent Development Council.—

19           (6) By December 1, 2020, the council shall submit to the  
20 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House  
21 of Representatives, the Board of Governors, and the State Board  
22 of Education a report with recommendations that address the  
23 feasibility of establishing and implementing the Pathways in  
24 Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program, or a  
25 similar program, in Florida. The term "P-TECH program" means a  
26 program that incorporates secondary and postsecondary education  
27 with workforce education and work experience through a flexible  
28 6-year integrated model. The report must, at a minimum, include  
29 the following:

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30       (a) A school model program for students to earn a high  
31 school diploma, an associate degree, and applicable industry  
32 certifications and work experience within 6 years after  
33 enrolling in the 9th grade. Magnet schools, schools-within-a-  
34 school, charter schools, pilot programs, and other school model  
35 options may be considered by the council.

36       (b) A funding model that ensures that the P-TECH program,  
37 or a similar program, is provided at no cost to students.  
38 Funding model recommendations may incorporate K-12,  
39 postsecondary, workforce, grants, scholarships, and other  
40 funding options.

41       (c) Recommendations for modifications to the school and  
42 district accountability requirements of s. 1008.34 to  
43 accommodate flexibility within the model program.

44       (d) An open enrollment policy that encourages a diverse  
45 student body that includes students from low-income families and  
46 first-generation college students.

47       (e) Courses of study which support program completion in 4  
48 years to 6 years and which meet regional workforce demand.

49       (f) School governance and staffing recommendations,  
50 including faculty qualifications.

51       (g) Timelines and additional funding requirements for  
52 planning and launching a P-TECH program, or a similar program,  
53 at a school.

54       (h) A plan for seamless articulation with Florida's  
55 postsecondary institutions.

56       (i) Recommendations for partnerships with industries and  
57 businesses, which include private investment, work-based  
58 training, internships, and priority placement for job

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59 opportunities upon graduation.

60 (j) A support model for student success, which may include  
61 flexible class scheduling, advising and mentoring components,  
62 and other wrap-around services.

63 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.