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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Brandes moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Present subsection (5) of section 1003.44,
Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (6), and a new
subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

1003.44 Patriotic programs; rules.—

(5) (a) The commissioner shall develop minimum criteria for
a civic literacy practicum that helps students evaluate the
roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens



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12 and identify effective methods of active participation in
13 society, government, and the political system. The practicum may
14 be incorporated into a school's curriculum for the high school
15 United States Government course under s. 1003.4282(3)(d),
16 beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

17 (b) The purpose of the practicum is to inspire meaningful
18 civic engagement and help students learn how governmental
19 entities at the local, state, or federal level interact with the
20 public which they represent and serve. The practicum must
21 provide students with an opportunity to be civically engaged
22 through:

23 1. Participation in an unpaid internship at a governmental
24 entity; or

25 2. Simulations or series of observations, or both, of one
26 or more governmental entities performing their core functions in
27 relation to the public. Such functions may include
28 administrative, legislative, or judicial functions and other
29 official business conducted by a governmental entity.

30 3. Learning about the United States citizenship
31 naturalization process and attendance at a United States
32 citizenship naturalization oath ceremony.

33 (c) The practicum must require a student to complete a
34 research paper that reflects on the student's experience
35 participating in the civic engagement activity; explains the
36 significance of the governmental entity's role in his or her
37 community, the state, or the nation; and explains how the
38 governmental entity is responsive to the public.

39 (d) The hours outside of classroom instruction which a
40 student devotes to an unpaid civic engagement activity under



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41 paragraph (b) may count toward the community service
42 requirements for participation in the Florida Bright Futures
43 Scholarship Program. School districts should include and accept
44 civic literacy practicum activities and hours in requirements
45 for academic awards, especially those awards that currently
46 include community service as a criterion or selection factor.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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

50 And the title is amended as follows:

51 Delete everything before the enacting clause
52 and insert:

53 A bill to be entitled

54 An act relating to civic education; amending s.
55 1003.44, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of Education
56 to develop minimum criteria for a civic literacy
57 practicum; authorizing the integration of such
58 practicum into a specified course; providing
59 requirements for such criteria and practicum;
60 providing time devoted to such practicum outside of
61 classroom instruction may be used for specified
62 purposes; providing the hours devoted to such
63 practicum and that the practicum may be used for
64 specified purposes and count toward certain community
65 service requirements; authorizing a school district to
66 include a civic literacy practicum in requirements for
67 academic awards; providing an effective date.