

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to certificate of completion; amending  
 3           ss. 1001.44 and 1002.34, F.S.; specifying that  
 4           students who have been awarded a certificate of  
 5           completion are eligible to enroll in certain programs;  
 6           providing an effective date.

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

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 10           Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (3) of  
 11           section 1001.44, Florida Statutes, to read:

12           1001.44 Career centers.—

13           (3) CAREER CENTER PART OF DISTRICT SCHOOL SYSTEM DIRECTED  
 14           BY A DIRECTOR.—

15           (c) A student who has been awarded a certificate of  
 16           completion under s. 1003.4282 is eligible to enroll in career  
 17           center programs.

18           Section 2. Subsection (8) of section 1002.34, Florida  
 19           Statutes, is amended to read:

20           1002.34 Charter technical career centers.—

21           (8) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—A center must be open to all  
 22           students as space is available and may not discriminate in  
 23           admissions policies or practices on the basis of an individual's  
 24           physical disability or proficiency in English or on any other  
 25           basis that would be unlawful if practiced by a public school or

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26 | a Florida College System institution. A student who has been  
27 | awarded a certificate of completion under s. 1003.4282 is  
28 | eligible to enroll in charter technical career center programs.  
29 | A center may establish reasonable criteria by which to evaluate  
30 | prospective students, which criteria must be outlined in the  
31 | charter.

32 |       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.