

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to guidance services on academic and
3 career planning; amending s. 1003.02, F.S.; requiring
4 school boards to inform students and parents of
5 certain acceleration, academic, and career planning
6 options; specifying information that must be included;
7 amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.; requiring a certain plan
8 be developed in consultation with a certified school
9 counselor; requiring a personalized student plan to
10 inform students of certain opportunities; providing an
11 effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section
16 1003.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17 1003.02 District school board operation and control of
18 public K-12 education within the school district.—As provided in
19 part II of chapter 1001, district school boards are
20 constitutionally and statutorily charged with the operation and
21 control of public K-12 education within their school districts.
22 The district school boards must establish, organize, and operate
23 their public K-12 schools and educational programs, employees,
24 and facilities. Their responsibilities include staff
25 development, public K-12 school student education including

26 | education for exceptional students and students in juvenile
27 | justice programs, special programs, adult education programs,
28 | and career education programs. Additionally, district school
29 | boards must:

30 | (1) Provide for the proper accounting for all students of
31 | school age, for the attendance and control of students at
32 | school, and for proper attention to health, safety, and other
33 | matters relating to the welfare of students in the following
34 | areas:

35 | (i) ~~Parental~~ Notification of acceleration, academic, and
36 | career planning options.—At the beginning of each school year,
37 | notify ~~parents of~~ students in or entering high school and their
38 | parents, in a language that is understandable to students and
39 | parents, of the opportunity and benefits of advanced placement,
40 | International Baccalaureate, Advanced International Certificate
41 | of Education, dual enrollment, career and professional
42 | academies, career-themed courses, the career and technical
43 | education pathway to earn a standard high school diploma under
44 | s. 1003.4282(11), work-based learning opportunities, including
45 | internships and apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs,
46 | ~~and~~ Florida Virtual School courses, ~~and~~ options for early
47 | graduation under s. 1003.4281, and contact information of a
48 | certified school counselor who can advise students on these
49 | options.

50 | Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section

51 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

52 1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades
53 promotion.—

54 (1) In order for a student to be promoted to high school
55 from a school that includes middle grades 6, 7, and 8, the
56 student must successfully complete the following courses:

57 (e) One course in career and education planning to be
58 completed in grades 6, 7, or 8, which may be taught by any
59 member of the instructional staff. The course must be Internet-
60 based, customizable to each student, and include research-based
61 assessments to assist students in determining educational and
62 career options and goals. In addition, the course must result in
63 a completed personalized academic and career plan for the
64 student that may be revised as the student progresses through
65 middle school and high school; must emphasize the importance of
66 entrepreneurship and employability skills; and must include
67 information from the Department of Economic Opportunity's
68 economic security report under s. 445.07. The required
69 personalized academic and career plan, developed in consultation
70 with a certified school counselor, must inform students of high
71 school graduation requirements, including a detailed explanation
72 of the requirements for earning a high school diploma
73 designation under s. 1003.4285 and the career and technical
74 education pathway to earn a standard high school diploma under
75 s. 1003.4282(11); the requirements for each scholarship in the

76 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; state university and
77 Florida College System institution admission requirements;
78 available opportunities to earn college credit in high school,
79 including Advanced Placement courses; the International
80 Baccalaureate Program; the Advanced International Certificate of
81 Education Program; dual enrollment, including career dual
82 enrollment; work-based learning opportunities, including
83 internships and preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs;
84 and career education courses, including career-themed courses,
85 ~~preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs,~~ and course
86 sequences that lead to industry certification pursuant to s.
87 1003.492 or s. 1008.44. The course may be implemented as a
88 stand-alone course or integrated into another course or courses.
89 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.