

By Senator Rodriguez

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

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

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

13 1001.44 Career centers.—

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

16 (c) A student awarded a certificate of completion under s.
17 1003.4282 is eligible to enroll in career 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
26 a Florida College System institution. A student awarded a
27 certificate of completion under s. 1003.4282 is eligible to
28 enroll in charter technical career center programs. A center may
29 establish reasonable criteria by which to evaluate prospective

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30 students, which criteria must be outlined in the charter.

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

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