

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Representative Diamond offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 1003.44, Florida Statutes, is renumbered 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 and identify effective methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system. The practicum may

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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 in the 2022-2023 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 any of the following activities:

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

25 2. A series of simulations or observations of one or more  
26 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 attending a United States citizenship  
32 naturalization oath ceremony.

33 (c) The practicum must require a student to complete a  
34 research paper that must include all of the following:

35 1. Reflection on the student's experience participating in  
36 the civic engagement activity.

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37 2. Explanation of the significance of the governmental  
38 entity's role in the student's community, the state, or the  
39 nation.

40 3. Explanation of how the governmental entity is  
41 responsive to the public.

42 (d) The hours outside of classroom instruction that a  
43 student devotes to an unpaid civic engagement activity under  
44 paragraph (b) may count toward the community service  
45 requirements for participation in the Florida Bright Futures  
46 Scholarship Program. School districts are encouraged to include  
47 and accept civic literacy practicum activities and hours toward  
48 requirements for academic awards, especially those awards that  
49 include community service as a criterion or selection factor.

50 Section 2. Section 1004.342, Florida Statutes, is created  
51 to read:

52 1004.342 The Center for Civic Engagement Citizen Scholar  
53 Program.—

54 (1) The Citizen Scholar Program is created within the  
55 University of South Florida and shall be headquartered at the  
56 Center for Civic Engagement at the University of South Florida  
57 St. Petersburg due to its commitment to enhancing civic literacy  
58 and community engagement in the next generation of leaders.

59 (2) Subject to appropriation, the University of South  
60 Florida St. Petersburg shall contract with the YMCA, a nonprofit  
61 organization exempt from taxation under s. 501(c)(3) of the

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62 United States Internal Revenue Code, to provide students  
63 participating in the YMCA Youth and Government program the  
64 opportunity to be designated Citizen Scholars and earn  
65 undergraduate credit.

66 (3) The Citizen Scholar Program shall:

67 (a) Combine academic instruction with the implementation  
68 of concepts learned in the classroom into the local community,  
69 including business, educational and social services, and  
70 laboratory research, to improve civic literacy and expand  
71 educational experiences for students.

72 (b) Provide students with opportunities to deepen their  
73 knowledge of American democracy and improve civil discourse.

74 (4) High school students completing the program shall  
75 receive up to 6 undergraduate credit hours and be known as  
76 Citizen Scholars.

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

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80 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

81 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

82 A bill to be entitled

83 An act relating to civic literacy education; amending

84 s. 1003.44, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of

85 Education to develop criteria for a civic literacy

86 practicum that meets certain goals beginning in a

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87 | specified school year; providing purpose and  
88 | requirements for the practicum; authorizing time spent  
89 | on specified civic engagement activities to count  
90 | toward requirements for certain scholarships and  
91 | academic awards; creating s. 1004.342, F.S.;  
92 | establishing the Citizen Scholar Program within the  
93 | University of South Florida; providing that the  
94 | program will be headquartered at a specified location;  
95 | requiring the program to contract with a specified  
96 | entity to serve certain students, subject to  
97 | appropriation; providing program requirements;  
98 | providing undergraduate credit for program completion;  
99 | providing an effective date.

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