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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations  
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Education)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to postsecondary education; amending s. 1007.273, F.S.; renaming collegiate high school programs as early college programs; defining the term "early college program"; requiring early college programs to prioritize certain courses; deleting obsolete language; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing charter schools to execute contracts with certain institutions to establish an early college program; amending s. 1009.25, F.S.; clarifying fee exemptions for the Department of Children and Families; creating s. 1009.30, F.S.; providing legislative findings; establishing the Dual Enrollment Scholarship Program; providing for the administration of the program; providing for the reimbursement of tuition and costs to eligible postsecondary institutions; requiring students participating in dual enrollment programs to meet specified minimum eligibility requirements in order for institutions to receive reimbursements; requiring participating institutions to annually report specified information to the Department of Education by certain dates; providing a reimbursement schedule for tuition and instructional materials costs; requiring the Department of Education to reimburse institutions by specified dates; providing that reimbursement for dual enrollment courses is



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28 contingent upon appropriations; providing for the  
29 prorating of reimbursements under certain  
30 circumstances; requiring the State Board of Education  
31 to adopt rules; creating s. 1012.978, F.S.;  
32 authorizing state university boards of trustees to  
33 implement a bonus scheme for state university system  
34 employees based on awards for work performance or  
35 employee recruitment and retention; requiring a board  
36 of trustees to submit the bonus scheme to the Board of  
37 Governors; requiring the Board of Governors to approve  
38 such bonus scheme before its implementation; amending  
39 ss. 1002.20 and 1003.4282, F.S.; conforming provisions  
40 to changes made by the act; providing an effective  
41 date.

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

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45 Section 1. Section 1007.273, Florida Statutes, is amended  
46 to read:

47 1007.273 Early college ~~Collegiate high school~~ program.—

48 (1) Each Florida College System institution shall work with  
49 each district school board in its designated service area to  
50 establish one or more early college ~~collegiate high school~~  
51 programs. As used in this section, the term "early college  
52 program" means a structured high school acceleration program in  
53 which a cohort of students is enrolled full time in  
54 postsecondary courses toward an associate degree. The early  
55 college program must prioritize courses applicable as general  
56 education core courses under s. 1007.25 for an associate degree



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57 or a baccalaureate degree.

58 ~~(2) At a minimum, collegiate high school programs must~~  
59 ~~include an option for public school students in grade 11 or~~  
60 ~~grade 12 participating in the program, for at least 1 full~~  
61 ~~school year, to earn CAPE industry certifications pursuant to s.~~  
62 ~~1008.44 and to successfully complete 30 credit hours through the~~  
63 ~~dual enrollment program under s. 1007.271 toward the first year~~  
64 ~~of college for an associate degree or baccalaureate degree while~~  
65 ~~enrolled in the program.~~

66 ~~(3)~~ Each district school board and its local Florida  
67 College System institution shall execute a contract to establish  
68 one or more early college ~~collegiate high school~~ programs at a  
69 mutually agreed upon location or locations. ~~Beginning with the~~  
70 ~~2015-2016 school year,~~ If the institution does not establish a  
71 program with a district school board in its designated service  
72 area, another Florida College System institution may execute a  
73 contract with that district school board to establish the  
74 program. The contract must be executed by January 1 of each  
75 school year for implementation of the program during the next  
76 school year. The contract must:

77 (a) Identify the grade levels to be included in the early  
78 college ~~collegiate high school~~ program which must, at a minimum,  
79 ~~include grade 12.~~

80 (b) Describe the early college ~~collegiate high school~~  
81 program, including the delineation of courses ~~and industry~~  
82 ~~certifications~~ offered, including online course availability;  
83 the high school and college credits earned for each  
84 postsecondary course completed ~~and industry certification~~  
85 ~~earned~~; student eligibility criteria; and the enrollment process



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86 and relevant deadlines.

87 (c) Describe the methods, medium, and process by which  
88 students and their parents are annually informed about the  
89 availability of the early college ~~collegiate high school~~  
90 program, the return on investment associated with participation  
91 in the program, and the information described in paragraphs (a)  
92 and (b).

93 (d) Identify the delivery methods for instruction and the  
94 instructors for all courses.

95 (e) Identify student advising services and progress  
96 monitoring mechanisms.

97 (f) Establish a program review and reporting mechanism  
98 regarding student performance outcomes.

99 (g) Describe the terms of funding arrangements to implement  
100 the early college ~~collegiate high school~~ program.

101 ~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ Each student participating in an early college ~~a~~  
102 ~~collegiate high school~~ program must enter into a student  
103 performance contract which must be signed by the student, the  
104 parent, and a representative of the school district and the  
105 applicable Florida College System institution, state university,  
106 or other institution participating pursuant to subsection (4)  
107 ~~(5)~~. The performance contract must include the schedule of  
108 courses, by semester, ~~and industry certifications to be taken by~~  
109 ~~the student~~, student attendance requirements, and course grade  
110 requirements.

111 ~~(4)~~~~(5)~~ In addition to executing a contract with the local  
112 Florida College System institution under this section, a  
113 district school board may execute a contract to establish an  
114 early college ~~a collegiate high school~~ program with a state



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115 university or an institution that is eligible to participate in  
116 the William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education  
117 Grant Program, that is a nonprofit independent college or  
118 university located and chartered in this state, and that is  
119 accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern  
120 Association of Colleges and Schools to grant baccalaureate  
121 degrees. Such university or institution must meet the  
122 requirements specified under subsections (2) and (3) ~~(3) and~~  
123 ~~(4)~~.

124 (5) A charter school may execute a contract directly with  
125 the local Florida College System institution or another  
126 institution as authorized under this section to establish an  
127 early college program at a mutually agreed upon location.

128 (6) The early college ~~collegiate high school~~ program must  
129 ~~shall~~ be funded pursuant to ss. 1007.271 and 1011.62. The State  
130 Board of Education shall enforce compliance with this section by  
131 withholding the transfer of funds for the school districts and  
132 the Florida College System institutions in accordance with s.  
133 1008.32.

134 Section 2. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of  
135 section 1009.25, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

136 1009.25 Fee exemptions.—

137 (1) The following students are exempt from the payment of  
138 tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that  
139 provides workforce education programs, Florida College System  
140 institution, or state university:

141 (c) A student who is, or was at the time he or she reached  
142 18 years of age, in the custody of the Department of Children  
143 and Families or who, after spending at least 6 months in the



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144 custody of the department after reaching 16 years of age, was  
145 placed in a guardianship by the court. Such exemption includes  
146 fees associated with enrollment in applied academics for adult  
147 education instruction. The exemption remains valid until the  
148 student reaches 28 years of age.

149 (d) A student who is, or was at the time he or she reached  
150 18 years of age, in the custody of a relative or nonrelative  
151 under s. 39.5085 or s. 39.6225 or who was adopted from the  
152 Department of Children and Families after May 5, 1997. Such  
153 exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in applied  
154 academics for adult education instruction. The exemption remains  
155 valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.

156 Section 3. Section 1009.30, Florida Statutes, is created to  
157 read:

158 1009.30 Dual Enrollment Scholarship Program.—

159 (1) The Legislature finds and declares that dual enrollment  
160 is an integral part of the education system in this state and  
161 should be available for all eligible secondary students without  
162 cost to the student. There is established the Dual Enrollment  
163 Scholarship Program to support postsecondary institutions in  
164 providing dual enrollment.

165 (2) The Department of Education shall administer the Dual  
166 Enrollment Scholarship Program in accordance with rules adopted  
167 by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (9).

168 (3) (a) Beginning in the 2021 fall term, the program shall  
169 reimburse eligible postsecondary institutions for tuition and  
170 related instructional materials costs for dual enrollment  
171 courses taken by private school or home education program  
172 secondary students during the fall or spring terms.



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173       (b) Beginning in the 2022 summer term, the program shall  
174 reimburse institutions for tuition and related instructional  
175 materials costs for dual enrollment courses taken by public  
176 school, private school, or home education program secondary  
177 students during the summer term.

178       (4) A student participating in a dual enrollment program  
179 must meet the minimum eligibility requirements specified in s.  
180 1007.271 in order for the institution to receive a  
181 reimbursement.

182       (5) Annually, by March 15, each participating institution  
183 must report to the department any eligible secondary students  
184 from private schools or home education programs who were  
185 enrolled during the previous fall or spring terms. Annually, by  
186 July 15, each participating institution must report to the  
187 department any eligible public school, private school, or home  
188 education program students who were enrolled during the summer  
189 term. For each dual enrollment course in which the student is  
190 enrolled, the report must include a unique student identifier,  
191 the postsecondary institution name, the postsecondary course  
192 number, and the postsecondary course name.

193       (6) (a) Florida College System institutions shall be  
194 reimbursed at the in-state resident tuition rate established in  
195 s. 1009.23(3) (a).

196       (b) State University System institutions and independent  
197 postsecondary institutions shall be reimbursed at the standard  
198 tuition rate established in s. 1009.24(4) (a).

199       (c) Institutions shall be reimbursed for instructional  
200 materials costs based on a rate specified in the General  
201 Appropriations Act.



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202       (7) For dual enrollment courses taken during the fall and  
203 spring terms, the department must reimburse institutions by  
204 April 15 of the same year. For dual enrollment courses taken  
205 during the summer term, the department must reimburse  
206 institutions by August 15 of the same year, before the beginning  
207 of the next academic year.

208       (8) Reimbursement for dual enrollment courses is contingent  
209 upon an appropriation in the General Appropriations Act each  
210 year. If the statewide reimbursement amount is greater than the  
211 appropriation, the institutional reimbursement amounts specified  
212 in subsection (6) shall be prorated among the institutions that  
213 have reported eligible students to the department by the  
214 deadlines specified in subsection (5).

215       (9) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
216 implement this section.

217       Section 4. Section 1012.978, Florida Statutes, is created  
218 to read:

219       1012.978 Bonuses for state university system employees.—  
220 Notwithstanding s. 215.425(3), a university board of trustees  
221 may implement a bonus scheme based on awards for work  
222 performance or employee recruitment and retention. The board of  
223 trustees must submit to the Board of Governors the bonus scheme,  
224 including the evaluation criteria by which a bonus will be  
225 awarded. The Board of Governors must approve any bonus scheme  
226 created under this section before its implementation.

227       Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
228 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

229       1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public  
230 school students must receive accurate and timely information





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231 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed  
232 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12  
233 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory  
234 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

235 (6) EDUCATIONAL CHOICE.—

236 (a) *Public educational school choices.*—Parents of public  
237 school students may seek any public educational school choice  
238 options that are applicable and available to students throughout  
239 the state. These options may include controlled open enrollment,  
240 single-gender programs, lab schools, virtual instruction  
241 programs, charter schools, charter technical career centers,  
242 magnet schools, alternative schools, special programs, auditory-  
243 oral education programs, advanced placement, dual enrollment,  
244 International Baccalaureate, International General Certificate  
245 of Secondary Education (pre-AICE), CAPE digital tools, CAPE  
246 industry certifications, early college ~~collegiate high school~~  
247 programs, Advanced International Certificate of Education, early  
248 admissions, credit by examination or demonstration of  
249 competency, the New World School of the Arts, the Florida School  
250 for the Deaf and the Blind, and the Florida Virtual School.  
251 These options may also include the public educational choice  
252 options of the Opportunity Scholarship Program and the McKay  
253 Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program.

254 Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (10) of section  
255 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

256 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma.—

257 (10) STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.—Beginning with students  
258 entering grade 9 in the 2014-2015 school year, this subsection  
259 applies to a student with a disability.



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260 (c) A student with a disability who meets the standard high  
261 school diploma requirements in this section may defer the  
262 receipt of a standard high school diploma if the student:

263 1. Has an individual education plan that prescribes special  
264 education, transition planning, transition services, or related  
265 services through age 21; and

266 2. Is enrolled in accelerated college credit instruction  
267 pursuant to s. 1007.27, industry certification courses that lead  
268 to college credit, an early college ~~a collegiate high school~~  
269 program, courses necessary to satisfy the Scholar designation  
270 requirements, or a structured work-study, internship, or  
271 preapprenticeship program.

272  
273 The State Board of Education shall adopt rules under ss.  
274 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this subsection, including  
275 rules that establish the minimum requirements for students  
276 described in this subsection to earn a standard high school  
277 diploma. The State Board of Education shall adopt emergency  
278 rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54.

279 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.