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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to guidance services; amending s.  
3       1006.025, F.S.; requiring each district school board  
4       to require certified school counselors to advise  
5       public high school students of opportunities to gain  
6       skills in demand in the labor market and how to  
7       prepare to obtain postsecondary degrees in technical  
8       fields; requiring such advice to be given at least  
9       once per academic year before public high school  
10      students select courses for the subsequent academic  
11      year; specifying information that must be included in  
12      the advice; authorizing the staff of other student  
13      personnel services to give the advice if there are  
14      insufficient certified school counselors to do so;  
15      requiring the Department of Education to provide  
16      resources to district school boards which may assist  
17      districts in offering the advice; providing an  
18      effective date.

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

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22       Section 1. Section 1006.025, Florida Statutes, is amended  
23 to read:

24       1006.025 Guidance services.—

25       (1) (a) Each district school board shall require certified  
26 school counselors to advise students attending public high  
27 schools of opportunities to gain skills in demand in the labor  
28 market and how to prepare to obtain postsecondary degrees in  
29 technical fields.

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30 (b) Certified school counselors shall give the advice  
31 required by this subsection at least once per academic year  
32 before public high school students select courses for the  
33 subsequent academic year. The advice must include the following  
34 information:

35 1. Apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs offered  
36 pursuant to chapter 446;

37 2. Dual enrollment programs offered pursuant to s.  
38 1007.271;

39 3. Career and professional academies and career-themed  
40 courses available pursuant to s. 1003.493;

41 4. Opportunities at local school district technical  
42 centers;

43 5. Opportunities to gain an internship; and

44 6. The Career and Technical Education pathway to earn a  
45 standard high school diploma pursuant to s. 1003.4282(11) and  
46 all opportunities to earn credits toward the pathway.

47 (c) If an insufficient number of certified school  
48 counselors is available to give the advice required by this  
49 subsection, then the staff of other student personnel services  
50 as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(b) may give the advice.

51 (2) Each district school board shall annually submit a  
52 district guidance report to the Commissioner of Education by  
53 June 30.

54 (3)~~(2)~~ The guidance report shall include, but not be  
55 limited to, the following:

56 (a) Examination of student access to certified school  
57 counselors.

58 (b) Degree to which a district has adopted or implemented a

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59 guidance model program.

60 (c) Evaluation of the information and training available to  
61 certified school counselors and career specialists to advise  
62 students on areas of critical need, labor market trends, and  
63 technical training requirements.

64 (d) Progress toward incorporation of best practices for  
65 advisement as identified by the department.

66 (e) Consideration of alternative guidance systems or ideas,  
67 including, but not limited to, a teacher-advisor model,  
68 mentoring, partnerships with the business community, web-based  
69 delivery, and parental involvement.

70 (f) A guidance plan for the district.

71 (4)~~(3)~~ The department shall provide resources to district  
72 school boards that may assist districts in offering the advice  
73 required by subsection (1) and preparing the annual guidance  
74 report. The resources shall include, but are not limited to,  
75 materials relating to guidance model programs, training  
76 available through the department for career guidance, adopted  
77 best practices, alternative guidance systems or ideas, and a  
78 model district guidance plan.

79 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.