

By Senator Jones

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to certificates of completion;
3 amending s. 1001.44, F.S.; providing that students
4 awarded a certificate of completion are eligible to
5 enroll in workforce education programs; amending s.
6 1002.34, F.S.; providing that students awarded a
7 certificate of completion are eligible to enroll in
8 workforce education programs; requiring charter
9 technical career centers to identify such programs;
10 amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; requiring that students
11 be advised of specified educational options before
12 being awarded a certificate of completion; providing
13 an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Present paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of
18 section 1001.44, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph
19 (c), and a new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection, to
20 read:

21 1001.44 Career centers.—

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

24 (b) A student awarded a certificate of completion under s.
25 1003.4282 is eligible to enroll in workforce education programs
26 under s. 1011.80.

27 Section 2. Subsection (8) of section 1002.34, Florida
28 Statutes, is amended to read:

29 1002.34 Charter technical career centers.—

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30 (8) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—A center must be open to all
31 students as space is available and may not discriminate in
32 admissions policies or practices on the basis of an individual's
33 physical disability or proficiency in English or on any other
34 basis that would be unlawful if practiced by a public school or
35 a Florida College System institution. A student awarded a
36 certificate of completion under s. 1003.4282 is eligible to
37 enroll in workforce education programs under s. 1011.80. A
38 center may establish reasonable criteria by which to evaluate
39 prospective students, which ~~criteria~~ must be outlined in the
40 charter, and must identify workforce education programs in which
41 a student who has been awarded a certificate of completion under
42 s. 1003.4282 is eligible to enroll.

43 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section
44 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

45 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma.—

46 (6) AWARD OF A STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.—

47 (c) A student who earns the required 24 credits, or the
48 required 18 credits under s. 1002.3105(5), but fails to pass the
49 assessments required under s. 1008.22(3) or achieve a 2.0 GPA
50 shall be awarded a certificate of completion in a form
51 prescribed by the State Board of Education. However, before the
52 award of a certificate of completion, a student must be advised
53 of available educational options, including workforce education
54 programs under s. 1011.80, adult general education programs as
55 defined in s. 1004.02(3), and the option ~~who is otherwise~~
56 entitled to a certificate of completion may elect to remain in
57 high school either as a full-time student or a part-time student
58 for up to 1 additional year and receive special instruction

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59 designed to remedy his or her identified deficiencies.

60 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.