

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 the  
 9           identification of such programs by charter technical  
 10          career centers; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; requiring  
 11          that students be advised of specified educational  
 12          options before awarded a certificate of completion;  
 13          providing 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. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
 18   1001.44, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (c) and  
 19   a new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection to read:

20           1001.44 Career centers.—

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

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

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

28 1002.34 Charter technical career centers.—

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

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

44 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school  
 45 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  
59 | designed to remedy his or her identified deficiencies.

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