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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to guidance services for academic and
3 career planning; amending s. 1003.02, F.S.; requiring
4 district school boards to inform students and parents
5 of certain acceleration, academic, and career planning
6 options; requiring certain information to be included
7 in such notification; amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.;
8 requiring a personalized academic and career plan be
9 developed in consultation with a certified school
10 counselor for certain students; requiring certain
11 information to be included in such plans; providing an
12 effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section
17 1003.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 1003.02 District school board operation and control of
19 public K-12 education within the school district.—As provided in
20 part II of chapter 1001, district school boards are
21 constitutionally and statutorily charged with the operation and
22 control of public K-12 education within their school districts.
23 The district school boards must establish, organize, and operate
24 their public K-12 schools and educational programs, employees,
25 and facilities. Their responsibilities include staff
26 development, public K-12 school student education including
27 education for exceptional students and students in juvenile
28 justice programs, special programs, adult education programs,
29 and career education programs. Additionally, district school

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30 boards must:

31 (1) Provide for the proper accounting for all students of
32 school age, for the attendance and control of students at
33 school, and for proper attention to health, safety, and other
34 matters relating to the welfare of students in the following
35 areas:

36 (i) ~~Parental~~ Notification of acceleration, academic, and
37 career planning options.—At the beginning of each school year,
38 notify ~~parents of~~ students in or entering high school and the
39 students' parents, in a language that is understandable to the
40 students and parents, of the opportunity and benefits of
41 advanced placement courses, International Baccalaureate courses,
42 Advanced International Certificate of Education courses, dual
43 enrollment courses, career and professional academies, career-
44 themed courses, the career and technical education pathway to
45 earn a standard high school diploma under s. 1003.4282(10),
46 work-based learning opportunities, including internships and
47 apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs, and Florida
48 Virtual School courses; ~~and~~ options for early graduation under
49 s. 1003.4281; and contact information of a certified school
50 counselor who can advise students on these options.

51 Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section
52 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

53 1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades
54 promotion.—

55 (1) In order for a student to be promoted to high school
56 from a school that includes middle grades 6, 7, and 8, the
57 student must successfully complete the following courses:

58 (e) One course in career and education planning to be

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59 completed in grades 6, 7, or 8, which may be taught by any
60 member of the instructional staff. The course must be Internet-
61 based, customizable to each student, and include research-based
62 assessments to assist students in determining educational and
63 career options and goals. In addition, the course must result in
64 a completed personalized academic and career plan for the
65 student that may be revised as the student progresses through
66 middle school and high school; must emphasize the importance of
67 entrepreneurship and employability skills; and must include
68 information from the Department of Economic Opportunity's
69 economic security report under s. 445.07 and other state career
70 planning resources. The required personalized academic and
71 career plan, developed in consultation with a certified school
72 counselor, must inform students of high school graduation
73 requirements, including a detailed explanation of the
74 requirements for earning a high school diploma designation under
75 s. 1003.4285 and the career and technical education pathway to
76 earn a standard high school diploma under s. 1003.4282(10); the
77 requirements for each scholarship in the Florida Bright Futures
78 Scholarship Program; state university and Florida College System
79 institution admission requirements; available opportunities to
80 earn college credit in high school, including Advanced Placement
81 courses; the International Baccalaureate Program; the Advanced
82 International Certificate of Education Program; dual enrollment,
83 including career dual enrollment; work-based learning
84 opportunities, including internships and apprenticeship and
85 preapprenticeship programs; and career education courses,
86 including career-themed courses, ~~preapprenticeship and~~
87 ~~apprenticeship programs,~~ and course sequences that lead to

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88 industry certification pursuant to s. 1003.492 or s. 1008.44.

89 The course may be implemented as a stand-alone course or

90 integrated into another course or courses.

91 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.