

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to guidance services on academic and  
3 career planning; amending s. 1003.02, F.S.; requiring  
4 school boards to inform students and parents of  
5 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 to  
9 be developed in consultation with a certified school  
10 counselor for certain students; requiring certain  
11 information to be included in such plan; 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  
 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  
 40 | students and parents, of the opportunity and benefits of  
 41 | advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, Advanced  
 42 | International Certificate of Education, dual enrollment, career  
 43 | and professional academies, career-themed courses, the career  
 44 | and technical education pathway to earn a standard high school  
 45 | diploma under s. 1003.4282(10), work-based learning  
 46 | opportunities, including internships and apprenticeship and  
 47 | preapprenticeship programs, foundational and soft-skill  
 48 | credentialing programs under s. 445.06, and Florida Virtual  
 49 | School courses; ~~and~~ options for early graduation under s.  
 50 | 1003.4281; and the contact information of a certified school

51 counselor who can advise students on these options.

52 Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section  
53 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

54 1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades  
55 promotion.—

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

59 (e) One course in career and education planning to be  
60 completed in grades 6, 7, or 8, which may be taught by any  
61 member of the instructional staff. The course must be Internet-  
62 based, customizable to each student, and include research-based  
63 assessments to assist students in determining educational and  
64 career options and goals. In addition, the course must result in  
65 a completed personalized academic and career plan for the  
66 student that may be revised as the student progresses through  
67 middle school and high school; must emphasize the importance of  
68 entrepreneurship and employability skills; and must include  
69 information from the Department of Economic Opportunity's  
70 economic security report under s. 445.07 and other state career  
71 planning resources. The required personalized academic and  
72 career plan, developed in consultation with a certified school  
73 counselor, must inform students of high school graduation  
74 requirements, including a detailed explanation of the  
75 requirements for earning a high school diploma designation under

76 | s. 1003.4285 and the career and technical education pathway to  
77 | earn a standard high school diploma under s. 1003.4282(10); the  
78 | requirements for each scholarship in the Florida Bright Futures  
79 | Scholarship Program; state university and Florida College System  
80 | institution admission requirements; available opportunities to  
81 | earn college credit in high school, including Advanced Placement  
82 | courses; the International Baccalaureate Program; the Advanced  
83 | International Certificate of Education Program; dual enrollment,  
84 | including career dual enrollment; work-based learning  
85 | opportunities, including internships and preapprenticeship and  
86 | apprenticeship programs; and career education courses, including  
87 | career-themed courses, ~~preapprenticeship and apprenticeship~~  
88 | ~~programs,~~ and course sequences that lead to industry  
89 | certification pursuant to s. 1003.492 or s. 1008.44. The course  
90 | may be implemented as a stand-alone course or integrated into  
91 | another course or courses.

92 |       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.