

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 04/18/2023 House

The Appropriations Committee on Education (Avila) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 91 - 488

and insert:

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Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 1002.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.45 Virtual instruction programs.-

(6) VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM AND VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING.-

(b) Students enrolled in a virtual instruction program

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11 shall be funded in the Florida Education Finance Program as 12 provided in the General Appropriations Act. The calculation to 13 determine the amount of funds for each student through the 14 Florida Education Finance Program shall include the sum of the 15 base Florida Education Finance Program pursuant to s. 16 1011.62(1)(t) s. 1011.62(1)(s) and all categorical programs 17 except for the categorical programs established pursuant to ss. 18 1011.62(1)(f), (7), and (13); 1011.68; 1011.685; and 1012.71. 19 Students residing outside of the school district reporting the 20 full-time equivalent virtual student shall be funded from state 21 funds only.

Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma.-

(3) STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; COURSE AND ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS.-

(e) One credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or career and technical education, or practical arts.-<u>A</u> The practical arts course that incorporates must incorporate artistic content and techniques of creativity, interpretation, and imagination satisfies the one credit requirement in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or career and technical education. Eligible practical arts courses are identified in the Course Code Directory.

Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 1004.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

37 1004.04 Public accountability and state approval for 38 teacher preparation programs.-

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(2) UNIFORM CORE CURRICULA AND CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT.-

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40	(b) The rules to establish uniform core curricula for each
41	state-approved teacher preparation program must include, but are
42	not limited to, the following:
43	1. Candidate instruction and assessment in the Florida
44	Educator Accomplished Practices across content areas.
45	2. The use of state-adopted content standards to guide
46	curricula and instruction.
47	3. Scientifically researched and evidence-based reading
48	instructional strategies that improve reading performance for
49	all students, including explicit, systematic, and sequential
50	approaches to teaching phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary,
51	fluency, and text comprehension and multisensory intervention
52	strategies.
53	4. Content literacy and mathematics practices.
54	5. Strategies appropriate for the instruction of English
55	language learners.
56	6. Strategies appropriate for the instruction of students
57	with disabilities.
58	7. Strategies to differentiate instruction based on student
59	needs.
60	8. Strategies and practices to support evidence-based
61	content aligned to state standards and grading practices.
62	9. Strategies appropriate for the early identification of a
63	student in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge and
64	the referral of such student to a mental health professional for
65	support.
66	10. Strategies to support the use of technology in
67	education and distance learning.
68	11. Strategies and practices to support effective,

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69 research-based assessment and grading practices aligned to the 70 state's academic standards. Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and subsections 71 72 (3), (4), and (5) of section 1004.85, Florida Statutes, are 73 amended to read: 74 1004.85 Postsecondary educator preparation institutes.-75 (2) (a) Postsecondary institutions that are accredited or 76 approved as described in State Board of Education rule may seek 77 approval from the Department of Education to create educator 78 preparation institutes for the purpose of providing any or all 79 of the following: 80 1. Professional learning development instruction to assist teachers in improving classroom instruction and in meeting 81 82 certification or recertification requirements. 83 2. Instruction to assist potential and existing substitute 84 teachers in performing their duties. 85 3. Instruction to assist paraprofessionals in meeting education and training requirements. 86 87 4. Instruction for baccalaureate degree holders to become certified teachers as provided in this section in order to 88 89 increase routes to the classroom for mid-career professionals 90 who hold a baccalaureate degree and college graduates who were 91 not education majors. 5. Instruction and professional learning development for 92 93 part-time and full-time nondegreed teachers of career programs under s. 1012.39(1)(c). 94 95 (3) Educator preparation institutes approved pursuant to 96 this section may offer competency-based certification programs 97 specifically designed for noneducation major baccalaureate

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98 degree holders to enable program participants to meet the 99 educator certification requirements of s. 1012.56. An educator 100 preparation institute choosing to offer a competency-based 101 certification program pursuant to the provisions of this section 102 must implement a program previously approved by the Department 103 of Education for this purpose or a program developed by the 104 institute and approved by the department for this purpose. 105 Approved programs shall be available for use by other approved 106 educator preparation institutes.

107 (a) Within 90 days after receipt of a request for approval, the Department of Education shall approve a preparation program 108 109 pursuant to the requirements of this subsection or issue a 110 statement of the deficiencies in the request for approval. The 111 department shall approve a certification program if the 112 institute provides evidence of the institute's capacity to 113 implement a competency-based program that instructs and assesses 114 each candidate in includes each of the following:

1.a. Participant instruction and assessment in The Florida Educator Accomplished Practices <u>approved by the state board</u> across content areas.

b. The <u>state academic</u> use of <u>state-adopted student content</u> standards <u>provided under s. 1003.41</u>, including <u>scientifically</u> <u>based reading instruction</u>, content literacy, and mathematical <u>practices</u>, for each subject identified on the statement of <u>status of eligibility or the temporary certificate</u> to guide <u>curriculum and instruction</u>.

124 c. Scientifically researched and evidence-based reading 125 instructional strategies that improve reading performance for 126 all students, including explicit, systematic, and sequential

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127 approaches to teaching phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, 128 fluency, and text comprehension and multisensory intervention 129 strategies. 130 d. Content literacy and mathematical practices. 131 e. Strategies appropriate for instruction of English 132 language learners. 133 f. Strategies appropriate for instruction of students with 134 disabilities. 135 q. Strategies to differentiate instruction based on student 136 needs. 137 h. Strategies and practices to support evidence-based 138 content aligned to state standards and grading practices. 139 i. Strategies appropriate for the early identification of a 140 student in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge and 141 the referral of such student to a mental health professional for 142 support. j. Strategies to support the use of technology in education 143 144 and distance learning. 2. An educational plan for each participant to meet 145 146 certification requirements and demonstrate his or her ability to 147 teach the subject area for which the participant is seeking certification, which is based on an assessment of his or her 148 149 competency in the areas listed in subparagraph 1. 150 3. Field experiences appropriate to the certification 151 subject area specified in the educational plan with a diverse 152 population of students in a variety of challenging environments, 153 including, but not limited to, high-poverty schools, urban 154 schools, and rural schools, under the supervision of qualified 155 educators. The state board shall determine in rule the amount of

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156 field experience necessary to serve as the teacher of record, 157 beginning with candidates entering a program in the 2023-2024 158 school year.

4. A certification ombudsman to facilitate the process and
procedures required for participants who complete the program to
meet any requirements related to the background screening
pursuant to s. 1012.32 and educator professional or temporary
certification pursuant to s. 1012.56.

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(b) Each program participant must:

 Meet certification requirements pursuant to s.
 1012.56(1) by obtaining a statement of status of eligibility in the certification subject area of the educational plan and meet the requirements of s. 1012.56(2)(a)-(f).

169 2. Demonstrate competency and participate in coursework and 170 field experiences that are appropriate to his or her educational 171 plan prepared under paragraph (a). Beginning with candidates 172 entering an educator preparation institute in the 2022-2023 173 school year, a candidate for certification in a coverage area 174 identified pursuant to s. 1012.585(3)(f) must successfully 175 complete all competencies for a reading endorsement, including 176 completion of the endorsement practicum through the candidate's 177 field experience, in order to graduate from the program.

3. Before completion of the program, fully demonstrate his or her ability to teach the subject area for which he or she is seeking certification by documenting a positive impact on student learning growth in a prekindergarten through grade 12 setting and, except as provided in s. 1012.56(7)(a)3., achieving a passing score on the professional education competency examination, the basic skills examination, and the subject area

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185 examination for the subject area certification which is required 186 by state board rule.

(c) Upon completion of all requirements for a certification 187 188 program approved pursuant to this subsection, a participant 189 shall receive a credential from the sponsoring institution 190 signifying that the participant has completed a state-approved 191 competency-based certification program in the certification 192 subject area specified in the educational plan. A participant is eligible for educator certification through the Department of 193 194 Education upon satisfaction of all requirements for 195 certification set forth in s. 1012.56(2).

(4) <u>The state board shall adopt rules for the</u> continued approval of each program approved pursuant to this section shall be determined by the Commissioner of Education based upon a periodic review of the following areas:

(a) Candidate readiness based on passage rates on educator certification examinations under s. 1012.56, as applicable.

(b) Evidence of performance in each of the following areas: 1. Performance of students in prekindergarten through grade 12 who are assigned to in-field program completers on statewide assessments using the results of the student learning growth formula adopted under s. 1012.34.

2. Results of program completers' annual evaluations in accordance with the timeline as set forth in s. 1012.34.

3. Workforce contributions, including placement of program completers in instructional positions in Florida public and private schools, with additional weight given to production of program completers in statewide critical teacher shortage areas as identified in s. 1012.07.

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214 (5) Each institute approved pursuant to this section shall 215 submit to the Department of Education annual performance 216 evaluations that measure the effectiveness of the programs τ 217 including the pass rates of participants on all examinations 218 required for teacher certification, employment rates, 219 longitudinal retention rates, and satisfaction surveys of 220 employers and program completers. The satisfaction surveys must 221 be designed to measure the sufficient preparation of the 2.2.2 educator for the realities of the classroom and the institute's 223 responsiveness to local school districts. These evaluations 224 shall be used by the Department of Education for purposes of 225 continued approval of an educator preparation institute's 226 certification program.

227 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 1005.04, Florida 228 Statutes, is amended, and a new subsection (3) is added to that 229 section, read:

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1005.04 Fair consumer practices.-

(1) Every institution that is under the jurisdiction of the commission or is exempt from the jurisdiction or purview of the commission pursuant to s. 1005.06(1)(c) or (f) and that either directly or indirectly solicits for enrollment any student shall:

(a) Disclose to each prospective student a statement of the
purpose of such institution, its educational programs and
curricula, a description of its physical facilities, its status
regarding licensure, its fee schedule and policies regarding
retaining student fees if a student withdraws, and a statement
regarding the transferability of credits to and from other
institutions. The institution shall make the required

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243 disclosures in writing at least 1 week prior to enrollment or 244 collection of any tuition from the prospective student. The 245 required disclosures may be made in the institution's current 246 catalog;

247 (b) Use a reliable method to assess, before accepting a 248 student into a program, the student's ability to complete 249 successfully the course of study for which he or she has 250 applied;

(c) Inform each student accurately about financial assistance and obligations for repayment of loans; describe any employment placement services provided and the limitations thereof; and refrain from promising or implying guaranteed placement, market availability, or salary amounts;

(d) Provide to prospective and enrolled students accurate information regarding the relationship of its programs to state licensure requirements for practicing related occupations and professions in Florida;

(e) Ensure that all advertisements are accurate and not misleading;

(f) Publish and follow an equitable prorated refund policy for all students, and follow both the federal refund guidelines for students receiving federal financial assistance and the minimum refund guidelines set by commission rule;

(q) Follow the requirements of state and federal laws that require annual reporting with respect to crime statistics and physical plant safety and make those reports available to the 269 public; and

270 (h) Publish and follow procedures for handling student complaints, disciplinary actions, and appeals; and 271

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272 (i) Prior to enrollment, provide to each prospective or 273 enrolled student a written disclosure of all fees and costs that will be incurred by the student, the institution's refund 274 275 policy, any exit examination requirements, and the grade point 276 average required for completion of the student's program or 277 degree. The disclosure must include a statement regarding the 278 scope of accreditation, if applicable. Institutions licensed by 279 the Commission for Independent Education shall disclose the 280 information required pursuant to this paragraph in a format 281 prescribed by the commission. 282 (3) In any application for licensure, the burden of 283 demonstrating compliance with fair consumer practice is upon the 284 person, entity, or institution asserting compliance. Determining 285 compliance with this section shall rest with the commission. The 286 commission may require further evidence and make such further investigation, in addition to any information submitted, as may 287

be reasonably necessary in the commission's judgment.

Section 7. Section 1005.11, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

<u>1005.11 Accountability for institutions licensed by the</u> Commission for Independent Education.-

(1) By June 30, 2024, and by April 15 of each year thereafter, the commission shall prepare an annual accountability report for licensed institutions. The report must contain, at a minimum, the graduation rates, including the number of graduates by program, retention rates, and placement rates, for all licensed institutions.

299 (2) By March 15, 2024, and by November 30 of each year 300 thereafter, each licensed institution shall provide data to the

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301	commission in a format prescribed by the commission. Placement
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304	(3) The commission shall establish a common set of data
305	definitions for institutional reporting purposes.
306	(4) The commission shall impose an administrative fine of
307	not more than \$500 when a licensed institution fails to timely
308	submit the required data to the commission pursuant to this
309	section. Administrative fines collected under this subsection
310	must be deposited into the Student Protection Fund.
311	(5) The commission may require licensed institutions to
312	provide institutional, graduate, and student data through
313	reasonable data collection efforts as required or necessitated
314	by statute or rule.
315	(6) The commission may establish, by rule, performance
316	benchmarks to identify high-performing institutions licensed by
317	the commission.
318	Section 8. Paragraph (p) is added to subsection (1) of
319	section 1005.22, Florida Statutes, to read:
320	1005.22 Powers and duties of commission
321	(1) The commission shall:
322	(p) Have the power, within its respective regulatory
323	jurisdiction, to examine and investigate the affairs of every
324	person, entity, or independent postsecondary institution in
325	order to determine whether the person, entity, or independent
326	postsecondary institution is operating in accordance with this
327	chapter or has been or is engaged in any unfair or deceptive act
328	or practice prohibited by s. 1005.04.
329	Section 9. Subsections (2) and (8) of section 1005.31,

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1005.31 Licensure of institutions.-

Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

332 (2) The commission shall develop minimum standards by which to evaluate institutions for licensure. These standards must 333 334 include, at a minimum, at least the institution's name; -335 financial stability; $_{T}$ purpose; $_{T}$ administrative organization; $_{T}$ admissions and recruitment; τ educational programs and 336 337 curricula; τ retention and τ completion, including a retention and 338 completion management plan; career placement; τ faculty; τ 339 learning resources; τ student personnel services; τ physical plant 340 and facilities; $_{\tau}$ publications; $_{\tau}$ and disclosure statements about 341 the status of the institution with respect to professional 342 certification and licensure. The commission may adopt rules to 343 ensure that institutions licensed under this section meet these 344 standards in ways that are appropriate to achieve the stated 345 intent of this chapter, including provisions for nontraditional 346 or distance education programs and delivery.

(a) The standards relating to admissions and recruitment must include, but need not be limited to, requirements for verification of high school graduation, high school equivalency, or qualifying scores on an ability-to-benefit test.

(b) The commission may require a licensed institution to submit a management plan, prohibit a licensed institution from enrolling new students in the institution or a program of the institution, or limit the number of students in a program at a licensed institution based upon any of the following factors:

1. The institution's performance on the licensure standards or criteria established pursuant to this chapter.

2. The placement of the institution or a program of the

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359	institution on probation or the imposition of other adverse
360	actions by the commission, an accrediting agency, or other
361	regulatory agency, including the United States Department of
362	Education.
363	3. Similar circumstances that leave the institution unable
364	to meet the needs of students or prospective students.
365	(8) An institution may not conduct a program unless
366	specific authority is granted in its license.
367	Section 10. Section 1005.335, Florida Statutes, is created
368	to read:
369	1005.335 Accreditation requirements and programmatic
370	licensure
371	(1) An institution may not conduct a program unless
372	specific authority is granted in its license.
373	(2) All programs offered by a licensed institution must be
374	recognized and licensed by the commission, including, but not
375	limited to, avocational programs or courses, examination
376	preparation programs or courses, contract training programs or
377	courses, continuing education, or professional development
378	programs or courses. Notwithstanding this requirement, an
379	institution may provide a contract training program or course
380	without approval by the commission if the program or course has
381	a duration of less than 1 year and is not paid for by students
382	or trainees participating in the program. The commission shall
383	adopt rules to implement this subsection.
384	(3) An institution must obtain institutional accreditation
385	before obtaining approval from the commission to offer a
386	prelicensure professional nursing program.
387	(4) The commission shall adopt rules to implement this

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388	section.
389	Section 11. Section 1005.345, Florida Statutes, is created
390	to read:
391	1005.345 Assurance of financial stability
392	(1) The commission may require an institution applying for
393	initial licensure to provide an assurance of financial stability
394	as provided in this section. The assurance of financial
395	stability must remain in effect until the institution applies
396	for and receives a first annual licensure renewal and
397	demonstrates financial stability as determined by the
398	commission.
399	(2) The commission may require a surety bond, cash
400	deposited into an escrow account, or an irrevocable letter of
401	credit as an assurance of financial stability. The form and
402	content of the assurance of financial stability must be approved
403	by the commission, and all payments made thereunder must be
404	deposited into a separate account within the Institutional
405	Assessment Trust Fund.
406	(3) An assurance of financial stability must be payable to
407	the commission in an amount sufficient to pay for or subsidize
408	the following costs as determined by the commission:
409	(a) The costs of providing instructors or facilities to
410	complete the training of students enrolled at a licensed
411	institution at the time the institution ceases to operate. This
412	includes, but is not limited to, the costs to the institution
413	associated with reimbursing the Student Protection Fund for
414	expenditures made pursuant to s. 1005.37(3).
415	(b) The costs of evaluating, storing, and maintaining
416	student records.



417 (4) The commission shall adopt rules to implement this 418 section. 419 Section 12. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the sum of 420 \$600,000 in recurring funds from the Institutional Assessment 421 Trust Fund is appropriated to the Commission for Independent 422 Education to fund the additional workload and direct costs to implement ss. 1003.45, 1005.31, and 1005.335, Florida Statutes. 423 424 Section 13. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 1007.27, 42.5 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (9) and (10) are 426 added to that section, to read: 427 1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.-428 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that a variety of 429 articulated acceleration mechanisms be available for secondary 430 and postsecondary students attending public educational 431 institutions. It is intended that articulated acceleration serve 432 to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete the 433 requirements associated with the conference of a high school 434 diploma and a postsecondary degree, broaden the scope of 435 curricular options available to students, or increase the depth 436 of study available for a particular subject. Articulated 437 acceleration mechanisms shall include, but are not limited to, 438 dual enrollment and early admission as provided for in s. 439 1007.271, advanced placement, credit by examination, the 440 International Baccalaureate Program, and the Advanced 441 International Certificate of Education Program, and Advanced 442 Courses. Credit earned through the Florida Virtual School shall 443 provide additional opportunities for early graduation and 444 acceleration. Students of Florida public secondary schools enrolled pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed authorized 445

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446 users of the state-funded electronic library resources that are 447 licensed for Florida College System institutions and state 448 universities by the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library 449 Network. Verification of eligibility shall be in accordance with 450 rules established by the State Board of Education and 451 regulations established by the Board of Governors and processes 452 implemented by Florida College System institutions and state 453 universities.

454 (2) The Department of Education shall annually identify and 455 publish the minimum scores, maximum credit, and course or 456 courses for which credit is to be awarded for each College Level 457 Examination Program (CLEP) subject examination, College Board 458 Advanced Placement Program examination, Advanced Courses 459 assessment, Advanced International Certificate of Education 460 examination, International Baccalaureate examination, Excelsior 461 College subject examination, Defense Activity for Non-462 Traditional Education Support (DANTES) subject standardized 463 test, and Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT). The department shall use student performance data in subsequent 464 465 postsecondary courses to determine the appropriate examination 466 scores and courses for which credit is to be granted. Minimum 467 scores may vary by subject area based on available performance 468 data. In addition, the department shall identify such courses in 469 the general education core curriculum of each state university 470 and Florida College System institution.

471 (9) Advanced Courses shall be the enrollment of an eligible
472 secondary student in a secondary course created by a public
473 postsecondary institution which prepares students for an
474 assessment identified in subsection (2). Postsecondary credit

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475	for an Advanced Course is limited to students who score the
476	minimum score on an assessment identified under subsection (2).
477	The specific courses for which students receive such credit must
478	be identified in the statewide articulation agreement required
479	by s. 1007.23(1). Students of Florida public secondary schools
480	enrolled pursuant to this subsection are exempt from the payment
481	of any fees for administration of the examination regardless of
482	whether the student achieves a passing score on the examination.
483	(a) The State Board of Education and the Board of Governors
484	shall identify Florida College System institutions and state
485	universities, respectively, to develop Advanced Courses and
486	provide the training required under s. 1007.35(6).
487	(b) The Department of Education may partner with an
488	independent third-party testing or assessment organization to
489	develop assessments that measure competencies consistent with
490	the required course competencies identified by the Articulation
491	Coordinating Committee, pursuant to s. 1007.25, for general
492	education core courses. Postsecondary credit is limited to
493	students who achieve a minimum score on an assessment identified
494	in subsection (2).
495	(10) The Department of Education, in cooperation with the
496	Board of Governors, shall issue a report to the Legislature by
497	January 1, 2024, on the alignment between acceleration
498	mechanisms available to secondary students and student success
499	at the postsecondary level. At a minimum, the report must
500	examine how:
501	(a) Acceleration mechanisms align to secondary completion
502	and rates of success.
503	(b) Bonuses provided for completion or passage of

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acceleration courses impact school quality and performance.	
(c) Acceleration mechanisms align with postsecondary	
completion rates.	
(d) Acceleration course offerings align with general	
education core courses and reduce time to degree.	
(e) Acceptance of postsecondary credit earned through	
acceleration courses through agreements with other states has	
improved.	
Section 14. Present subsections (2) through (10) of sectio	n
1007.35, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (3)	
through (11), respectively, a new subsection (2) is added to	
that section, and paragraph (a) of present subsection (5) and	
present subsections (6) and (8) of that section are amended, to	
read:	
1007.35 Florida Partnership for Minority and	
Underrepresented Student Achievement	
(2) For purposes of this section, the term "advanced	
courses" includes Advanced Placement courses, International	
Baccalaureate courses, Advanced International Certificate of	
Education courses, dual enrollment courses, and other Advanced	
Courses identified in s. 1007.27(9).	
<u>(6)(5) Each public high school, including, but not limited</u>	
to, schools and alternative sites and centers of the Department	,
of Juvenile Justice, shall provide for the administration of th	e
Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test	
(PSAT/NMSQT), or the PreACT to all enrolled 10th grade students	•
However, a written notice shall be provided to each parent whic	h
must include the opportunity to exempt his or her child from	
taking the PSAT/NMSQT or the PreACT.	

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533 (a) Test results will provide each high school with a 534 database of student assessment data which certified school counselors will use to identify students who are prepared or who 535 536 need additional work to be prepared to enroll and be successful 537 in AP courses or other advanced high school courses.

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(7) (6) The partnership shall:

(a) Provide teacher training and professional development to enable teachers of AP or other advanced courses to have the necessary content knowledge and instructional skills to prepare students for success on AP or other advanced course examinations and mastery of postsecondary course content.

(b) Provide to middle school teachers and administrators professional development that will enable them to educate middle school students at the level necessary to prepare the students to enter high school ready to participate in advanced courses.

(c) Provide teacher training and materials that are aligned with state standards the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and are consistent with best theory and practice regarding multiple learning styles and research on learning, instructional strategies, instructional design, and classroom 553 assessment. Curriculum materials must be based on current, accepted, and essential academic knowledge.

555 (d) Provide assessment of individual strengths and 556 weaknesses as related to potential success in AP or other 557 advanced courses and readiness for college.

558 (e) Provide college entrance exam preparation through a 559 variety of means that may include, but are not limited to, 560 training teachers to provide courses at schools; training 561 community organizations to provide courses at community centers,



562 faith-based organizations, and businesses; and providing online 563 courses.

(f) Consider ways to incorporate Florida College System institutions in the mission of preparing all students for postsecondary success.

(g) Provide a plan for communication and coordination of efforts with the Florida Virtual School's provision of online AP or other advanced courses.

570 (h) Work with school districts to identify minority and 571 underrepresented students for participation in AP or other 572 advanced courses.

(i) Work with school districts to provide information to students and parents that explains available opportunities for students to take AP and other advanced courses and that explains enrollment procedures that students must follow to enroll in such courses. Such information must also explain the value of such courses as they relate to:

579 1. Preparing the student for postsecondary level580 coursework.

2. Enabling the student to gain access to postsecondary education opportunities.

3. Qualifying for scholarships and other financial aidopportunities.

(j) Provide information to students, parents, teachers, counselors, administrators, districts, Florida College System institutions, and state universities regarding PSAT/NMSQT or the PreACT administration, including, but not limited to:

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1. Test administration dates and times.

2. That participation in the PSAT/NMSQT or the PreACT is



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3. The value of such tests in providing diagnostic feedback 592 593 on student skills.

4. The value of student scores in predicting the 595 probability of success on AP or other advanced course 596 examinations.

(k) Cooperate with the department to provide information to administrators, teachers, and counselors, whenever possible, about partnership activities, opportunities, and priorities.

(1) Consider ways to partner with colleges and universities to develop courses and provide teacher training.

602 (9) (a) (8) (a) By September 30 of each year, the partnership 603 shall submit to the department a report that contains an 604 evaluation of the effectiveness of the delivered services and 605 activities. Activities and services must be evaluated on their 606 effectiveness at raising student achievement and increasing the 607 number of AP or other advanced course examinations in low-608 performing middle and high schools. Other indicators that must 609 be addressed in the evaluation report include the number of 610 middle and high school teachers trained; the effectiveness of 611 the training; measures of postsecondary readiness of the 612 students affected by the program; levels of participation in 613 10th grade PSAT/NMSQT or the PreACT testing; and measures of 614 student, parent, and teacher awareness of and satisfaction with 615 the services of the partnership.

616 (b) The department shall contribute to the evaluation 617 process by providing access, consistent with s. 119.071(5)(a), 618 to student and teacher information necessary to match against databases containing teacher professional development data and 619

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620 databases containing assessment data for the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, 621 ACT, Classical Learning Test, PreACT, AP, advanced courses assessment, and other appropriate measures. The department shall 622 623 also provide student-level data on student progress from middle 624 school through high school and into college and the workforce, 625 if available, in order to support longitudinal studies. The 626 partnership shall analyze and report student performance data in 627 a manner that protects the rights of students and parents as required in 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g and s. 1002.22. 62.8

Section 15. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (3) and subsection (9) of section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools.-

633 (3) STATEWIDE, STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.-The 634 Commissioner of Education shall design and implement a 635 statewide, standardized assessment program aligned to the core 636 curricular content established in the state academic standards. 637 The commissioner also must develop or select and implement a 638 common battery of assessment tools that will be used in all 639 juvenile justice education programs in the state. These tools 640 must accurately measure the core curricular content established 641 in the state academic standards. Participation in the assessment 642 program is mandatory for all school districts and all students attending public schools, including adult students seeking a 643 644 standard high school diploma under s. 1003.4282 and students in 645 Department of Juvenile Justice education programs, except as 646 otherwise provided by law. If a student does not participate in 647 the assessment program, the school district must notify the student's parent and provide the parent with information 648

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649 regarding the implications of such nonparticipation. The 650 statewide, standardized assessment program shall be designed and 651 implemented as follows:

(b) End-of-course (EOC) assessments.—EOC assessments must be statewide, standardized, and developed or approved by the Department of Education as follows:

1. EOC assessments for Algebra I, Geometry, Biology I, United States History, and Civics shall be administered to students enrolled in such courses as specified in the course code directory.

2. Students enrolled in a course, as specified in the course code directory, with an associated statewide, standardized EOC assessment must take the EOC assessment for such course and may not take the corresponding subject or grade-level statewide, standardized assessment pursuant to paragraph (a). Sections 1003.4156 and 1003.4282 govern the use of statewide, standardized EOC assessment results for students.

666 3. The commissioner may select one or more nationally 667 developed comprehensive examinations, which may include 668 examinations for a College Board Advanced Placement course, 669 International Baccalaureate course, or Advanced International 670 Certificate of Education course, Advanced Courses under s. 671 1007.27(9), or industry-approved examinations to earn national 672 industry certifications identified in the CAPE Industry 673 Certification Funding List, for use as EOC assessments under 674 this paragraph if the commissioner determines that the content 675 knowledge and skills assessed by the examinations meet or exceed 676 the grade-level expectations for the core curricular content 677 established for the course in the state academic standards. Use

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678 of any such examination as an EOC assessment must be approved by 679 the state board in rule.

4. Contingent upon funding provided in the General 680 681 Appropriations Act, including the appropriation of funds 682 received through federal grants, the commissioner may establish 683 an implementation schedule for the development and 684 administration of additional statewide, standardized EOC 685 assessments that must be approved by the state board in rule. If approved by the state board, student performance on such 686 687 assessments constitutes 30 percent of a student's final course 688 grade.

5. All statewide, standardized EOC assessments must be administered online except as otherwise provided in paragraph (d).

692 6. A student enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) course, 693 International Baccalaureate (IB) course, or Advanced 694 International Certificate of Education (AICE) course, or 695 Advanced Course who takes the respective AP, IB, or AICE, or 696 Advanced Course assessment and earns the minimum score necessary 697 to earn college credit, as identified in s. 1007.27(2), meets 698 the requirements of this paragraph and does not have to take the 699 EOC assessment for the corresponding course.

(c) Nationally recognized high school assessments.—Each school district shall, by the <u>2023-2024</u> 2021-2022 school year and subject to appropriation, select either the SAT<u>, or</u> ACT<u>, or</u> <u>Classical Learning Test (CLT)</u> for districtwide administration to each public school student in grade 11, including students attending public high schools, alternative schools, and Department of Juvenile Justice education programs.

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707 (9) CONCORDANT SCORES. - The Commissioner of Education must 708 identify scores on the SAT, and ACT, and CLT that if achieved 709 satisfy the graduation requirement that a student pass the grade 710 10 ELA assessment. The commissioner may identify concordant 711 scores on assessments other than the SAT, and CLT. If 712 the content or scoring procedures change for the grade 10 ELA 713 assessment, new concordant scores must be determined. If new 714 concordant scores are not timely adopted, the last-adopted 715 concordant scores remain in effect until such time as new scores 716 are adopted. The state board shall adopt concordant scores in 717 rule.

Section 16. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 1008.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1008.34 School grading system; school report cards; district grade.-

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731 732 (3) DESIGNATION OF SCHOOL GRADES.-

(b)1. Beginning with the <u>2023-2024</u> 2014-2015 school year, a school's grade <u>must shall</u> be based on the following components, each worth 100 points:

a. The percentage of eligible students passing statewide,
standardized assessments in English Language Arts under s.
1008.22(3).

b. The percentage of eligible students passing statewide,standardized assessments in mathematics under s. 1008.22(3).

c. The percentage of eligible students passing statewide, standardized assessments in science under s. 1008.22(3).

d. The percentage of eligible students passing statewide,
standardized assessments in social studies under s. 1008.22(3).
e. The percentage of eligible students who make Learning



Gains in English Language Arts as measured by statewide,standardized assessments administered under s. 1008.22(3).

f. The percentage of eligible students who make Learning Gains in mathematics as measured by statewide, standardized assessments administered under s. 1008.22(3).

g. The percentage of eligible students in the lowest 25 percent in English Language Arts, as identified by prior year performance on statewide, standardized assessments, who make Learning Gains as measured by statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessments administered under s. 1008.22(3).

h. The percentage of eligible students in the lowest 25 percent in mathematics, as identified by prior year performance on statewide, standardized assessments, who make Learning Gains as measured by statewide, standardized Mathematics assessments administered under s. 1008.22(3).

i. For schools comprised of middle grades 6 through 8 or grades 7 and 8, the percentage of eligible students passing high school level statewide, standardized end-of-course assessments or attaining national industry certifications identified in the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List pursuant to state board rule.

j. For schools that include grade 3, the percentage of eligible students who score an achievement level 3 or higher on the grade 3 statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment administered under s. 1008.22(3).

In calculating Learning Gains for the components listed in subsubparagraphs e.-h., the State Board of Education shall require that learning growth toward achievement levels 3, 4, and 5 is

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demonstrated by students who scored below each of those levels in the prior year. In calculating the components in subsubparagraphs a.-d., the state board shall include the performance of English language learners only if they have been enrolled in a school in the United States for more than 2 years.

2. For a school comprised of grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, or grades 10, 11, and 12, the school's grade shall also be based on the following components, each worth 100 points:

a. The 4-year high school graduation rate of the school as defined by state board rule.

775 b. The percentage of students who were eligible to earn 776 college and career credit through College Board Advanced 777 Placement examinations, International Baccalaureate 778 examinations, Advanced Courses under s. 1007.27(9), dual 779 enrollment courses, including career dual enrollment courses 780 resulting in the completion of 300 or more clock hours during 781 high school which are approved by the state board as meeting the requirements of s. 1007.271, or Advanced International 782 783 Certificate of Education examinations; who, at any time during 784 high school, earned national industry certification identified 785 in the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List, pursuant to 786 rules adopted by the state board; or, beginning with the 2022-787 2023 school year, who earned an Armed Services Qualification 788 Test score that falls within Category II or higher on the Armed 789 Services Vocational Aptitude Battery and earned a minimum of two 790 credits in Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps courses from 791 the same branch of the United States Armed Forces.

792 Section 17. Subsection (3) and paragraph (c) of subsection793 (6) of section 1009.531, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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794 1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; 795 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.-796 (3) For purposes of calculating the grade point average to 797 be used in determining initial eligibility for a Florida Bright 798 Futures Scholarship, the department shall assign additional 799 weights to grades earned in the following courses: 800 (a) Courses identified in the course code directory as 801 Advanced Placement, pre-International Baccalaureate, 802 International Baccalaureate, International General Certificate 803 of Secondary Education (pre-AICE), or Advanced International 804 Certificate of Education, or Advanced Courses under s. 805 1007.27(9). 806 (b) Courses designated as academic dual enrollment courses 807 in the statewide course numbering system. 808 The department may assign additional weights to courses, other 809 810 than those described in paragraphs (a) and (b), that are 811 identified by the Department of Education as containing rigorous 812 academic curriculum and performance standards. The additional 813 weight assigned to a course pursuant to this subsection shall 814 not exceed 0.5 per course. The weighted system shall be 815 developed and distributed to all high schools in the state. The 816 department may determine a student's eligibility status during the senior year before graduation and may inform the student of 817 818 the award at that time. 819 (6) 820 (c) To ensure that the required examination scores

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represent top student performance and are equivalent between the

SAT, and ACT, and Classical Learning Test (CLT), the department

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823 shall develop a method for determining the required examination 824 scores which incorporates all of the following:

825 1. The minimum required SAT score for the Florida Academic 826 Scholarship must be set no lower than the 89th national 827 percentile on the SAT. The department may adjust the required 828 SAT score only if the required score drops below the 89th national percentile, and any such adjustment must be applied to 829 830 the bottom of the SAT score range that is concordant to the ACT 831 and CLT.

832 2. The minimum required SAT score for the Florida Medallion 833 Scholarship must be set no lower than the 75th national 834 percentile on the SAT. The department may adjust the required 835 SAT score only if the required score drops below the 75th 836 national percentile, and any such adjustment must be made to the 837 bottom of the SAT score range that is concordant to the ACT and 838 CLT.

839 3. The required ACT and CLT scores must be made concordant 840 to the required SAT scores, using the latest published national 841 concordance table developed jointly by the College Board, and ACT, Inc, and Classic Learning Initiatives.

843 Section 18. Present paragraphs (p) through (t) of subsection (1) of section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are 844 845 redesignated as subsections (q) through (u), respectively, a new 846 paragraph (p) is added to that subsection, and paragraph (o) of 847 subsection (1) and subsection (17) of that section are amended, 848 to read:

849 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.-If the annual 850 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each 851 district for operation of schools is not determined in the

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852 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing 853 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as 854 follows:

855 (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR 856 OPERATION.—The following procedure shall be followed in 857 determining the annual allocation to each district for 858 operation:

859 (o) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent 860 membership based on successful completion of a career-themed 861 course pursuant to ss. 1003.491, 1003.492, and 1003.493, or 862 courses with embedded CAPE industry certifications or CAPE 863 Digital Tool certificates, and issuance of industry 864 certification identified on the CAPE Industry Certification 865 Funding List pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of 866 Education or CAPE Digital Tool certificates pursuant to s. 867 1003.4203.-

868 1.a. A value of 0.025 full-time equivalent student 869 membership shall be calculated for CAPE Digital Tool 870 certificates earned by students in elementary and middle school 871 grades.

872 b. A value of 0.1 or 0.2 full-time equivalent student 873 membership shall be calculated for each student who completes a 874 course as defined in s. 1003.493(1)(b) or courses with embedded 875 CAPE industry certifications and who is issued an industry 876 certification identified annually on the CAPE Industry 877 Certification Funding List approved under rules adopted by the State Board of Education. A value of 0.2 full-time equivalent 878 879 membership shall be calculated for each student who is issued a 880 CAPE industry certification that has a statewide articulation



881 agreement for college credit approved by the State Board of 882 Education. For CAPE industry certifications that do not articulate for college credit, the Department of Education shall 883 884 assign a full-time equivalent value of 0.1 for each 885 certification. Middle grades students who earn additional FTE 886 membership for a CAPE Digital Tool certificate pursuant to sub-887 subparagraph a. may not use the previously funded examination to 888 satisfy the requirements for earning an industry certification 889 under this sub-subparagraph. Additional FTE membership for an 890 elementary or middle grades student may not exceed 0.1 for 891 certificates or certifications earned within the same fiscal 892 year. The State Board of Education shall include the assigned 893 values on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List under 894 rules adopted by the state board. Such value shall be added to 895 the total full-time equivalent student membership for grades 6 896 through 12 in the subsequent year. CAPE industry certifications 897 earned through dual enrollment must be reported and funded 898 pursuant to s. 1011.80. However, if a student earns a 899 certification through a dual enrollment course and the 900 certification is not a fundable certification on the 901 postsecondary certification funding list, or the dual enrollment 902 certification is earned as a result of an agreement between a 903 school district and a nonpublic postsecondary institution, the 904 bonus value shall be funded in the same manner as other nondual enrollment course industry certifications. In such cases, the 905 906 school district may provide for an agreement between the high 907 school and the technical center, or the school district and the 908 postsecondary institution may enter into an agreement for 909 equitable distribution of the bonus funds.

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910 c. A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership 911 shall be calculated for student completion of the courses and the embedded certifications identified on the CAPE Industry 912 913 Certification Funding List and approved by the commissioner 914 pursuant to ss. 1003.4203(5)(a) and 1008.44. 915 d. A value of 0.5 full-time equivalent student membership 916 shall be calculated for CAPE Acceleration Industry 917 Certifications that articulate for 15 to 29 college credit 918 hours, and 1.0 full-time equivalent student membership shall be 919 calculated for CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications that 920 articulate for 30 or more college credit hours pursuant to CAPE 921 Acceleration Industry Certifications approved by the 922 commissioner pursuant to ss. 1003.4203(5)(b) and 1008.44. 923 2. Each district must allocate at least 80 percent of the 924 funds provided for CAPE industry certification, in accordance 925 with this paragraph, to the program that generated the funds. 926 This allocation may not be used to supplant funds provided for 927 basic operation of the program. 3. For CAPE industry certifications earned in the 2013-2014 928 929 school year and in subsequent years, the school district shall 930 distribute to each classroom teacher who provided direct 931 instruction toward the attainment of a CAPE industry 932 certification that qualified for additional full-time equivalent 933 membership under subparagraph 1.: 934

a. A bonus of \$25 for each student taught by a teacher who
provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a
CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification
Funding List with a weight of 0.1.

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b. A bonus of \$50 for each student taught by a teacher who

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939 provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a 940 CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification 941 Funding List with a weight of 0.2.

942 c.A bonus of \$75 for each student taught by a teacher who 943 provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a 944 CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification 945 Funding List with a weight of 0.3.

d. A bonus of \$100 for each student taught by a teacher who
provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a
CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification
Funding List with a weight of 0.5 or 1.0.

951 Bonuses awarded pursuant to this paragraph shall be provided to 952 teachers who are employed by the district in the year in which 953 the additional FTE membership calculation is included in the 954 calculation. Bonuses shall be calculated based upon the 955 associated weight of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE 956 Industry Certification Funding List for the year in which the 957 certification is earned by the student. Any bonus awarded to a 958 teacher pursuant to this paragraph is in addition to any regular 959 wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to 960 receive. A bonus may not be awarded to a teacher who fails to 961 maintain the security of any CAPE industry certification 962 examination or who otherwise violates the security or 963 administration protocol of any assessment instrument that may 964 result in a bonus being awarded to the teacher under this 965 paragraph.

966 <u>(p) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent</u> 967 membership based on Advanced Courses scores of students.—



968	Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, a value of 0.16 full-
969	time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each
970	student in each Advanced Course under s. 1007.27(9) who receives
971	a minimum score on an assessment identified pursuant to s.
972	1007.27(2) for the prior year and added to the total full-time
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974	through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year. Each district must
975	allocate at least 80 percent of the funds provided to the
976	district for Advanced Courses instruction, in accordance with
977	this paragraph, to the high school that generates the funds. The
978	school district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who
979	provided Advanced Courses instruction:
980	1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by
981	the teacher in each Advanced Course who receives a minimum score
982	on an Advanced Course assessment identified under s. 1007.27(2).
983	2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each Advanced Courses
984	teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" who
985	has at least one student scoring a minimum score on an
986	assessment identified pursuant to s. 1007.27(2), regardless of
987	the number of courses taught or of the number of students who
988	earn a minimum score on an Advanced Course assessment identified
989	pursuant to s. 1007.27(2).
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991	Bonuses awarded under this paragraph are in addition to any
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996	And the title is amended as follows:



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998 and insert:

999 An act relating to education; amending ss. 1002.42 and 1000 1002.45, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending 1001 s. 1003.4282, F.S.; revising a graduation requirement 1002 for certain students; amending s. 1004.04, F.S.; 1003 revising the core curricula for certain teacher 1004 preparation programs; amending s. 1004.85, F.S.; 1005 revising terminology; deleting a requirement that 1006 certain certification programs be previously approved 1007 by the Department of Education; revising requirements 1008 for certain competency-based programs; revising 1009 requirements for certain teacher preparation field 1010 experience; revising requirements for participants in 1011 certain teacher preparation programs; requiring the 1012 State Board of Education to adopt specified rules 1013 relating to the continued approval of certain teacher 1014 preparation programs, rather than by a determination 1015 of the Commissioner of Education; amending s. 1005.04, 1016 F.S.; requiring certain institutions to provide a 1017 written disclosure to prospective and enrolled 1018 students relating costs that will be incurred by the 1019 student and other specified information; providing 1020 that applicants for certain licensure have the burden 1021 of demonstrating compliance with fair consumer 1022 practices; creating s. 1005.11, F.S.; requiring the 1023 Commission for Independent Education to prepare an 1024 annual report; providing requirements for the report; requiring certain institutions to provide data to the 1025



1026 commission; requiring the commission to establish 1027 definitions for the data for reporting purposes; 1028 requiring the commission to impose a fine when an 1029 institution does not timely submit the required data; 1030 authorizing the commission to establish rules; 1031 amending s. 1005.22, F.S.; authorizing the commission 1032 to examine and investigate the affairs of every 1033 person, entity, or independent postsecondary 1034 institution for specified purposes; amending s. 1035 1005.31, F.S.; revising the standards for licensure 1036 that the commission must adopt; authorizing the 1037 commission to require a licensed institution to submit 1038 a management plan and prohibit an institution from 1039 accepting new students; creating s. 1005.335, F.S.; 1040 prohibiting an institution from conducting a program 1041 unless specifically authorized by its license; 1042 requiring that all programs offered by a licensed 1043 institution be recognized and licensed by the 1044 commission; requiring an institution to obtain 1045 accreditation and approval from the commission before 1046 offering a prelicensure professional nursing program; 1047 requiring the commission to adopt rules; creating s. 1048 1005.345, F.S.; authorizing the commission to require 1049 an institution seeking licensure to provide an assurance of financial stability; requiring the 1050 1051 commission to adopt rules; providing an appropriation; 1052 amending s. 1007.27, F.S.; establishing Advanced 1053 Courses as an articulated acceleration mechanism; providing requirements for Advanced Courses; requiring 1054

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1055 the State Board of Education and the Board of 1056 Governors to identify certain postsecondary 1057 institutions to develop Advanced Courses; providing 1058 authorizations to the Department of Education relating 1059 to Advanced Courses; requiring the department to issue 1060 a report to the Legislature; providing requirements 1061 for the report; amending s. 1007.35, F.S.; revising 1062 the types of courses included in the term "advanced 1063 courses"; revising the courses that a school counselor 1064 may identify as a course a student is prepared to 1065 enroll in; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; revising 1066 requirements for end-of-course assessments to include 1067 Advanced Courses; requiring the Classical Learning 1068 Test to be included in nationally recognized high 1069 school assessments administered by each school 1070 district; amending s. 1008.34, F.S.; revising the 1071 calculation of school grades for certain schools; 1072 amending s. 1009.531, F.S.; requiring Advanced Courses to be used in determining student eligibility for a 1073 1074 Bright Futures Scholarship; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; 1075 revising requirements for the calculation of 1076 additional full-time equivalent membership for certain 1077 funding through the Florida Education Finance Program; 1078 requiring each school district to distribute specified 1079 bonuses to teachers who provide Advanced Courses 1080 instruction; revising school