

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senators Jones, Hutson, and Perry

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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 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 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

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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
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:

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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~~

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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.