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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 that certain information be included in a
9 personalized academic and career plan; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section
15 1003.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1003.02 District school board operation and control of
17 public K-12 education within the school district.—As provided in
18 part II of chapter 1001, district school boards are
19 constitutionally and statutorily charged with the operation and
20 control of public K-12 education within their school districts.
21 The district school boards must establish, organize, and operate
22 their public K-12 schools and educational programs, employees,
23 and facilities. Their responsibilities include staff
24 development, public K-12 school student education including
25 education for exceptional students and students in juvenile
26 justice programs, special programs, adult education programs,
27 and career education programs. Additionally, district school
28 boards must:

29 (1) Provide for the proper accounting for all students of

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30 school age, for the attendance and control of students at
31 school, and for proper attention to health, safety, and other
32 matters relating to the welfare of students in the following
33 areas:

34 (i) ~~Parental~~ Notification of acceleration, academic, and
35 career planning options.—At the beginning of each school year,
36 notify ~~parents of~~ students in or entering high school and the
37 students' parents, in a language that is understandable to
38 students and parents, of the opportunity and benefits of
39 advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, Advanced
40 International Certificate of Education, dual enrollment, career
41 and professional academies, career-themed courses, the career
42 and technical education pathway to earn a standard high school
43 diploma under s. 1003.4282(10), work-based learning
44 opportunities, including internships and apprenticeship and
45 preapprenticeship programs, foundational and soft-skill
46 credentialing programs under s. 445.06, and Florida Virtual
47 School courses; ~~and~~ options for early graduation under s.
48 1003.4281; and the contact information of a certified school
49 counselor who can advise students on these options.

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

52 1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades
53 promotion.—

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

57 (e) One course in career and education planning to be
58 completed in grades 6, 7, or 8, which may be taught by any

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59 member of the instructional staff. The course must be Internet-
60 based, customizable to each student, and include research-based
61 assessments to assist students in determining educational and
62 career options and goals. In addition, the course must result in
63 a completed personalized academic and career plan for the
64 student that may be revised as the student progresses through
65 middle school and high school; must emphasize the importance of
66 entrepreneurship and employability skills; and must include
67 information from the Department of Economic Opportunity's
68 economic security report under s. 445.07 and other state career
69 planning resources. The required personalized academic and
70 career plan must inform students of high school graduation
71 requirements, including a detailed explanation of the
72 requirements for earning a high school diploma designation under
73 s. 1003.4285 and the career and technical education pathway to
74 earn a standard high school diploma under s. 1003.4282(10); the
75 requirements for each scholarship in the Florida Bright Futures
76 Scholarship Program; state university and Florida College System
77 institution admission requirements; available opportunities to
78 earn college credit in high school, including Advanced Placement
79 courses; the International Baccalaureate Program; the Advanced
80 International Certificate of Education Program; dual enrollment,
81 including career dual enrollment; work-based learning
82 opportunities, including internships and preapprenticeship and
83 apprenticeship programs; and career education courses, including
84 career-themed courses, ~~preapprenticeship and apprenticeship~~
85 ~~programs~~, and course sequences that lead to industry
86 certification pursuant to s. 1003.492 or s. 1008.44. The course
87 may be implemented as a stand-alone course or integrated into

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88 another course or courses.

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