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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to certificates of completion;
 amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; conforming a cross-
 reference; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; requiring
 school districts to notify students entitled to a
 certificate of completion and their parents of
 specified education options; providing notification
 requirements; requiring the State Board of Education
 to adopt rules for specified purposes; amending s.
 1011.62, F.S.; providing additional funding through
 the Florida Education Finance Program to school
 districts for certain students who earn a standard
 high school diploma; providing requirements for such
 funding; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. 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
 shall be funded in the Florida Education Finance Program as
 provided in the General Appropriations Act. The calculation to

26 | determine the amount of funds for each student through the
 27 | Florida Education Finance Program shall include the sum of the
 28 | base Florida Education Finance Program pursuant to s.
 29 | 1011.62(1)(t) ~~s. 1011.62(1)(s)~~ and all categorical programs
 30 | except for the categorical programs established pursuant to ss.
 31 | 1011.62(1)(f), (7), and (13); 1011.68; 1011.685; and 1012.71.
 32 | Students residing outside of the school district reporting the
 33 | full-time equivalent virtual student shall be funded from state
 34 | funds only.

35 | Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section
 36 | 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

37 | 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school
 38 | diploma.—

39 | (6) AWARD OF A STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.—

40 | (c) A student who earns the required 24 credits, or the
 41 | required 18 credits under s. 1002.3105(5), but fails to pass the
 42 | assessments required under s. 1008.22(3) or achieve a 2.0 GPA
 43 | shall be awarded a certificate of completion in a form
 44 | prescribed by the State Board of Education. However, a student
 45 | who is otherwise entitled to a certificate of completion may
 46 | elect to remain in high school either as a full-time student or
 47 | a part-time student for up to 1 additional year and receive
 48 | special instruction designed to remedy his or her identified
 49 | deficiencies.

50 | 1. The school district must notify each student entitled

51 to a certificate of completion and his or her parents, in
52 writing, of the option for the student to remain in high school
53 for up to 1 additional year to receive special instruction to
54 remedy his or her identified deficiencies and graduate with a
55 standard high school diploma. The notification must include the
56 contact information of a certified school counselor who can
57 advise the student and his or her parents on this option.

58 2. If the student elects to be awarded a certificate of
59 completion and declines the additional year of instruction, the
60 student's certified school counselor or other school personnel
61 shall inform the student of opportunities to continue his or her
62 education through eligible postsecondary, workforce, and adult
63 education programs.

64 3. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
65 monitor compliance with the requirements of this paragraph.

66 Section 3. Paragraphs (q) through (t) of subsection (1) of
67 section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
68 paragraphs (r) through (u), and a new paragraph (q) is added to
69 that subsection, to read:

70 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual
71 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
72 district for operation of schools is not determined in the
73 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
74 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
75 follows:

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

80 (q) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent
81 membership based on the award of standard high school diplomas
82 to students eligible for a certificate of completion.—A value of
83 0.5 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated
84 for each student who is entitled to a certificate of completion
85 who elects to remain in high school for up to 1 additional year
86 pursuant to s. 1003.4282(6) (c) and is awarded a standard high
87 school diploma. Such value shall be added to the total full-time
88 equivalent student membership in basic programs for grades 9
89 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year. Each school district
90 shall allocate the funds received from the bonus FTE funding
91 under this paragraph to the schools whose students generate the
92 funds. Funds shall be expended solely for the payment of special
93 instruction and support services to students eligible for a
94 certificate of completion who elect to remain in high school for
95 up to 1 additional year pursuant to s. 1003.4282(6) (c).

96 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.