

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to high school graduation  
 3           requirements; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; authorizing  
 4           students earning a standard high school diploma  
 5           through the Career and Technical Education graduation  
 6           pathway option to meet a certain assessment  
 7           requirement by earning a specified score on the  
 8           Mathematics Postsecondary Education Readiness Test;  
 9           providing an effective date.

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

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 13           Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 1003.4282, Florida  
 14   Statutes, is amended to read:

15           1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school  
 16   diploma.—

17           (9) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION GRADUATION PATHWAY  
 18   OPTION. ~~Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year,~~ A student is  
 19   eligible to complete an alternative pathway to earning a  
 20   standard high school diploma through the Career and Technical  
 21   Education (CTE) pathway option. Receipt of a standard high  
 22   school diploma awarded through the CTE pathway option requires  
 23   the student's successful completion of at least 18 credits. A  
 24   student completing the CTE pathway option must earn at least a  
 25   cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

26 (a) In order for a student to satisfy the requirements of  
27 the CTE pathway option, he or she must meet the GPA requirement  
28 and:

29 1. Meet the requirements in paragraphs (3) (a)-(d) and,  
30 additionally, for students entering grade 9 in the 2023-2024  
31 school year and thereafter, paragraph (3) (h). For purposes of  
32 earning a standard high school diploma pursuant to this  
33 subsection, a student may meet the Algebra 1 EOC assessment  
34 requirement in paragraph (3) (b) by earning a 97 or higher on the  
35 Mathematics Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.);

36 2. Complete two credits in career and technical education.  
37 The courses must result in a program completion and an industry  
38 certification; and

39 3.a. For a student who enters grade 9 before the 2023-2024  
40 school year, complete two credits in electives or work-based  
41 learning programs. A one-half credit in financial literacy may  
42 be included in the two credits of electives; or

43 b. For a student who enters grade 9 in the 2023-2024  
44 school year and thereafter, complete one and one-half credits in  
45 electives or work-based learning programs.

46 (b) Each district school board shall incorporate the CTE  
47 pathway option to graduation in the student progression plan  
48 required under s. 1008.25.

49 (c) Adjunct educators certified pursuant to s. 1012.57 may  
50 teach courses in the CTE pathway option.

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51 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024. |