

By Senator Powell

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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 diploma.-

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

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

28           1. Meet the requirements in paragraphs (3) (a)-(d) and,  
29           additionally, for students entering grade 9 in the 2023-2024

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30 school year and thereafter, paragraph (3) (h). For purposes of  
31 earning a standard high school diploma pursuant to this  
32 subsection, a student may meet the Algebra 1 EOC assessment  
33 requirement in paragraph (3) (b) by earning a 97 or higher on the  
34 Mathematics Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.);

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

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

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

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

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

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