

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to educational services in Department  
 3           of Juvenile Justice programs; amending s. 1003.52,  
 4           F.S.; requiring school districts to annually provide  
 5           certain students in a juvenile justice program with at  
 6           least one opportunity to take the high school  
 7           equivalency examination at no cost to the student;  
 8           providing an effective date.

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

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 12           Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section  
 13           1003.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14           1003.52 Educational services in Department of Juvenile  
 15           Justice programs.—

16           (3) The district school board of the county in which the  
 17           juvenile justice education prevention, day treatment,  
 18           residential, or detention program is located shall provide or  
 19           contract for appropriate educational assessments and an  
 20           appropriate program of instruction and special education  
 21           services.

22           (c) The district school board shall make provisions for  
 23           each student to participate in basic, CAPE, and exceptional  
 24           student programs as appropriate. Students served in Department  
 25           of Juvenile Justice education programs shall have access to the

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26 | appropriate courses and instruction to prepare them for the high  
27 | school equivalency examination. Students participating in high  
28 | school equivalency examination preparation programs shall be  
29 | funded at the basic program cost factor for Department of  
30 | Juvenile Justice programs in the Florida Education Finance  
31 | Program. Each program shall be conducted according to applicable  
32 | law providing for the operation of public schools and rules of  
33 | the State Board of Education. School districts shall provide the  
34 | high school equivalency examination exit option for all juvenile  
35 | justice education programs and provide each student who is 16  
36 | years of age or older with the opportunity to take the high  
37 | school equivalency examination at least once a year at no cost  
38 | to the student.

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