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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to requirements for career education
3 program basic skills; amending s. 1004.91, F.S.;
4 deleting a requirement that certain postsecondary
5 students complete an entry-level examination; deleting
6 a requirement that the State Board of Education
7 designate examinations to assess student mastery of
8 basic skills; deleting a requirement that students who
9 lack the required basic skills be referred to
10 specified instruction or education; deleting a
11 requirement that a student demonstrate specified basic
12 skills in order to receive a career or technical
13 certificate of completion; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.;
14 conforming a provision to changes made by the act;
15 providing an effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 1004.91,
20 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

21 1004.91 Requirements for career education program basic
22 skills.-

23 ~~(2) Students who enroll in a program offered for career~~
24 ~~credit of 450 hours or more shall complete an entry-level~~
25 ~~examination within the first 6 weeks after admission into the~~
26 ~~program. The State Board of Education shall designate~~
27 ~~examinations that are currently in existence, the results of~~
28 ~~which are comparable across institutions, to assess student~~
29 ~~mastery of basic skills. Any student found to lack the required~~

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30 ~~level of basic skills for such program shall be referred to~~
31 ~~applied academics instruction or another adult general education~~
32 ~~program for a structured program of basic skills instruction.~~
33 ~~Such instruction may include English for speakers of other~~
34 ~~languages. A student may not receive a career or technical~~
35 ~~certificate of completion without first demonstrating the basic~~
36 ~~skills required in the state curriculum frameworks for the~~
37 ~~career education program.~~

38 (2) ~~(a)-(3)-(a)~~ An adult student with a disability may be
39 exempted from this section.

40 (b) The following students are exempt from this section:

41 1. A student who possesses a college degree at the
42 associate in applied science level or higher.

43 2. A student who demonstrates readiness for public
44 postsecondary education pursuant to s. 1008.30 and applicable
45 rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

46 3. A student who passes a state or national industry
47 certification or licensure examination that is identified in
48 State Board of Education rules and aligned to the career
49 education program in which the student is enrolled.

50 4. An adult student who is enrolled in an apprenticeship
51 program that is registered with the Department of Education in
52 accordance with chapter 446.

53 Section 2. Subsection (10) of section 1011.80, Florida
54 Statutes, is amended to read:

55 1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education
56 programs.—

57 (10) A high school student dually enrolled under s.
58 1007.271 in a workforce education program operated by a Florida

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59 College System institution or school district career center
60 generates the amount calculated for workforce education funding,
61 including any payment of performance funding, and the
62 proportional share of full-time equivalent enrollment generated
63 through the Florida Education Finance Program for the student's
64 enrollment in a high school. If a high school student is dually
65 enrolled in a Florida College System institution program,
66 including a program conducted at a high school, the Florida
67 College System institution earns the funds generated for
68 workforce education funding, and the school district earns the
69 proportional share of full-time equivalent funding from the
70 Florida Education Finance Program. If a student is dually
71 enrolled in a career center operated by the same district as the
72 district in which the student attends high school, that district
73 earns the funds generated for workforce education funding and
74 also earns the proportional share of full-time equivalent
75 funding from the Florida Education Finance Program. If a student
76 is dually enrolled in a workforce education program provided by
77 a career center operated by a different school district, the
78 funds must be divided between the two school districts
79 proportionally from the two funding sources. ~~A student may not~~
80 ~~be reported for funding in a dual enrollment workforce education~~
81 ~~program unless the student has completed the basic skills~~
82 ~~assessment pursuant to s. 1004.91.~~ A student who is coenrolled
83 in a K-12 education program and an adult education program may
84 be reported for purposes of funding in an adult education
85 program. If a student is coenrolled in core curricula courses
86 for credit recovery or dropout prevention purposes and does not
87 have a pattern of excessive absenteeism or habitual truancy or a

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88 history of disruptive behavior in school, the student may be
89 reported for funding for up to two courses per year. Such a
90 student is exempt from the payment of the block tuition for
91 adult general education programs provided in s. 1009.22(3)(c).
92 The Department of Education shall develop a list of courses to
93 be designated as core curricula courses for the purposes of
94 coenrollment.

95 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.