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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to career and academic planning for
middle and high school students; amending s. 1001.43,
F.S.; requiring district school boards annually to
provide students and their parents with certain
information relating to career and technical education
programs beginning in a specified grade; requiring
middle schools to hold a career and academic planning
meeting for specified students and their parents;
requiring that certain information be included in the
meeting; amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.; revising the
information included in a student's personalized
academic and career plan; requiring students in
specified grades annually to review the personalized
academic and career plan; requiring that such review
include a certain demonstration; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (15) and (16) are added to section
1001.43, Florida Statutes, to read:

1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school
board.—The district school board may exercise the following
supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or
State Board of Education rule.

(15) PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT CAREER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS.—Before the end of grade 5 and each school
year thereafter, each student and his or her parent must be

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provided a list of schools within the school district which offer career and technical education programs and a description of each program.

(16) CAREER AND ACADEMIC PLANNING MEETING.—Before course registration for students entering grade 9, each district school board shall require each middle school to hold a career and academic planning meeting for grade 8 students and their parents. The meeting must include the following information:

(a) A list of schools within the school district which offer career and technical education programs and a description of each program.

(b) Information relating to career and postsecondary planning.

(c) The eligibility requirements for federal and state grants and scholarships, including the requirements for each Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program award.

(d) Information obtained from the Department of Commerce, local workforce boards, and CareerSource Florida, Inc., about career and academic jobs available in the region of the school district, including starting salaries.

(e) Information relating to dual enrollment opportunities with public and private postsecondary educational institutions in the region for high school students, including admission requirements. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "region" means the Florida College System service area in which the school district is located.

(f) A demonstration of Florida's online career planning and work-based learning coordination system and how to access the student's personalized academic and career plan.

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Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades promotion; student personalized academic and career plan requirements.—

(1) In order for a student to be promoted to high school from a school that includes middle grades 6, 7, and 8, the student must successfully complete the following courses:

(e)1. One course in career and education planning to be completed in grades 6, 7, or 8, which may be taught by any member of the instructional staff. The course must be Internet-based, customizable to each student, and include research-based assessments to assist students in determining educational and career options and goals. In addition, the course must result in a completed personalized academic and career plan for the student, which must use, when available, Florida's online career planning and work-based learning coordination system. The course must teach each student how to access and update the plan and encourage the student to access and update the plan at least annually as the student progresses through middle school and high school. The personalized academic and career plan must emphasize the importance of entrepreneurship and employability skills and must include information from the Department of Commerce's economic security report under s. 445.07 and other state career planning resources. The required personalized academic and career plan must inform students of high school graduation requirements, including a detailed explanation of the requirements for earning a high school diploma designation under s. 1003.4285 and the career and technical education pathway to earn a standard high school diploma under s. 1003.4282(10); the

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requirements for each scholarship in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; state university and Florida College System institution admission requirements; available opportunities to earn college credit in high school, including Advanced Placement courses; the International Baccalaureate Program; the Advanced International Certificate of Education Program; dual enrollment, including career dual enrollment; career and technical education programs available within the school district; work-based learning opportunities, including internships and preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs; and career education courses, including career-themed courses and course sequences that lead to industry certification pursuant to s. 1003.492 or s. 1008.44. The course may be implemented as a stand-alone course or integrated into another course or courses.

2. Beginning when a student enters grade 9, the student's personalized academic and career plan must be reviewed annually and include a demonstration of the state's online career planning and work-based learning coordination system.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.