

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to career and education planning; amending
 3 s. 1003.4156, F.S.; requiring career exploration in
 4 specified fields to be included in a career and education
 5 planning course required for middle grades promotion;
 6 providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 11 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades
 13 promotion.—

14 (1) Beginning with students entering grade 6 in the 2006-
 15 2007 school year, promotion from a school composed of middle
 16 grades 6, 7, and 8 requires that:

17 (a) The student must successfully complete academic
 18 courses as follows:

19 1. Three middle school or higher courses in English. These
 20 courses shall emphasize literature, composition, and technical
 21 text.

22 2. Three middle school or higher courses in mathematics.
 23 Each middle school must offer at least one high school level
 24 mathematics course for which students may earn high school
 25 credit.

26 3. Three middle school or higher courses in social
 27 studies, one semester of which must include the study of state
 28 and federal government and civics education.

29 | 4. Three middle school or higher courses in science.
 30 | 5. One course in career and education planning to be
 31 | completed in 7th or 8th grade. The course may be taught by any
 32 | member of the instructional staff; must include career
 33 | exploration in the fields of science, technology, engineering,
 34 | mathematics, agriculture, business management and
 35 | administration, retail and wholesale, construction, education,
 36 | the arts, hospitality, advanced manufacturing, automotive
 37 | services, biotechnology, cosmetology, aerospace, energy and
 38 | power, transportation, homeland security, information
 39 | technology, healthcare, and service industries using CHOICES for
 40 | the 21st Century or a comparable cost-effective program; must
 41 | include educational planning using the online student advising
 42 | system known as Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for
 43 | Students at the Internet website FACTS.org; and shall result in
 44 | the completion of a personalized academic and career plan.

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 46 | Each school must hold a parent meeting either in the evening or
 47 | on a weekend to inform parents about the course curriculum and
 48 | activities. Each student shall complete an electronic personal
 49 | education plan that must be signed by the student; the student's
 50 | instructor, guidance counselor, or academic advisor; and the
 51 | student's parent. By January 1, 2007, the Department of
 52 | Education shall develop course frameworks and professional
 53 | development materials for the career exploration and education
 54 | planning course. The course may be implemented as a stand-alone
 55 | course or integrated into another course or courses. The
 56 | Commissioner of Education shall collect longitudinal high school

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57 | course enrollment data by student ethnicity in order to analyze
58 | course-taking patterns.

59 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.