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KISSIMMEE, Fla. - On Tuesday, **Representative Kristen Arrington (D-Kissimmee**) presented the PCS for **HB 1227**, an Act to necessitate school boards to require guidance counselors to advise public high school students of all educational opportunities available to them to gain skills that are in demand in the labor market and how to prepare to obtain postsecondary degrees in technical fields. The bill received unanimous approval from the Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee.

"Our district was hit hard during the pandemic, with high unemployment rates," said **Representative Arrington**. "Many of our workers in the hospitality and tourism industry are still out of work or are not working enough. This legislation will help strengthen our kids for a better future by letting them know of all the opportunities available to plan and prepare them for a more diversified economy and workforce. I am grateful to **Chairman McClain**, **Vice Chair Shoaf**, **Ranking Member Bush**, and all of the members of the committee for their support of this important legislation."

Having passed favorably, the bill has been referred to the Education & Employment Committee.