

CHAPTER 2023-89

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 196

An act relating to guidance services on academic and career planning; amending s. 1003.02, F.S.; requiring district school boards to inform students and parents of certain acceleration, academic, and career planning options; requiring certain information to be included in such notification; amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.; requiring that certain information be included in a personalized academic and career plan; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section 1003.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.02 District school board operation and control of public K-12 education within the school district.—As provided in part II of chapter 1001, district school boards are constitutionally and statutorily charged with the operation and control of public K-12 education within their school districts. The district school boards must establish, organize, and operate their public K-12 schools and educational programs, employees, and facilities. Their responsibilities include staff development, public K-12 school student education including education for exceptional students and students in juvenile justice programs, special programs, adult education programs, and career education programs. Additionally, district school boards must:

(1) Provide for the proper accounting for all students of school age, for the attendance and control of students at school, and for proper attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the welfare of students in the following areas:

(i) *Parental Notification of acceleration, academic, and career planning options.*—At the beginning of each school year, notify ~~parents of~~ students in or entering high school and the students' parents, in a language that is understandable to students and parents, of the opportunity and benefits of advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, Advanced International Certificate of Education, dual enrollment, career and professional academies, career-themed courses, the career and technical education pathway to earn a standard high school diploma under s. 1003.4282(10), work-based learning opportunities, including internships and apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs, foundational and soft-skill credentialing programs under s. 445.06, and Florida Virtual School courses; ~~and~~ options for early graduation under s. 1003.4281; and the contact information of a certified school counselor who can advise students on these options.

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.—

(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) 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 that may be revised as the student progresses through middle school and high school; must emphasize the importance of entrepreneurship and employability skills; and must include information from the Department of Economic Opportunity'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 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; work-based learning opportunities, including internships and preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs; and career education courses, including career-themed courses, ~~preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs~~, 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.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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