

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/SB 1906

INTRODUCER: Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations Committee, Education Pre-K - 12 Committee, and Senator Gaetz

SUBJECT: Alternative Credit High School Courses

DATE: April 30, 2008

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 201987 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 201987 adds the provisions of CS/HB 817 (the Student Preparedness Pilot Program), which is similar in substance to SB 2424, in the first committee of reference. The amendment differs from CS/CS/SB 1906, 1st Eng., in the following ways:

- Creates a compulsory attendance pilot program for Duval County and three other school districts, which allows the districts to compel attendance until the student reaches 18 years of age or obtains a diploma or equivalent, Ready to Work credential, or industry certification. The compulsory attendance program would result in a pro-ration of FEFP in the 2008-09 FY and a recurring fiscal obligation until 2014-15, the end of the pilot program;
- Establishes designations for scores on the Ready to Work Credential, the text of which is incorporated in CS/HB 7045, 1st Eng., on Senate third reading calendar;
- Requires students to earn a Ready to Work Credential to graduate with a career or technical major area of interest, which is the text of SB 2818, in the first committee of reference;
- Requires students to earn a gold Ready to Work Credential to earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award, which is the text of SB 2818, in the first committee of reference; and
- Requires Workforce Florida to ensure the use of the Ready to Work Credential in partnership with the Department of Education, which is the text of SB 2818, in the first committee of reference.