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A bill to be entitled An act relating to career and adult education; amending s. 1003.41, F.S.; requiring the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to include financial literacy in the core curricular content of economics; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; including the study of financial literacy in public school required instruction; amending ss. 1003.428 and 1003.429, F.S.; providing that the credit requirement in economics for high school graduation includes instruction in financial literacy; amending s. 1003.433, F.S., relating to learning opportunities for certain transfer students and students needing additional instruction to meet high school graduation requirements; deleting provisions that exempt adult general education students from payment of tuition and fees; amending s. 1004.02, F.S.; revising definitions; replacing the term "vocational-preparatory" instruction with the term "applied academics for adult education" instruction with respect to adult general education; amending s. 1004.91, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to career education programs; deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 1004.92, F.S.; authorizing district school boards and Florida College System institution boards of trustees to vary up to a specified percentage of intended learning outcomes of career education programs; amending s. 1004.93, F.S.; deleting lifelong learning courses or

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activities and recreational or leisure courses as priorities in the provision of adult education program academic services; requiring students entering adult general education programs to complete specified "Action Steps to Employment" activities; amending ss. 1007.263, 1007.271, 1008.37, 1009.22, and 1009.25, F.S.; conforming terminology to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1003.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1003.41 Sunshine State Standards.-

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based on the "Sunshine State Standards." The State Board of Education shall review the Sunshine State Standards and replace

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Public K-12 educational instruction in Florida is

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Language arts standards must establish specific

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must include distinct grade level expectations for the core content knowledge and skills that a student is expected to have acquired by each individual grade level from kindergarten through grade 8. The language arts standards for grades 9 through 12 may be organized by grade clusters of more than one grade level. The language arts standards must also identify significant literary genres and authors that encompass a comprehensive range of historical periods. Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, the reading portion of the language arts curriculum shall include civics education content for all grade levels. The State Board of Education shall, in accordance with the expedited schedule established under subsection (2), review and replace the language arts standards adopted by the state board in 2007 with Next Generation Sunshine State Standards that comply with this subparagraph.

- 2. Science standards must establish specific curricular content for, at a minimum, the nature of science, earth and space science, physical science, and life science. The standards must include distinct grade level expectations for the core content knowledge and skills that a student is expected to have acquired by each individual grade level from kindergarten through grade 8. The science standards for grades 9 through 12 may be organized by grade clusters of more than one grade level.
- 3. Mathematics standards must establish specific curricular content for, at a minimum, algebra, geometry, probability, statistics, calculus, discrete mathematics, financial literacy, and trigonometry. The standards must include distinct grade level expectations for the core content knowledge

and skills that a student is expected to have acquired by each individual grade level from kindergarten through grade 8. The mathematics standards for grades 9 through 12 may be organized by grade clusters of more than one grade level.

- 4. Social studies standards must establish specific curricular content for, at a minimum, geography, United States and world history, government, civics, economics to include financial literacy, and humanities. The standards must include distinct grade level expectations for the core content knowledge and skills that a student is expected to have acquired by each individual grade level from kindergarten through grade 8. The social studies standards for grades 9 through 12 may be organized by grade clusters of more than one grade level.
- Section 2. Paragraph (u) is added to subsection (2) of section 1003.42, Florida Statutes, to read:

1003.42 Required instruction.-

- (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the highest standards for professionalism and historic accuracy, following the prescribed courses of study, and employing approved methods of instruction, the following:
- (u) Financial literacy, including the knowledge, understanding, skills, behaviors, attitudes, and values that will enable a student to make responsible and effective financial decisions in his or her daily life now and during adulthood.

The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 117 1003.428, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.428 General requirements for high school graduation; revised.—

- (2) The 24 credits may be earned through applied, integrated, and combined courses approved by the Department of Education. The 24 credits shall be distributed as follows:
 - (a) Sixteen core curriculum credits:
- 1. Four credits in English, with major concentration in composition, reading for information, and literature.
- 2. Four credits in mathematics, one of which must be Algebra I, a series of courses equivalent to Algebra I, or a higher-level mathematics course. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, in addition to the Algebra I credit requirement, one of the four credits in mathematics must be geometry or a series of courses equivalent to geometry as approved by the State Board of Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s. 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I) must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in Algebra I. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s. 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I) must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in geometry. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2012-

2013 school year, in addition to the Algebra I and geometry credit requirements, one of the four credits in mathematics must be Algebra II or a series of courses equivalent to Algebra II as approved by the State Board of Education.

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- 4. Three credits in social studies as follows: one credit in United States history; one credit in world history; one-half credit in economics to include financial literacy; and one-half credit in United States government.
- 5. One credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or a practical arts course that incorporates artistic content and techniques of creativity, interpretation, and imagination. Eligible practical arts courses shall be identified

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6. One credit in physical education to include integration of health. Participation in an interscholastic sport at the junior varsity or varsity level for two full seasons shall satisfy the one-credit requirement in physical education if the student passes a competency test on personal fitness with a score of "C" or better. The competency test on personal fitness must be developed by the Department of Education. A district school board may not require that the one credit in physical education be taken during the 9th grade year. Completion of one semester with a grade of "C" or better in a marching band class, in a physical activity class that requires participation in marching band activities as an extracurricular activity, or in a dance class shall satisfy one-half credit in physical education or one-half credit in performing arts. This credit may not be used to satisfy the personal fitness requirement or the requirement for adaptive physical education under an individual education plan (IEP) or 504 plan. Completion of 2 years in a Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) class, a significant component of which is drills, shall satisfy the one-credit requirement in physical education and the one-credit requirement in performing arts. This credit may not be used to satisfy the personal fitness requirement or the requirement for adaptive physical education under an individual education plan (IEP) or 504 plan.

Section 4. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of section 1003.429, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1003.429 Accelerated high school graduation options.—

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(1) Students who enter grade 9 in the 2006-2007 school year and thereafter may select, upon receipt of each consent required by this section, one of the following three high school graduation options:

- (b) Completion of a 3-year standard college preparatory program requiring successful completion of a minimum of 18 academic credits in grades 9 through 12. At least 6 of the 18 credits required for completion of this program must be received in classes that are offered pursuant to the International Baccalaureate Program, the Advanced Placement Program, dual enrollment, Advanced International Certificate of Education, or specifically listed or identified by the Department of Education as rigorous pursuant to s. 1009.531(3). The 18 credits required for completion of this program shall be primary requirements and shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Four credits in English, with major concentration in composition and literature;
- 2. Three credits and, beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, four credits in mathematics at the Algebra I level or higher from the list of courses that qualify for state university admission. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, in addition to the Algebra I credit requirement, one of the four credits in mathematics must be geometry or a series of courses equivalent to geometry as approved by the State Board of Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s. 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I) must be met in order for a student

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- Three credits in science, two of which must have a 3. laboratory component. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, one of the three credits in science must be Biology I or a series of courses equivalent to Biology I as approved by the State Board of Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s. 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(II) must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in Biology I. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2013-2014 school year, one of the three credits must be Biology I or a series of courses equivalent to Biology I as approved by the State Board of Education, one credit must be chemistry or physics or a series of courses equivalent to chemistry or physics as approved by the State Board of Education, and one credit must be an equally rigorous course, as approved by the State Board of Education;
- 4. Three credits in social sciences, which must include one credit in United States history, one credit in world history, one-half credit in United States government, and one-

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half credit in economics to include financial literacy;

- 5. Two credits in the same second language unless the student is a native speaker of or can otherwise demonstrate competency in a language other than English. If the student demonstrates competency in another language, the student may replace the language requirement with two credits in other academic courses; and
- 6. Three credits in electives and, beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, two credits in electives; or
- (c) Completion of a 3-year career preparatory program requiring successful completion of a minimum of 18 academic credits in grades 9 through 12. The 18 credits shall be primary requirements and shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Four credits in English, with major concentration in composition and literature;
- 2. Three credits and, beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, four credits in mathematics, one of which must be Algebra I. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, in addition to the Algebra I credit requirement, one of the four credits in mathematics must be geometry or a series of courses equivalent to geometry as approved by the State Board of Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s. 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I) must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in Algebra I. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the end-

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- Three credits in science, two of which must have a laboratory component. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, one of the three credits in science must be Biology I or a series of courses equivalent to Biology I as approved by the State Board of Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s. 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(II) must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in Biology I. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2013-2014 school year, one of the three credits must be Biology I or a series of courses equivalent to Biology I as approved by the State Board of Education, one credit must be chemistry or physics or a series of courses equivalent to chemistry or physics as approved by the State Board of Education, and one credit must be an equally rigorous course, as approved by the State Board of Education;
- 4. Three credits in social sciences, which must include one credit in United States history, one credit in world history, one-half credit in United States government, and one-half credit in economics to include financial literacy;
 - 5. Three credits in a single vocational or career

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education program, three credits in career and technical certificate dual enrollment courses, or five credits in vocational or career education courses; and

- 6. Two credits and, beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, one credit in electives unless five credits are earned pursuant to subparagraph 5.
- Any student who selected an accelerated graduation program before July 1, 2004, may continue that program, and all statutory program requirements that were applicable when the student made the program choice shall remain applicable to the student as long as the student continues that program.
- Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 1003.433, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1003.433 Learning opportunities for out-of-state and out-of-country transfer students and students needing additional instruction to meet high school graduation requirements.—
- (2) Students who have met all requirements for the standard high school diploma except for passage of the grade 10 FCAT or an alternate assessment by the end of grade 12 must be provided the following learning opportunities:
- (c) Participation in an adult general education program as provided in s. 1004.93 for such time as the student requires to master English, reading, mathematics, or any other subject required for high school graduation. Students attending adult basic, adult secondary, or vocational-preparatory instruction are exempt from any requirement for the payment of tuition and fees, including lab fees, pursuant to s. 1009.25. A student

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attending an adult general education program shall have the opportunity to take the grade 10 FCAT an unlimited number of times in order to receive a standard high school diploma.

Section 6. Subsections (3) and (24) of section 1004.02, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1004.02 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

- (3) "Adult general education" means comprehensive instructional programs designed to improve the employability of the state's workforce through adult basic education, adult secondary education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, applied academics for adult education vocational-preparatory instruction, and instruction for adults with disabilities.
- or "applied academics for adult education instruction" or "applied academics instruction" "Vocational-preparatory instruction" means adult general education through which persons attain academic and workforce readiness skills at the level of functional literacy (grade levels 6.0-8.9) or higher so that such persons may pursue technical certificate education or higher-level technical education.

Section 7. Section 1004.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 1004.91 <u>Career education program basic skills requirements</u>

 Career-preparatory instruction.
- (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt, by rule, standards of basic skill mastery for completion of certificate career education programs. Each school district and Florida College System institution that conducts programs that confer career credit shall provide applied academics career preparatory

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instruction through which students receive the basic skills instruction required pursuant to this section.

- credit of 450 hours or more shall complete an entry-level examination within the first 6 weeks of admission into the program. The State Board of Education shall designate examinations that are currently in existence, the results of which are comparable across institutions, to assess student mastery of basic skills. Any student found to lack the required level of basic skills for such program shall be referred to applied academics career-preparatory instruction or another adult general basic education program for a structured program of basic skills instruction. Such instruction may include English for speakers of other languages. A student may not receive a career certificate of completion without first demonstrating the basic skills required in the state curriculum frameworks for the career education program.
- (3) An adult student with a disability may be exempted from the provisions of this section. A student who possesses a college degree at the associate in applied science level or higher is exempt from this section. A student who has completed or who is exempt from the college-level communication and computation skills examination pursuant to s. 1008.29, or who is exempt from the college entry-level examination pursuant to s. 1008.29, is exempt from the provisions of this section. Students who have passed a state, national, or industry licensure exam aligned to the career education program in which a student is enrolled are exempt from this section. An adult student who is

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enrolled in an apprenticeship program that is registered with the Department of Education in accordance with the provisions of chapter 446 is exempt from the provisions of this section.

Section 8. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of section 1004.92, Florida Statutes, to read:

1004.92 Purpose and responsibilities for career education.—

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(c) District school boards and Florida College System institution boards of trustees may vary up to 10 percent of the intended learning outcomes of each career education program. The variance does not apply to career education programs that train students for occupations requiring state or federal licensure, certification, or registration.

Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 1004.93, Florida
Statutes, is amended, subsection (8) is renumbered as subsection
(9), and a new subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:
1004.93 Adult general education.—

- (2) The adult education program must provide academic services to students in the following priority:
- (a) Students who demonstrate skills at less than a fifth grade level, as measured by tests approved for this purpose by the State Board of Education, and who are studying to achieve basic literacy.
- (b) Students who demonstrate skills at the fifth grade level or higher, but below the ninth grade level, as measured by tests approved for this purpose by the State Board of Education, and who are studying to achieve functional literacy.

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(c) Students who are earning credit required for a high school diploma or who are preparing for the General Educational Development test.

- (d) Students who have earned high school diplomas and require specific improvement in order to:
- Obtain or maintain employment or benefit from certificate career education programs;
 - 2. Pursue a postsecondary degree; or

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- 3. Develop competence in the English language to qualify for employment.
- (e) Students who enroll in lifelong learning courses or activities that seek to address community social and economic issues that consist of health and human relations, government, parenting, consumer economics, and senior citizens.
- (f) Students who enroll in courses that relate to the recreational or leisure pursuits of the students. The cost of courses conducted pursuant to this paragraph shall be borne by the enrollees.
- (8) In order to accelerate the employment of adult education students, students entering adult general education programs after July 1, 2012, must complete the following "Action Steps to Employment" activities prior to the completion of the first term:
- (a) Identify employment opportunities using market-driven tools.
 - (b) Create a personalized employment goal.
 - (c) Conduct a personalized skill and knowledge inventory.
- (d) Compare the results of the personalized skill and

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knowledge inventory with the knowledge and skills needed to attain the personalized employment goal.

(e) Upgrade skills and knowledge needed through adult general education programs and additional educational pursuits based on the personalized employment goal.

The "Action Steps to Employment" may be developed through a blended approach with assistance provided to adult general education students by teachers, employment specialists, guidance counselors, business and industry representatives, and online resources. Students should be directed to online resources or provided information on financial literacy, student financial aid, industry certifications, and occupational skills and knowledge tools and a listing of job openings.

Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 1007.263, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1007.263 Florida College System institutions; admissions of students.—Each Florida College System institution board of trustees is authorized to adopt rules governing admissions of students subject to this section and rules of the State Board of Education. These rules shall include the following:

(1) Admissions counseling shall be provided to all students entering college or career credit programs. Counseling shall utilize tests to measure achievement of college-level communication and computation competencies by all students entering college credit programs or tests to measure achievement of basic skills for career <u>education</u> programs as prescribed in s. 1004.91.

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Each board of trustees shall establish policies that notify students about, and place students into, adult basic education, adult secondary education, or other instructional programs that provide students with alternatives to traditional college-preparatory instruction, including private provider instruction. A student is prohibited from enrolling in additional college-level courses until the student scores above the cut-score on all sections of the common placement test.

Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 1007.271, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1007.271 Dual enrollment programs.-

For the purpose of this section, an eligible secondary student is a student who is enrolled in a Florida public secondary school or in a Florida private secondary school which is in compliance with s. 1002.42(2) and conducts a secondary curriculum pursuant to s. 1003.43. Students enrolled in postsecondary instruction that is not creditable toward the high school diploma shall not be classified as dual enrollments. Students who are eligible for dual enrollment pursuant to this section shall be permitted to enroll in dual enrollment courses conducted during school hours, after school hours, and during the summer term. Instructional time for such enrollment may vary from 900 hours; however, the school district may only report the student for a maximum of 1.0 FTE, as provided in s. 1011.61(4). Any student so enrolled is exempt from the payment of registration, tuition, and laboratory fees. Applied academics for adult education Vocational-preparatory instruction, college-

preparatory instruction, and other forms of precollegiate instruction, as well as physical education courses that focus on the physical execution of a skill rather than the intellectual attributes of the activity, are ineligible for inclusion in the dual enrollment program. Recreation and leisure studies courses shall be evaluated individually in the same manner as physical education courses for potential inclusion in the program.

Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 1008.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1008.37 Postsecondary feedback of information to high schools.—

(2) The Commissioner of Education shall report, by high school, to the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors, and the Legislature, no later than November 30 of each year, on the number of prior year Florida high school graduates who enrolled for the first time in public postsecondary education in this state during the previous summer, fall, or spring term, indicating the number of students whose scores on the common placement test indicated the need for remediation through applied academics instruction or college-preparatory or vocational-preparatory instruction pursuant to s. 1004.91 or s. 1008.30.

Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 1009.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.22 Workforce education postsecondary student fees.-

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, fees for students who are nonresidents for tuition purposes must offset the full cost of instruction. Residency of students shall be

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determined as required in s. 1009.21. Fee-nonexempt students enrolled in applied academics for adult education vocational—preparatory instruction shall be charged fees equal to the fees charged for adult general education programs. Each Florida College System institution that conducts college-preparatory and applied academics for adult education vocational-preparatory instruction in the same class section may charge a single fee for both types of instruction.

Section 14. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of section 1009.25, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1009.25 Fee exemptions.

- (1) The following students are exempt from the payment of tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that provides postsecondary career programs, Florida College System institution, or state university:
- (c) A student who is or was at the time he or she reached 18 years of age in the custody of the Department of Children and Family Services or who, after spending at least 6 months in the custody of the department after reaching 16 years of age, was placed in a guardianship by the court. Such exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in applied academics for adult education career-preparatory instruction. The exemption remains valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.
- (d) A student who is or was at the time he or she reached 18 years of age in the custody of a relative under s. 39.5085 or who was adopted from the Department of Children and Family Services after May 5, 1997. Such exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in applied academics for adult

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education career-preparatory instruction. The exemption remains valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.
Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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