

27 Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida and the
28 College of Agriculture and Food Sciences at the Florida
29 Agricultural and Mechanical University, to annually provide to
30 the State Board of Education and the Department of Education
31 information and industry certifications for farm occupations to
32 be considered for placement on the Industry Certification
33 Funding List and the Postsecondary Industry Certification
34 Funding List pursuant to s. 1008.44. Information and industry
35 certifications provided by the department must be based upon the
36 best available data.

37 Section 2. Section 1003.492, Florida Statutes, is amended
38 to read:

39 1003.492 Industry-certified career education programs.—

40 (1) Secondary schools offering career-themed courses, as
41 defined in s. 1003.493(1)(b), and career and professional
42 academies shall be coordinated with the relevant and appropriate
43 industry to prepare a student for further education or for
44 employment in that industry.

45 (2) Industry certification as used in this section is a
46 voluntary process through which students are assessed by an
47 independent, third-party certifying entity using predetermined
48 standards for knowledge, skills, and competencies, resulting in
49 the award of a credential that is nationally recognized and must
50 be at least one of the following:

51 (a) Within an industry that addresses a critical local or
52 statewide economic need;

53 (b) Linked to an occupation that is included in the
 54 workforce system's targeted occupation list; or

55 (c) Linked to an occupation that is identified as
 56 emerging.

57 ~~(3)-(2)~~ The State Board of Education shall use the
 58 expertise of Workforce Florida, Inc., and the Department of
 59 Agriculture and Consumer Services to develop and adopt rules
 60 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 for implementing an
 61 industry certification process.

62 (a) For nonfarm occupations, industry certification shall
 63 ~~be defined by the Department of Economic Opportunity,~~ based upon
 64 the highest available national standards for specific industry
 65 certification, to ensure student skill proficiency and to
 66 address emerging labor market and industry trends. A regional
 67 workforce board or a school principal may apply to Workforce
 68 Florida, Inc., to request additions to the approved list of
 69 industry certifications based on high-skill, high-wage, and
 70 high-demand job requirements in the regional economy. ~~The list~~
 71 ~~of industry certifications approved by Workforce Florida, Inc.,~~
 72 ~~and the Department of Education shall be published and updated~~
 73 ~~annually by a date certain, to be included in the adopted rule.~~

74 (b) For farm occupations submitted pursuant to s. 570.07,
 75 industry certification shall demonstrate student skill
 76 proficiency and be based upon the best available data to address
 77 critical local or statewide economic needs.

78 (4) The list of industry certifications approved by

79 Workforce Florida, Inc., the Department of Agriculture and
 80 Consumer Services, and the Department of Education shall be
 81 published and updated annually by a date certain, to be included
 82 in the adopted rule.

83 ~~(5)(3)~~ The Department of Education shall collect student
 84 achievement and performance data in industry-certified career
 85 education programs and career-themed courses and shall work with
 86 Workforce Florida, Inc., and the Department of Agriculture and
 87 Consumer Services in the analysis of collected data. The data
 88 collection and analyses shall examine the performance of
 89 participating students over time. Performance factors shall
 90 include, but not be limited to, graduation rates, retention
 91 rates, Florida Bright Futures Scholarship awards, additional
 92 educational attainment, employment records, earnings, industry
 93 certification, and employer satisfaction. The results of this
 94 study shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and the
 95 Speaker of the House of Representatives annually by December 31.

96 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 1003.4935, Florida
 97 Statutes, is amended to read:

98 1003.4935 Middle grades career and professional academy
 99 courses and career-themed courses.—

100 (3) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, if a school
 101 district implements a middle school career and professional
 102 academy or a career-themed course, the Department of Education
 103 shall collect and report student achievement data pursuant to
 104 performance factors identified under s. 1003.492(5) ~~1003.492(3)~~

105 for students enrolled in an academy or a career-themed course.

106 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 570.961, Florida
107 Statutes, is amended to read:

108 570.961 Definitions.—As used in ss. 570.96–570.964, the
109 term:

110 (1) "Agritourism activity" means any agricultural related
111 activity consistent with a bona fide farm or ranch or in a
112 working forest which allows members of the general public, for
113 recreational, entertainment, or educational purposes, to view or
114 enjoy activities, including farming, ranching, skydiving,
115 historical, cultural, or harvest-your-own activities and
116 attractions. An agritourism activity does not include the
117 construction of new or additional structures or facilities
118 intended primarily to house, shelter, transport, or otherwise
119 accommodate members of the general public. An activity is an
120 agritourism activity whether or not the participant paid to
121 participate in the activity.

122 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.