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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Legg) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (18) of section 1001.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties listed below:

(18) IMPLEMENT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY.-

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Maintain a state system of school improvement and education accountability as provided by statute and State Board of Education rule. This system of school improvement and education accountability shall be consistent with, and implemented through, the district's continuing system of planning and budgeting required by this section and ss. 1008.385, 1010.01, and 1011.01. This system of school improvement and education accountability shall comply with the provisions of ss. 1008.33, 1008.34, 1008.345, and 1008.385 and include the following:

- (a) School improvement plans.-
- 1. The district school board shall annually approve and require implementation of a new, amended, or continuation school improvement plan for each school in the district. If a school has a significant gap in achievement on statewide assessments pursuant to s. 1008.34(3)(b) by one or more student subgroups, as defined in the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), 20 U.S.C. s. 6311(b)(2)(C)(v)(II); has not significantly decreased the percentage of students scoring below satisfactory on statewide assessments; or has significantly lower graduation rates for a subgroup when compared to the state's graduation rate, that school's improvement plan shall include strategies for improving these results. The state board shall adopt rules establishing thresholds and for determining compliance with this subparagraph paragraph.
- 2. A school that includes any of grades 6, 7, or 8 shall include annually in its school improvement plan information and data on the school's early warning system required under paragraph (b), including a list of the early warning indicators used in the system, the number of students identified by the

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system as exhibiting two or more early warning indicators, the number of students by grade level that exhibit each indicator, and a description of all intervention strategies employed by the school to improve the academic performance of students identified by the early warning system. In addition, a school that includes any of grades 6, 7, or 8 shall describe in its school improvement plan the strategies used by the school to implement the instructional practices for middle grades emphasized by the district's professional development system pursuant to s. 1012.98(4)(b)9.

- (b) Early warning system.—
- 1. A school that includes any of grades 6, 7, or 8 shall implement an early warning system to identify students in grades 6, 7, and 8 who need additional support to improve academic performance and stay engaged in school. The early warning system must include the following early warning indicators:
- a. Attendance below 90 percent, regardless of whether absence is excused or a result of out-of-school suspension.
- b. One or more suspensions, whether in school or out of school.
 - c. Course failure in English Language Arts or mathematics.
- d. A Level 1 score on the statewide, standardized assessments in English Language Arts or mathematics.

For purposes of implementing this subparagraph, a school district may identify additional early warning indicators for use in a school's early warning system.

2. When a student exhibits two or more early warning indicators, the school's child study team under s. 1003.02 or a

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school-based team formed for the purpose of implementing the requirements of this paragraph shall convene to determine appropriate intervention strategies for the student. The school shall provide at least 10 days' written notice of the meeting to the student's parent, indicating the meeting's purpose, time, and location, and provide the parent the opportunity to participate.

(c) (b) Public disclosure.—The district school board shall provide information regarding the performance of students and educational programs as required pursuant to ss. 1008.22 and 1008.385 and implement a system of school reports as required by statute and State Board of Education rule which shall include schools operating for the purpose of providing educational services to youth in Department of Juvenile Justice programs, and for those schools, report on the elements specified in s. 1003.52(19). Annual public disclosure reports shall be in an easy-to-read report card format and shall include the school's grade, high school graduation rate calculated without GED tests, disaggregated by student ethnicity, and performance data as specified in state board rule.

(d) (c) School improvement funds.—The district school board shall provide funds to schools for developing and implementing school improvement plans. Such funds shall include those funds appropriated for the purpose of school improvement pursuant to s. 24.121(5)(c).

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.42 Required instruction.-

(1) Each district school board shall provide all courses

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required for middle grades promotion, high school graduation, and appropriate instruction designed to ensure that students meet State Board of Education adopted standards in the following subject areas: reading and other language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, foreign languages, health and physical education, and the arts. The state board must remove a middle grades course in the Course Code Directory that does not fully integrate all appropriate curricular content required by s. 1003.41 and may approve a new course only if it meets the required curricular content.

Section 3. Section 1003.4203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.4203 Digital materials, CAPE Digital Tool recognitions, certificates, and technical assistance.

- (1) DIGITAL MATERIALS.—Each district school board, in consultation with the district school superintendent, shall make available digital materials, CAPE Digital Tool certificates, and CAPE industry certifications for students in prekindergarten through grade 12 in order to enable students to attain digital skills. The digital materials, CAPE Digital Tool certificates, and CAPE industry certifications may be integrated into subject area curricula, offered as a separate course, made available through open-access options, or deployed through online or digital computer applications, subject to available funding.
- (2) CAPE ESE DIGITAL TOOLS.—Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, Each district school board, in consultation with the district school superintendent, shall make available digital and instructional materials, including software applications, to students with disabilities who are in prekindergarten through



127 grade 12. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year: 128 (a) Digital materials must include CAPE Digital Tool 129 certificates, workplace industry certifications, and OSHA 130 industry certifications identified pursuant to s. 1008.44 for 131 students with disabilities; and (b) Each student's individual educational plan for students 132 133 with disabilities developed pursuant to this chapter must 134 identify the CAPE Digital Tool certificates and CAPE industry 135 certifications the student seeks to attain before high school 136 graduation. 137 (3) Subject to available funding, by December 1, 2013, the 138 department shall contract with one or more technology companies, 139 or affiliated nonprofit organizations, that have approved 140 industry certifications identified on the Industry Certification 141 Funding List or the Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List, pursuant to s. 1003.492 or s. 1008.44, to develop a 142 143 Florida Cyber Security Recognition and a Florida Digital Arts 144 Recognition. The department shall notify each school district 145 when the recognitions are developed and available. The 146 recognitions shall be made available to all public elementary 147 school students at no cost to the districts or charter schools. (a) Targeted knowledge and skills to be mastered for each 148 149 recognition shall be identified by the department. Knowledge and 150 skills may be demonstrated through student attainment of the 151 below recognitions in particular content areas: 152 1. The Florida Cyber Security Recognition must be based

upon an understanding of computer processing operations and, in most part, on cyber security skills that increase a student's

cyber-safe practices.

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2. The Florida Digital Arts Recognition must reflect a balance of skills in technology and the arts.

- (b) The technology companies or affiliated nonprofit organizations that provide the recognition must provide open access to materials for teaching and assessing the skills a student must acquire in order to earn a Florida Cyber Security Recognition or a Florida Digital Arts Recognition. The school district shall notify each elementary school advisory council of the methods of delivery of the open-access content and assessments. If there is no elementary school advisory council, notification must be provided to the district advisory council.
- (3) (4) CAPE DIGITAL TOOL CERTIFICATES.—Subject to available funding, by December 1, 2013, The department shall identify, by June 15 of each year, CAPE Digital Tool certificates that contract with one or more technology companies that have approved industry certifications identified on the Industry Certification Funding List or the Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List, pursuant to s. 1003.492 or s. 1008.44, to develop a Florida Digital Tools Certificate to indicate a student's digital skills. The department shall notify each school district when the certificates are certificate is developed and available. The certificates certificate shall be made available to all public elementary and middle grades students at no cost to the districts or charter schools.
- (a) Targeted skills to be mastered for the certificate include digital skills that are necessary to the student's academic work and skills the student may need in future employment. The skills must include, but are not limited to, word processing; spreadsheets; , spreadsheet display, and

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creation of presentations, including sound, motion, and color presentations; digital arts; cybersecurity; and coding including sound, text, and graphic presentations, consistent with CAPE industry certifications that are listed on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List, pursuant to ss. 1003.492 and 1008.44. CAPE Digital Tool certificates earned by students are eligible for additional full-time equivalent membership pursuant to s. $1011.62(1)(0)1.a ext{ s. } 1003.492$.

- (b) A technology company that provides the certificate must provide open access to materials for teaching and assessing the skills necessary to earn the certificate. The school district shall notify each middle school advisory council of the methods of delivery of the open-access content and assessments for the certificates certificate. If there is no middle school advisory council, notification must be provided to the district advisory council.
- (c) The Legislature intends that by July 1, 2018, on an annual basis, at least 75 percent of public middle grades students earn at least one CAPE Digital Tool certificate a Florida Digital Tools Certificate.
 - (4) CAPE INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS. -
- (a) CAPE industry certifications, issued to middle school and high school students, which do not articulate for college credit, are eligible for additional full-time equivalent membership pursuant to s. 1011.62(1)(o)1.b.
- (b) CAPE industry certifications, issued to high school students, which articulate for college credit, are eligible for additional full-time equivalent membership pursuant to s. 1011.62(1)(o)1.b.



(5) CAPE INNOVATION AND CAPE ACCELERATION. -215 (a) CAPE Innovation.—Up to five courses annually approved by the commissioner that combine academic and career content, 216 217 and performance outcome expectations that, if achieved by a 218 student, shall articulate for college credit and be eligible for 219 additional full-time equivalent membership pursuant to s. 1011.62(1)(o)1.c. Such approved courses must incorporate at 220 221 least two third-party assessments that, if successfully 222 completed by a student, shall articulate for college credit. At 223 least one of the two third-party assessments must be identified 224 on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List. Each course 225 that is approved by the commissioner must be specifically 226 identified in the Course Code Directory as a CAPE Innovation 227 Course. 228 (b) CAPE Acceleration.-Industry certifications, annually approved by the commissioner, that articulate for 15 or more 229 230 college credit hours and, if successfully completed, shall be 231 eligible for additional full-time equivalent membership pursuant 232 to s. 1011.62(1)(o)1.d. Each approved industry certification 233 must be specifically identified in the CAPE Industry 234 Certification Funding List as a CAPE Acceleration Industry 235 Certification. 236 (6) GRADE POINT AVERAGE CALCULATION. - For purposes of 237 calculating grade point average, a grade in a course that leads 238 to an industry certification must be weighted the same as a 239 grade in an Honors course. 240 (7) (5) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. 241 (a) The Department of Education or a company contracted with under subsection (4) shall collaborate with Florida 242

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educators and school leaders to provide technical assistance to district school boards in the implementation of this section. Technical assistance to districts shall include, but is not limited to, identification of digital resources, primarily openaccess resources, including digital curriculum, instructional materials, media assets, and other digital tools and applications; training mechanisms for teachers and others to facilitate integration of digital resources and technologies into instructional strategies; and model policies and procedures that support sustainable implementation practices.

- (b) Public schools may provide students with access to third-party assessment centers and career and professional academy curricula in a digital format in support of CAPE Digital Tool certificates and CAPE industry certifications, pursuant to ss. 1003.4203 and 1008.44, to assist public schools and school districts to establish Florida Digital Classrooms.
 - (8) (6) PARTNERSHIPS.-
- (a) A district school board may seek partnerships with other school districts, private businesses, postsecondary institutions, or consultants to offer classes and instruction to teachers and students to assist the school district in providing digital materials, CAPE Digital Tool recognitions, and certificates, and CAPE industry certifications established pursuant to this section.
- (b) Third-party assessment providers and career and professional academy curricula providers are encouraged to provide annual training to staff of the Department of Education, staff of school district offices, instructional staff of public schools, including charter schools, and other appropriate

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administrative staff through face-to-face training models; online, video conferencing training models; and through state, regional, or conference presentations.

(9) (7) RULES.—The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to administer this section.

Section 4. Subsection (5) of section 1003.4281, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.4281 Early high school graduation.

(5) For purposes of this section, a credit is equal to 1/6 FTE. A student may earn up to six paid high school credits equivalent to 1 FTE per school year in grades 9 through 12 for courses provided by the school district. High school credits earned in excess of six per school year in courses delivered by the school district are unpaid credits.

Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 1003.4285, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.4285 Standard high school diploma designations.-

- (1) Each standard high school diploma shall include, as applicable, the following designations if the student meets the criteria set forth for the designation:
- (a) Scholar designation.—In addition to the requirements of ss. 1003.428 and 1003.4282, as applicable, in order to earn the Scholar designation, a student must satisfy the following requirements:
- 1. English Language Arts (ELA). When the state transitions to common core assessments, Pass the 11th grade ELA statewide, standardized common core assessment.
- 2. Mathematics.—Earn one credit in Algebra II and one credit in statistics or an equally rigorous course and. When the

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state transitions to common core assessments, students must pass the Algebra II statewide, standardized common core assessment.

- 3. Science.—Pass the statewide, standardized Biology I endof-course assessment and earn one credit in chemistry or physics and one credit in a course equally rigorous to chemistry or physics.
- 4. Social studies.—Pass the statewide, standardized United States History end-of-course assessment.
- 5. Foreign language.—Earn two credits in the same foreign language.
- 6. Electives.—Earn at least one credit in an Advanced Placement, an International Baccalaureate, an Advanced International Certificate of Education, or a dual enrollment course, or a CAPE industry certification from the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List which articulates for college credit.
- (b) Merit designation.-In addition to the requirements of ss. 1003.428 and 1003.4282, as applicable, in order to earn the Merit designation, a student must attain two one or more CAPE industry certifications from the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List which articulate for college credit established under s. 1003.492.
- Section 6. Section 1003.4298, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 1003.4298 Reporting return on investment.
- (1) Third-party assessment center providers shall, by United States Postal Service, report the return on investment to the student and family of each student who is issued a CAPE industry certification and CAPE Digital Tool certificate as identified on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List.



330	(2) The return on investment report must, at a minimum,
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332	(a) Estimated cost savings associated with the student
333	acquiring the CAPE industry certification or certifications
334	earned before high school graduation that articulate for college
335	credit relative to the private market cost of the training and
336	assessments associated with acquiring the postsecondary credit
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338	(b) College credits assigned to the CAPE industry
339	certifications that have a statewide articulation agreement and
340	the tuition and fee savings to the family associated with those
341	college credits.
342	(c) Additional CAPE industry certifications available to
343	students.
344	Section 7. Subsection (4) is added to section 1003.4935,
345	Florida Statutes, to read:
346	1003.4935 Middle grades career and professional academy
347	courses and career-themed courses
348	(4) CAPE Digital Tool certificates and CAPE industry
349	certifications offered in the middle grades that are included on
350	the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List, if earned by
351	students, are eligible for additional full-time equivalent
352	membership pursuant to s. 1011.62(1)(0)1.a. and b.
353	Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
354	1003.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
355	1003.53 Dropout prevention and academic intervention.—
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357	(c) A student shall be identified as being eligible to
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academic intervention program based upon one of the following criteria:

- 1. The student is academically unsuccessful as evidenced by low test scores, retention, failing grades, low grade point average, falling behind in earning credits, or not meeting the state or district proficiency levels in reading, mathematics, or writing.
- 2. The student has a pattern of excessive absenteeism or has been identified as a habitual truant.
- 3. The student has a history of disruptive behavior in school or has committed an offense that warrants out-of-school suspension or expulsion from school according to the district school board's code of student conduct. For the purposes of this program, "disruptive behavior" is behavior that:
- a. Interferes with the student's own learning or the educational process of others and requires attention and assistance beyond that which the traditional program can provide or results in frequent conflicts of a disruptive nature while the student is under the jurisdiction of the school either in or out of the classroom; or
- b. Severely threatens the general welfare of students or others with whom the student comes into contact.
- 4. The student is identified by a school's early warning system pursuant to s. 1001.42(18)(b).
- Section 9. Section 1006.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1006.135 Hazing prohibited at high schools with any of grades 6-12 9-12 prohibited.
 - (1) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, "hazing" means any

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action or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student at a high school with any of grades 6 $\frac{9}{2}$ through 12 for purposes including, but not limited to, initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of a high school with any of grades 6 9 through 12. "Hazing" includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Pressuring, or coercing, or forcing a the student into:
- 1. Violating state or federal law; 7
- 2. Consuming any food, liquor, drug, or other substance; or
- 3. Participating in physical activity that could adversely affect the health or safety of the student.
- (b) Any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, or exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance, or other forced physical activity that could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the student, and also includes any activity that would subject the student to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment, or other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the student.

Hazing does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests or competitions or any activity or conduct that furthers a legal and legitimate objective.

(2) SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY.—Each school district shall adopt in rule a policy that prohibits hazing and establishes consequences for a student who commits an act of hazing. The



policy must include:

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- (a) A definition of hazing, which must include the definition provided in subsection (1).
- (b) A procedure for reporting an alleged act of hazing, including provisions that permit a person to anonymously report such an act. However, disciplinary action may not be based solely on an anonymous report.
- (c) A requirement that a school with any of grades 9 through 12 report an alleged act of hazing to a local law enforcement agency if the alleged act meets the criteria established under subsection (3).
- (d) A provision for referral of victims and perpetrators of hazing to a certified school counselor.
- (e) A requirement that each incident of hazing be reported in the school's safety and discipline report required under s. 1006.09(6). The report must include the number of hazing incidents reported, the number of incidents referred to a local law enforcement agency, the number of incidents that result in disciplinary action taken by the school, and the number of incidents that do not result in either referral to a local law enforcement agency or disciplinary action taken by the school.
- (3) (2) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—This subsection applies only to students in any of grades 9 through 12.
- (a) 1. A person who commits an act of hazing, a third degree felony, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, when he or she intentionally or recklessly commits any act of hazing as defined in subsection (1) upon another person who is a member of or an applicant to any type of student organization commits a third-degree felony, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.

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775.083, if the person knew or should have known the act would result in serious bodily injury or death of such other person and the act hazing results in serious bodily injury or death of such other person.

2.(3) A person who commits an act of hazing, a first degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, when he or she intentionally or recklessly commits any act of hazing as defined in subsection (1) upon another person who is a member of or an applicant to any type of student organization commits a first-degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, if the person knew or should have known the act would create a potential risk of physical injury or death to such other person and the act hazing creates a potential substantial risk of physical injury or death to such other person.

- (b) (4) As a condition of any sentence imposed pursuant to paragraph (a) subsection (2) or subsection (3), the court:
- 1. Shall order the defendant to attend and complete a 4hour hazing education course and may also impose a condition of drug or alcohol probation.
- 2. May require the defendant to make a public apology to the students and victims at the school.
- 3. May require the defendant to participate in a schoolsponsored antihazing campaign to raise awareness of what constitutes hazing and the penalties for hazing.
 - (c) $\frac{(5)}{(5)}$ It is not a defense to a charge of hazing that:
 - 1. (a) Consent of the victim had been obtained;
- 2. (b) The conduct or activity that resulted in the death or injury of a person was not part of an official organizational

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event or was not otherwise sanctioned or approved by the organization; or

- 3.(c) The conduct or activity that resulted in death or injury of the person was not done as a condition of membership to an organization.
- (4) (6) CONSTRUCTION.—This section shall not be construed to preclude prosecution for a more general offense resulting from the same criminal transaction or episode.

Section 10. Section 1007.273, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1007.273 Collegiate high school program.-

- (1) Each Florida College System institution shall work with each district school board in its designated service area to establish a collegiate high school program in a public school or public charter school established under s. 1002.33(5) which offers secondary education and postsecondary education.
- (2) At a minimum, the collegiate high school program must include an option for public school students in grade 11 or grade 12 participating in the program, for at least 1 full school year, to earn CAPE industry certifications pursuant to s. 1008.44 and to complete at least the first year of college toward an associate degree or baccalaureate degree while enrolled in the program.
- (3) Each Florida College System institution shall execute a contract with each district school board in its designated service area to establish a collegiate high school program. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, if the institution does not establish the program with a district school board in its designated service area, another Florida College System

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- (4) A Florida College System institution, in collaboration with each district school board that it enters into a contract with under this section, shall establish student eligibility and procedural requirements for participation in the program. At a minimum, the student eligibility requirements must include a performance contract, which shall be executed by the student, the parent, the school district, and the Florida College System institution.
- (5) Each district school board must enter into a contract with the local Florida College System institution under this section, and the contract shall:
- (a) Include the student eligibility and procedural requirements in the comprehensive student progression plan required under s. 1008.25; and
- (b) Provide information to students and parents about the collegiate high school program. Such information must include student eligibility and procedural requirements and the return on investment associated with participation in the program.
- (6) Each student in grade 11 or grade 12 who enrolls in the collegiate high school program and successfully completes 30 credit hours through the dual enrollment program under s. 1007.271 toward general education courses or common prerequisites pursuant to s. 1007.25, generates a 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) bonus. The total FTE bonus for each collegiate high school program shall be reported by each district school

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- (7) Beginning with the 2015-2016 fiscal year, for the purpose of funding or receiving the standard tuition rate per credit hour under s. 1007.271 from funds provided in the Florida Education Finance Program or the Florida College System Program Fund, a Florida College System institution may not report a student enrolled in a dual enrollment course at the Florida College System institution unless the institution establishes a collegiate high school program.
- (8) An institution that is eligible to participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program, that is a nonprofit independent college or university located and chartered in this state, and that is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to grant baccalaureate degrees may work with one or more district school boards to establish a collegiate high school program.
- (a) A participating independent college or university shall execute a contract with the district school board or district school boards to establish the program.
- (b) Such independent college or university shall, in collaboration with each district school board that it enters into a contract with under this section, establish student eligibility and procedural requirements for participation in the

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this subsection shall meet the requirements imposed under subsection (5).

Section 11. Section 1008.44, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1008.44 Industry certifications; CAPE Industry Certification Funding List and CAPE Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List.-

- (1) Pursuant to ss. 1003.4203 and s. 1003.492, the Department of Education shall, at least annually, identify, under rules adopted by the State Board of Education, and the Industry Certification Funding List that must be applied in the distribution of funding to school districts pursuant to s. 1011.62. the Commissioner of Education may at any time recommend adding the following certificates and certifications: -
- (a) CAPE industry certifications identified on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List that must be applied in the distribution of funding to school districts pursuant to s. 1011.62(1)(o). The CAPE Industry Certification Funding List, shall incorporate by reference, the industry certifications on the list that meet the requirements of s. 1009.536 and articulate for college credit. The Commissioner of Agriculture, by August 1 of each year, may annually select two industry certifications, that do not articulate for college credit, for inclusion on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List for a

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period of 3 years unless otherwise approved by the curriculum review committee pursuant to s. 1003.491. In addition, by August 1 of each year, the not-for-profit corporation established pursuant to s. 445.004 may annually select one industry certification, that does not articulate for college credit, for inclusion on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List for a period of 3 years unless otherwise approved by the curriculum review committee pursuant to s. 1003.491. Such industry certifications, if earned by a student, shall be eligible for additional full-time equivalent membership, pursuant to s. 1011.62(1)(0)1. (b) No more than 15 CAPE Digital Tool certificates limited

- to the areas of word processing; spreadsheets; sound, motion, and color presentations; digital arts; cybersecurity; and coding pursuant to s. 1003.4203(3) that do not articulate for college credit. Such certificates shall be annually identified on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List and updated solely by the Chancellor of Career and Adult Education. The certificates shall be made available to students in elementary school and middle school grades and, if earned by a student, shall be eligible for additional full-time equivalent membership pursuant to s. 1011.62(1)(o)1.
- (c) CAPE ESE Digital Tool certificates, workplace industry certifications, and OSHA industry certifications identified by the Chancellor of Career and Adult Education for students with disabilities pursuant to s. 1003.4203(2). Such certificates and certifications shall be identified on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List and, if earned by a student, be eligible for additional full-time equivalent membership pursuant



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- (d) CAPE Innovation Courses that combine academic and career performance outcomes with embedded industry certifications shall be annually approved by the Commissioner of Education and identified pursuant to s. 1003.4203(5)(a) and, if completed by a student, be eligible for additional full-time equivalent membership pursuant to s. 1011.62(1)(o)1.
- (e) CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications that articulate for 15 or more college credit hours pursuant to s. 1003.4203(5)(b) shall be annually approved by the Commissioner of Education and, if successfully completed, shall be eligible for additional full-time equivalent membership pursuant to s. 1011.62(1)(o)1. The approved industry certifications must be identified on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List.
- (2) The State Board of Education shall approve, at least annually, the CAPE Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List pursuant to this section. The Commissioner of Education shall recommend, at least annually, the CAPE Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List to the State Board of Education and may at any time recommend adding certifications. The Chancellor of the State University System, the Chancellor of the Florida College System, and the Chancellor of Career and Adult Education shall work with local workforce boards, other postsecondary institutions, businesses, and industry to identify, create, and recommend to the Commissioner of Education industry certifications to be placed on the funding list. The list shall be used to determine annual performance funding distributions to school districts or Florida College System institutions as specified in ss. 1011.80 and 1011.81,

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respectively. The chancellors shall review results of the economic security report of employment and earning outcomes produced annually pursuant to s. 445.07 s. 445.007 when determining recommended certifications for the list, as well as other reports and indicators available regarding certification needs.

- (3) In the case of rigorous industry certifications that have embedded prerequisite minimum age, grade level, diploma or degree, postgraduation period of work experience of at least 12 months, or other reasonable requirements that may limit the extent to which a student can complete all requirements of the certification recognized by industry for employment purposes, the Commissioner of Education shall differentiate content, instructional, and assessment requirements that, when provided by a public institution and satisfactorily attained by a student, indicate accomplishment of requirements necessary for funding pursuant to ss. 1011.62, 1011.80, and 1011.81, notwithstanding attainment of prerequisite requirements necessary for recognition by industry for employment purposes. The differentiated requirements established by the Commissioner of Education shall be included on in the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List at the time the certification is adopted.
- (4) (a) CAPE industry certifications and CAPE Digital Tool certificates placed on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List must include the version of the certifications and certificates available at the time of the adoption and, without further review and approval, include the subsequent updates to the certifications and certificates on the approved list, unless

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the certifications and certificates are specifically removed from the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List by the Commissioner of Education.

- (b) The Commissioner of Education may limit CAPE industry certifications and CAPE Digital Tool certificates to students in certain grades based on formal recommendations by providers of CAPE industry certifications and CAPE Digital Tool certificates.
- (c) For educator, student, industry, and provider planning purposes, the Articulation Coordinating Committee shall schedule at least six regular meetings per fiscal year to review and consider provider requests, address the Commissioner of Education's and chancellor's decisions, and recommend adjustments to CAPE industry certifications and CAPE Digital Tool certificates on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List.

Section 12. Paragraphs (o), (p), and (s) of subsection (1) of section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each district for operation of schools is not determined in the annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as follows:

- (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR OPERATION.—The following procedure shall be followed in determining the annual allocation to each district for operation:
- (o) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on successful completion of a career-themed

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course pursuant to ss. 1003.491, 1003.492, and 1003.493, or courses with embedded CAPE industry certifications or CAPE Digital Tool certificates, and issuance of industry certification identified on in the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education or CAPE Digital Tool certificates pursuant to s. 1003.4203.-

1.a. A value of 0.025 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for CAPE Digital Tool certificates earned by students in elementary and middle school grades.

b.1. A value of 0.1 or 0.2 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student who completes a career-themed course as defined in s. 1003.493(1)(b) or courses with embedded CAPE industry certifications and who is issued an industry certification identified annually on in the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List approved under rules adopted by the State Board of Education. The maximum full-time equivalent student membership value for any student in grades 9 through 12 is 0.3. A value of 0.2 full-time equivalent membership shall be calculated for each student who is issued a CAPE an industry certification that has a statewide articulation agreement for college credit approved by the State Board of Education. For CAPE industry certifications that do not articulate for college credit, the Department of Education shall assign a full-time equivalent value of 0.1 for each certification. Middle grades students who earn additional FTE membership for a CAPE Digital Tool certificate pursuant to subsubparagraph a. may not use the previously funded examination to

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satisfy the requirements for earning an industry certification under this sub-subparagraph. Additional FTE membership for an elementary or middle grades student shall not exceed 0.1 for certificates or certifications earned within the same fiscal year. The State Board of Education shall include the assigned values on in the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List under rules adopted by the state board. Such value shall be added to the total full-time equivalent student membership in secondary career education programs for grades 6 9 through 12 in the subsequent year for courses that were not provided through dual enrollment. CAPE industry certifications earned through dual enrollment must be reported and funded pursuant to s. 1011.80 ss. 1011.80 and 1011.81.

- c. A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for student completion of the courses and the embedded certifications identified on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List and approved by the commissioner pursuant to s. 1003.4203(5)(a) and s. 1008.44.
- d. A value of 0.5 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications that articulate for 15 to 29 college credit hours, and 1.0 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications that articulate for 30 or more college credit hours pursuant to CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications approved by the commissioner pursuant to s. 1003.4203(5)(b) and s. 1008.44.
- 2. Each district must allocate at least 80 percent of the funds provided for CAPE industry certification, in accordance with this paragraph, to the program that generated the funds.

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This allocation may not be used to supplant funds provided for basic operation of the program. Unless a different amount is specified in the General Appropriations Act, the appropriation for this calculation is limited to \$60 million annually. If the appropriation is insufficient to fully fund the total calculation, the appropriation shall be prorated.

- 3. For CAPE industry certifications earned in the 2013-2014 school year and in subsequent years, the school district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided direct instruction toward the attainment of a CAPE an industry certification that qualified for additional full-time equivalent membership under subparagraph 1.:
- a. A bonus in the amount of \$25 for each student taught by a teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a CAPE an industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List with a weight of 0.1.
- b. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by a teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a CAPE an industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List with a weight of 0.2, 0.3, 0.5, and 1.0.
- 4. For the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the additional FTE membership calculation must include the additional FTE for any student who earned a certification in the 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012 fiscal years who was not previously funded and was enrolled in 2012-2013.

Bonuses awarded pursuant to this paragraph shall be provided to teachers who are employed by the district in the year in which

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the additional FTE membership calculation is included in the calculation. Bonuses shall be calculated based upon the associated weight of a CAPE an industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List for the year in which the certification is earned by the student. Any bonus awarded to a teacher under this paragraph may not exceed \$2,000 in any given school year and is in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive.

(p) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based upon early high school graduation.-Notwithstanding s. 1011.61(4), Each unpaid high school credit delivered by a school district may receive funding for each during the student's prior enrollment may be reported by the district as 1/6 FTE when the student who graduates early pursuant to s. 1003.4281. A district may earn 0.25 additional report up to 1/2 FTE for unpaid credits delivered by the district for a student who graduates one semester in advance of the student's cohort and 0.5 additional and up to 1 FTE for a student who graduates 1 year or more in advance of the student's cohort. If the student was enrolled in the district as a fulltime high school student for at least 2 years, the district shall report the additional unpaid FTE for payment in the subsequent fiscal year delivered by the district during the student's prior enrollment. If the student was enrolled in the district for less than 2 years, the district of enrollment shall report the additional unpaid FTE delivered by the district and by the district in which the student was previously enrolled. The district of enrollment for which early graduation is claimed shall transfer a proportionate share of the funds earned for

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early graduation the unpaid FTE to the district in which the student was previously enrolled. Additional FTE included in the 2014-2015 Florida Education Finance Program for early graduation shall be reported and funded pursuant to this paragraph.

- (s) Florida Cyber Security Recognition, Florida Digital Arts Recognition, and Florida Digital Tools Certificate established pursuant to s. 1003.4203.-
- 1. Each school district shall certify by June 30 of each year to the Department of Education each elementary school that achieves 50 percent of student attainment of the Florida Cyber Security Recognition or the Florida Digital Arts Recognition established pursuant to s. 1003.4203. Upon verification by the department, each school that has achieved the designated student recognitions shall be awarded a Florida Digital Learning Certificate of Achievement by the Commissioner of Education.
- 2. Each middle school shall receive \$50 for each student who carns the Florida Digital Tools Certificate established pursuant to s. 1003.4203 with a minimum awarded per school of \$1,000 annually and a maximum award per school of \$15,000 annually. This performance payment shall be calculated in the FEFP as a full-time equivalent student.
- Section 13. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (3) of section 1012.98, Florida Statutes, and subsections (4) and (7) of that section are amended, to read:
 - 1012.98 School Community Professional Development Act.-
 - (3) The activities designed to implement this section must:
- (d) Provide middle grades instructional personnel and school administrators with the knowledge, skills, and best practices necessary to support excellence in classroom

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instruction and educational leadership.

- (4) The Department of Education, school districts, schools, Florida College System institutions, and state universities share the responsibilities described in this section. These responsibilities include the following:
- (a)1. The department shall disseminate to the school community research-based professional development methods and programs that have demonstrated success in meeting identified student needs. The Commissioner of Education shall use data on student achievement to identify student needs. The methods of dissemination must include a web-based statewide performance support system, including a database of exemplary professional development activities, a listing of available professional development resources, training programs, and available assistance.
- 2. The web-based statewide performance support system established pursuant to subparagraph 1. must include for middle grades, subject to appropriation, materials related to classroom instruction, including integrated digital instruction, competency-based instruction, and CAPE Digital Tool certificates and CAPE industry certifications; classroom management; student behavior and interaction; extended learning opportunities for students; and instructional leadership.
- (b) Each school district shall develop a professional development system as specified in subsection (3). The system shall be developed in consultation with teachers, teachereducators of Florida College System institutions and state universities, business and community representatives, and local education foundations, consortia, and professional

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organizations. The professional development system must:

- 1. Be approved by the department. All substantial revisions to the system shall be submitted to the department for review for continued approval.
- 2. Be based on analyses of student achievement data and instructional strategies and methods that support rigorous, relevant, and challenging curricula for all students. Schools and districts, in developing and refining the professional development system, shall also review and monitor school discipline data; school environment surveys; assessments of parental satisfaction; performance appraisal data of teachers, managers, and administrative personnel; and other performance indicators to identify school and student needs that can be met by improved professional performance.
- 3. Provide inservice activities coupled with followup support appropriate to accomplish district-level and schoollevel improvement goals and standards. The inservice activities for instructional personnel shall focus on analysis of student achievement data, ongoing formal and informal assessments of student achievement, identification and use of enhanced and differentiated instructional strategies that emphasize rigor, relevance, and reading in the content areas, enhancement of subject content expertise, integrated use of classroom technology that enhances teaching and learning, classroom management, parent involvement, and school safety.
- 4. Include a master plan for inservice activities, pursuant to rules of the State Board of Education, for all district employees from all fund sources. The master plan shall be updated annually by September 1, must be based on input from

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teachers and district and school instructional leaders, and must use the latest available student achievement data and research to enhance rigor and relevance in the classroom. Each district inservice plan must be aligned to and support the school-based inservice plans and school improvement plans pursuant to s. 1001.42(18). Each district inservice plan must provide a description of the training that middle grades instructional personnel and school administrators receive on the district's code of student conduct adopted pursuant to s. 1006.07; integrated CAPE Digital Tool instruction and competency-based instruction, including CAPE Digital Tool certificates and CAPE industry certifications; classroom management; student behavior and interaction; extended learning opportunities for students; and instructional leadership. District plans must be approved by the district school board annually in order to ensure compliance with subsection (1) and to allow for dissemination of researchbased best practices to other districts. District school boards must submit verification of their approval to the Commissioner of Education no later than October 1, annually. Each school principal may establish and maintain an individual professional development plan for each instructional employee assigned to the school as a seamless component to the school improvement plans developed pursuant to s. 1001.42(18). An individual professional development plan must be related to specific performance data for the students to whom the teacher is assigned, define the inservice objectives and specific measurable improvements expected in student performance as a result of the inservice activity, and include an evaluation component that determines the effectiveness of the professional development plan.

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- 5. Include inservice activities for school administrative personnel that address updated skills necessary for instructional leadership and effective school management pursuant to s. 1012.986.
- 6. Provide for systematic consultation with regional and state personnel designated to provide technical assistance and evaluation of local professional development programs.
- 7. Provide for delivery of professional development by distance learning and other technology-based delivery systems to reach more educators at lower costs.
- 8. Provide for the continuous evaluation of the quality and effectiveness of professional development programs in order to eliminate ineffective programs and strategies and to expand effective ones. Evaluations must consider the impact of such activities on the performance of participating educators and their students' achievement and behavior.
 - 9. For middle grades, emphasize:
- a. Interdisciplinary planning, collaboration, and instruction.
- b. Alignment of curriculum and instructional materials to the state academic standards adopted pursuant to s. 1003.41.
- c. Use of small learning communities; problem-solving, inquiry-driven research and analytical approaches for students; strategies and tools based on student needs; competency-based instruction; integrated digital instruction; and project-based instruction.
- d. Availability of CAPE Digital Tool certificates and CAPE industry certifications available pursuant to s. 1003.4203 and s. 1008.44.



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Each school that includes any of grades 6, 7, or 8 must include in its school improvement plan, required under s. 1001.42(18), a description of the specific strategies used by the school to implement each item listed in this subparagraph.

- (7) (a) The Department of Education shall disseminate, using web-based technology, research-based best practice methods by which the state and district school boards may evaluate and improve the professional development system. The best practices must include data that indicate the progress of all students. The department shall report annually to the State Board of Education and the Legislature any school district that, in the determination of the department, has failed to provide an adequate professional development system. This report must include the results of the department's investigation and of any intervention provided.
- (b) The department shall also disseminate, using web-based technology, professional development in the use of integrated digital instruction at schools that include middle grades. The professional development must provide training and materials that districts can use to provide instructional personnel with the necessary knowledge, skills, and strategies to effectively blend digital instruction into subject-matter curricula. The professional development must emphasize online learning and research techniques, reading instruction, the use of digital devices to supplement the delivery of curricular content to students, and digital device management and security. Districts are encouraged to incorporate the professional development as part of their professional development system.



997 Section 14. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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1000 And the title is amended as follows:

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> > A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; requiring a school that includes certain grades to include information, data, and instructional strategies in its school improvement plan; requiring a school that includes certain grades to implement an early warning system based on indicators to identify students in need of additional academic support; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; providing State Board of Education duties relating to middle grades courses; amending s. 1003.4203, F.S.; requiring a district school board, in consultation with the district school superintendent, to make CAPE Digital Tool certificates and CAPE industry certifications available to students, including students with disabilities, in prekindergarten through grade 12, to enable students to attain digital skills; providing eligibility for additional FTE funding; requiring innovative programs and courses that combine academic and career instructional tools and industry certifications into education for both college and career preparedness; providing for additional FTE funding; providing for grade point average calculation; requiring the

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Department of Education to collaborate with Florida educators and school leaders to provide technical assistance to district school boards regarding implementation; authorizing public schools to provide students with access to third-party assessment centers and career and professional academy curricula; encouraging third-party assessment providers and career and professional academy curricula providers to provide annual training; amending s. 1003.4281, F.S.; deleting calculations for paid and unpaid high school credits; amending s. 1003.4285, F.S.; revising requirements to earn a Scholar designation on a standard high school diploma; revising requirements to earn a Merit designation on a standard high school diploma; creating s. 1003.4298, F.S.; requiring the third-party assessment center providers to report return on investment to students and students' families regarding completing CAPE industry certifications and CAPE Digital Tool certificates; providing criteria for the return on investment report; amending s. 1003.4935, F.S.; authorizing additional FTE funding for certain Digital Tool certificates and industry certifications; amending s. 1003.53, F.S.; authorizing dropout prevention and academic intervention services for a student identified by a school's early warning system; amending s. 1006.135, F.S.; including middle grades schools under provisions prohibiting hazing; revising the definition of the term "hazing"; requiring a

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school district policy that prohibits hazing and establishes consequences for an act of hazing; revising penalty provisions and providing for applicability; creating s. 1007.273, F.S.; requiring a Florida College System institution to work with each district school board in its designated service area to establish a collegiate high school program; providing options for participation in a collegiate high school program; requiring a Florida College System institution to execute a contract with each district school board in its designated service area to establish the program; authorizing another Florida College System institution to execute a contract with the district school board in certain circumstances; requiring the contract to be executed by a specified date for the purpose of implementation; requiring Florida College System institutions to collaborate with the district school boards they enter into contracts with to establish student eligibility and procedural requirements for participation in the program; requiring that a performance contract be included in the eligibility requirements; requiring a participating district school board to include student eligibility and procedural requirements in the district's comprehensive student progression plan and to inform students and parents about the collegiate high school program; providing the calculation for funding the collegiate high school program; prohibiting a Florida College System institution from

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reporting certain funds for purposes of funding or receiving the standard tuition rate per credit hour for a student enrolled in a dual enrollment course at the institution unless the institution establishes a collegiate high school program; providing that certain independent colleges and universities are eligible to work with district school boards to establish a collegiate high school program; requiring such independent colleges and universities to collaborate with the district school boards they enter into contracts with to establish student eliqibility and procedural requirements for participation in the program; requiring that a performance contract be included in the eligibility requirements; requiring a participating district school board to include student eligibility and procedural requirements in the district's comprehensive student progression plan and to inform students and parents about the collegiate high school program; amending s. 1008.44, F.S.; requiring the department to annually identify CAPE Digital Tool certificates and CAPE industry certifications; authorizing the Commissioner of Education to recommend adding certain certificates and certifications; providing requirements for inclusion of CAPE Digital Tool certificates and CAPE industry certifications on the funding list; authorizing the commissioner to limit certain Digital Tool certificates and CAPE industry certifications to students in certain grades; providing requirements for

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the Articulation Coordinating Committee; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; specifying requirements relating to additional FTE funding based on completion of certain courses or programs and issuance of CAPE industry certification; deleting obsolete provisions; deleting provisions regarding Florida Cyber Security Recognition, Florida Digital Arts Recognition, and Florida Digital Tool Certificates; amending s. 1012.98, F.S.; providing requirements relating to professional development, including inservice plans and instructional strategies, for middle grades educators; requiring the Department of Education to disseminate professional development in the use of integrated digital instruction; providing an effective date.