

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2018 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Education

HB 577 — High School Graduation Requirements

by Reps. Silvers, Duran, and others (SB 856 by Senators Montford, Broxson and Young)

The bill authorizes students to use apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program credit to meet specified credit requirements for high school graduation. Specifically, the bill:

- Authorizes a student who earns credit upon completion of an apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program registered with the Department of Education to use such credit to meet the high school graduation credit requirements for:
 - o Fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or practical arts; or
 - o Electives.
- Requires the State Board of Education to approve and identify in the Course Code Directory the apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs from which a student may use earned credit to meet the specified credit requirements for high school graduation.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 112-0