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By Senator Wilson

33-49-07 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to school attendance; amending s. 1003.21, F.S.; revising the requirement that 3 4 an exit interview be conducted before a student 5 terminates school enrollment; requiring that a б counselor present specified information to such 7 a student and assign to the student a followup counselor who shall provide educational 8 information until the student is 18 years of 9 10 age; providing an effective date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 14 1003.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 15 1003.21 School attendance.--16 17 (1)(c)1. A student who attains the age of 16 years during 18 the school year is not subject to compulsory school attendance 19 beyond the date upon which he or she attains that age if the 20 21 student files a formal declaration of intent to terminate 22 school enrollment with the district school board. Public 23 school students who have attained the age of 16 years and who have not graduated are subject to compulsory school attendance 2.4 until the formal declaration of intent is filed with the 25 district school board. The declaration must acknowledge that 26 27 terminating school enrollment is likely to reduce the 2.8 student's earning potential and must be signed by the student and the student's parent. The school district must notify the 29 student's parent of receipt of the student's declaration of 30 intent to terminate school enrollment. 31

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