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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to career and adult education;
3	amending s. 1003.41, F.S.; requiring the Next
4	Generation Sunshine State Standards to include
5	financial literacy in the core curricular content of
6	economics; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; including the
7	study of financial literacy in public school required
8	instruction; amending ss. 1003.428 and 1003.429, F.S.;
9	providing that the credit requirement in economics for
10	high school graduation includes instruction in
11	financial literacy; amending s. 1003.433, F.S.,
12	relating to learning opportunities for certain
13	transfer students and students needing additional
14	instruction to meet high school graduation
15	requirements; deleting provisions that exempt adult
16	general education students from payment of tuition and
17	fees; amending s. 1004.02, F.S.; revising definitions;
18	replacing the term "vocational-preparatory"
19	instruction with the term "applied academics for adult
20	education" instruction with respect to adult general
21	education; amending s. 1004.91, F.S.; conforming
22	provisions relating to career education programs;
23	deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 1004.92,
24	F.S.; authorizing district school boards and Florida
25	College System institution boards of trustees to vary
26	up to a specified percentage of intended learning
27	outcomes of career education programs; amending s.
28	1004.93, F.S.; deleting lifelong learning courses or
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29	activities and recreational or leisure courses as
30	priorities in the provision of adult education program
31	academic services; requiring students entering adult
32	general education programs to complete specified
33	"Action Steps to Employment" activities; amending ss.
34	1007.263, 1007.271, 1008.37, 1009.22, and 1009.25,
35	F.S.; conforming terminology to changes made by the
36	act; providing an effective date.
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38	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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40	Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
41	1003.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
42	1003.41 Sunshine State Standards
43	(1) Public K-12 educational instruction in Florida is
44	based on the "Sunshine State Standards." The State Board of
45	Education shall review the Sunshine State Standards and replace
46	them with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards that
47	establish the core content of the curricula to be taught in this
48	state and that specify the core content knowledge and skills
49	that K-12 public school students are expected to acquire. The
50	Next Generation Sunshine State Standards must, at a minimum:
51	(a) Establish the core curricular content for language
52	arts, science, mathematics, and social studies, as follows:
53	1. Language arts standards must establish specific
54	curricular content for, at a minimum, the reading process,
55	literary analysis, the writing process, writing applications,
56	communication, and information and media literacy. The standards
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57 must include distinct grade level expectations for the core 58 content knowledge and skills that a student is expected to have 59 acquired by each individual grade level from kindergarten 60 through grade 8. The language arts standards for grades 9 61 through 12 may be organized by grade clusters of more than one 62 grade level. The language arts standards must also identify 63 significant literary genres and authors that encompass a 64 comprehensive range of historical periods. Beginning with the 65 2011-2012 school year, the reading portion of the language arts curriculum shall include civics education content for all grade 66 67 levels. The State Board of Education shall, in accordance with 68 the expedited schedule established under subsection (2), review and replace the language arts standards adopted by the state 69 70 board in 2007 with Next Generation Sunshine State Standards that 71 comply with this subparagraph.

72 2. Science standards must establish specific curricular 73 content for, at a minimum, the nature of science, earth and 74 space science, physical science, and life science. The standards 75 must include distinct grade level expectations for the core 76 content knowledge and skills that a student is expected to have 77 acquired by each individual grade level from kindergarten 78 through grade 8. The science standards for grades 9 through 12 79 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
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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.

89 4. Social studies standards must establish specific 90 curricular content for, at a minimum, geography, United States 91 and world history, government, civics, economics to include 92 financial literacy, and humanities. The standards must include 93 distinct grade level expectations for the core content knowledge 94 and skills that a student is expected to have acquired by each 95 individual grade level from kindergarten through grade 8. The 96 social studies standards for grades 9 through 12 may be organized by grade clusters of more than one grade level. 97

98 Section 2. Paragraph (u) is added to subsection (2) of 99 section 1003.42, Florida Statutes, to read:

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1003.42 Required instruction.-

101 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public 102 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education 103 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and 104 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the 105 highest standards for professionalism and historic accuracy, 106 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing 107 approved methods of instruction, the following:

108 (u) Financial literacy, including the knowledge, 109 understanding, skills, behaviors, attitudes, and values that 110 will enable a student to make responsible and effective 111 financial decisions in his or her daily life now and during 112 adulthood.

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113 114 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards 115 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. 116 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 117 1003.428, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 118 1003.428 General requirements for high school graduation; 119 revised.-120 The 24 credits may be earned through applied, (2)121 integrated, and combined courses approved by the Department of Education. The 24 credits shall be distributed as follows: 122 (a) Sixteen core curriculum credits: 123 124 Four credits in English, with major concentration in 1. composition, reading for information, and literature. 125 126 2. Four credits in mathematics, one of which must be 127 Algebra I, a series of courses equivalent to Algebra I, or a 128 higher-level mathematics course. Beginning with students 129 entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, in addition to 130 the Algebra I credit requirement, one of the four credits in 131 mathematics must be geometry or a series of courses equivalent 132 to geometry as approved by the State Board of Education. 133 Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school 134 year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s. 135 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I) must be met in order for a student to earn 136 the required credit in Algebra I. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the end-of-course 137 assessment requirements under s. 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I) must be 138 met in order for a student to earn the required credit in 139 geometry. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2012-140 Page 5 of 21

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141 2013 school year, in addition to the Algebra I and geometry 142 credit requirements, one of the four credits in mathematics must 143 be Algebra II or a series of courses equivalent to Algebra II as 144 approved by the State Board of Education.

3. 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.

152 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(II) must be met in order for a student to earn 153 the required credit in Biology I. Beginning with students 154 entering grade 9 in the 2013-2014 school year, one of the three 155 credits must be Biology I or a series of courses equivalent to 156 Biology I as approved by the State Board of Education, one 157 credit must be chemistry or physics or a series of courses 158 equivalent to chemistry or physics as approved by the State 159 Board of Education, and one credit must be an equally rigorous 160 course, as determined by the State Board of Education.

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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169 through the Course Code Directory.

6. One credit in physical education to include integration 170 171 of health. Participation in an interscholastic sport at the 172 junior varsity or varsity level for two full seasons shall 173 satisfy the one-credit requirement in physical education if the 174 student passes a competency test on personal fitness with a 175 score of "C" or better. The competency test on personal fitness must be developed by the Department of Education. A district 176 177 school board may not require that the one credit in physical 178 education be taken during the 9th grade year. Completion of one semester with a grade of "C" or better in a marching band class, 179 180 in a physical activity class that requires participation in 181 marching band activities as an extracurricular activity, or in a 182 dance class shall satisfy one-half credit in physical education 183 or one-half credit in performing arts. This credit may not be 184 used to satisfy the personal fitness requirement or the 185 requirement for adaptive physical education under an individual 186 education plan (IEP) or 504 plan. Completion of 2 years in a 187 Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) class, a significant component of which is drills, shall satisfy the one-credit 188 189 requirement in physical education and the one-credit requirement 190 in performing arts. This credit may not be used to satisfy the 191 personal fitness requirement or the requirement for adaptive physical education under an individual education plan (IEP) or 192 193 504 plan.

194Section 4. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of195section 1003.429, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:1961003.429Accelerated 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:

201 Completion of a 3-year standard college preparatory (b) 202 program requiring successful completion of a minimum of 18 203 academic credits in grades 9 through 12. At least 6 of the 18 204 credits required for completion of this program must be received 205 in classes that are offered pursuant to the International 206 Baccalaureate Program, the Advanced Placement Program, dual enrollment, Advanced International Certificate of Education, or 207 208 specifically listed or identified by the Department of Education 209 as rigorous pursuant to s. 1009.531(3). The 18 credits required 210 for completion of this program shall be primary requirements and 211 shall be distributed as follows:

Four credits in English, with major concentration in
 composition and literature;

214 Three credits and, beginning with students entering 2. 215 grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, four credits in 216 mathematics at the Algebra I level or higher from the list of 217 courses that qualify for state university admission. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, in 218 219 addition to the Algebra I credit requirement, one of the four 220 credits in mathematics must be geometry or a series of courses equivalent to geometry as approved by the State Board of 221 Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-222 2011 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements 223 224 under s. 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I) must be met in order for a student

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225 to earn the required credit in Algebra I. Beginning with 226 students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the end-227 of-course assessment requirements under s. 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I) 228 must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit 229 in geometry. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 230 2012-2013 school year, in addition to the Algebra I and geometry 231 credit requirements, one of the four credits in mathematics must 232 be Algebra II or a series of courses equivalent to Algebra II as 233 approved by the State Board of Education;

3. 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.

241 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(II) must be met in order for a student to earn 242 the required credit in Biology I. Beginning with students 243 entering grade 9 in the 2013-2014 school year, one of the three 244 credits must be Biology I or a series of courses equivalent to 245 Biology I as approved by the State Board of Education, one 246 credit must be chemistry or physics or a series of courses 247 equivalent to chemistry or physics as approved by the State 248 Board of Education, and one credit must be an equally rigorous 249 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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253 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

260 6. Three credits in electives and, beginning with students
261 entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, two credits in
262 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:

Four credits in English, with major concentration in
 composition and literature;

269 Three credits and, beginning with students entering 2. 270 grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, four credits in 271 mathematics, one of which must be Algebra I. Beginning with 272 students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, in 273 addition to the Algebra I credit requirement, one of the four 274 credits in mathematics must be geometry or a series of courses 275 equivalent to geometry as approved by the State Board of 276 Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-277 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 278 to earn the required credit in Algebra I. Beginning with 279 280 students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the end-

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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;

288 Three credits in science, two of which must have a 3. 289 laboratory component. Beginning with students entering grade 9 290 in the 2011-2012 school year, one of the three credits in 291 science must be Biology I or a series of courses equivalent to 292 Biology I as approved by the State Board of Education. Beginning 293 with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the 294 end-of-course assessment requirements under s. 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(II) must be met in order for a student to earn 295 296 the required credit in Biology I. Beginning with students 297 entering grade 9 in the 2013-2014 school year, one of the three 298 credits must be Biology I or a series of courses equivalent to 299 Biology I as approved by the State Board of Education, one 300 credit must be chemistry or physics or a series of courses 301 equivalent to chemistry or physics as approved by the State 302 Board of Education, and one credit must be an equally rigorous 303 course, as approved by the State Board of Education;

304 4. Three credits in social sciences, which must include
305 one credit in United States history, one credit in world
306 history, one-half credit in United States government, and one307 half credit in economics to include financial literacy;
308 5. Three credits in a single vocational or career

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309 education program, three credits in career and technical 310 certificate dual enrollment courses, or five credits in 311 vocational or career education courses; and

312 6. Two credits and, beginning with students entering grade
313 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, one credit in electives unless
314 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.

321 Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 322 1003.433, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

323 1003.433 Learning opportunities for out-of-state and out-324 of-country transfer students and students needing additional 325 instruction to meet high school graduation requirements.-

326 (2) Students who have met all requirements for the
327 standard high school diploma except for passage of the grade 10
328 FCAT or an alternate assessment by the end of grade 12 must be
329 provided the following learning opportunities:

330 (C) Participation in an adult general education program as provided in s. 1004.93 for such time as the student requires to 331 332 master English, reading, mathematics, or any other subject required for high school graduation. Students attending adult 333 basic, adult secondary, or vocational-preparatory instruction 334 are exempt from any requirement for the payment of tuition and 335 336 fees, including lab fees, pursuant to s. 1009.25. A student Page 12 of 21

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337 attending an adult general education program shall have the 338 opportunity to take the grade 10 FCAT an unlimited number of 339 times in order to receive a standard high school diploma.

340 Section 6. Subsections (3) and (24) of section 1004.02, 341 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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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,
<u>applied academics for adult education</u> vocational-preparatory
instruction, and instruction for adults with disabilities.

349 (24) <u>"Applied academics for adult education instruction"</u> 350 <u>or "applied academics instruction"</u> <u>"Vocational-preparatory</u> 351 <u>instruction"</u> means adult general education through which persons 352 attain academic and workforce readiness skills at the level of 353 functional literacy (grade levels 6.0-8.9) or higher so that 354 such persons may pursue technical certificate education or 355 higher-level technical education.

356 Section 7. Section 1004.91, Florida Statutes, is amended 357 to read:

358 1004.91 <u>Career education program basic skills requirements</u> 359 <u>Career-preparatory instruction</u>.-

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

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365 instruction through which students receive the basic skills 366 instruction required pursuant to this section.

367 Students who enroll in a program offered for career (2) 368 credit of 450 hours or more shall complete an entry-level 369 examination within the first 6 weeks of admission into the 370 program. The State Board of Education shall designate 371 examinations that are currently in existence, the results of 372 which are comparable across institutions, to assess student 373 mastery of basic skills. Any student found to lack the required level of basic skills for such program shall be referred to 374 375 applied academics career-preparatory instruction or another 376 adult general basic education program for a structured program 377 of basic skills instruction. Such instruction may include 378 English for speakers of other languages. A student may not receive a career certificate of completion without first 379 380 demonstrating the basic skills required in the state curriculum 381 frameworks for the career education program.

382 An adult student with a disability may be exempted (3) 383 from the provisions of this section. A student who possesses a 384 college degree at the associate in applied science level or 385 higher is exempt from this section. A student who has completed 386 or who is exempt from the college-level communication and 387 computation skills examination pursuant to s. 1008.29, or who is 388 exempt from the college entry-level examination pursuant to s. 389 1008.29, is exempt from the provisions of this section. Students who have passed a state, national, or industry licensure exam 390 391 aligned to the career education program in which a student is 392 enrolled are exempt from this section. An adult student who is Page 14 of 21

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393 enrolled in an apprenticeship program that is registered with 394 the Department of Education in accordance with the provisions of 395 chapter 446 is exempt from the provisions of this section.

396 Section 8. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of 397 section 1004.92, Florida Statutes, to read:

398 1004.92 Purpose and responsibilities for career 399 education.-

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

407 Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 1004.93, Florida 408 Statutes, is amended, subsection (8) is renumbered as subsection 409 (9), and a new subsection (8) is added to that section, to read: 410 1004.93 Adult general education.-

411 (2) The adult education program must provide academic412 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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421 (c) Students who are earning credit required for a high 422 school diploma or who are preparing for the General Educational 423 Development test. 424 Students who have earned high school diplomas and (d) 425 require specific improvement in order to: 426 Obtain or maintain employment or benefit from 1. 427 certificate career education programs; 428 2. Pursue a postsecondary degree; or 429 3. Develop competence in the English language to qualify 430 for employment. (c) Students who enroll in lifelong learning courses or 431 432 activities that seek to address community social and economic 433 issues that consist of health and human relations, government, 434 parenting, consumer economics, and senior citizens. 435 (f) Students who enroll in courses that relate to the 436 recreational or leisure pursuits of the students. The cost of 437 courses conducted pursuant to this paragraph shall be borne by the enrollees. 438 439 (8) In order to accelerate the employment of adult 440 education students, students entering adult general education 441 programs after July 1, 2012, must complete the following "Action 442 Steps to Employment" activities prior to the completion of the 443 first term: 444 Identify employment opportunities using market-driven (a) 445 tools. (b) Create a personalized employment goal. 446 447 (c) Conduct a personalized skill and knowledge inventory. 448 Compare the results of the personalized skill and (d) Page 16 of 21

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449 knowledge inventory with the knowledge and skills needed to 450 attain the personalized employment goal. 451 (e) Upgrade skills and knowledge needed through adult 452 general education programs and additional educational pursuits 453 based on the personalized employment goal. 454 455 The "Action Steps to Employment" may be developed through a 456 blended approach with assistance provided to adult general 457 education students by teachers, employment specialists, guidance 458 counselors, business and industry representatives, and online 459 resources. Students should be directed to online resources or 460 provided information on financial literacy, student financial 461 aid, industry certifications, and occupational skills and 462 knowledge tools and a listing of job openings. 463 Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 1007.263, Florida 464 Statutes, is amended to read: 465 1007.263 Florida College System institutions; admissions 466 of students.-Each Florida College System institution board of 467 trustees is authorized to adopt rules governing admissions of students subject to this section and rules of the State Board of 468 469 Education. These rules shall include the following: 470 (1) Admissions counseling shall be provided to all 471 students entering college or career credit programs. Counseling 472 shall utilize tests to measure achievement of college-level 473 communication and computation competencies by all students entering college credit programs or tests to measure achievement 474 475 of basic skills for career education programs as prescribed in 476 s. 1004.91.

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478 Each board of trustees shall establish policies that notify 479 students about, and place students into, adult basic education, 480 adult secondary education, or other instructional programs that 481 provide students with alternatives to traditional college-482 preparatory instruction, including private provider instruction. 483 A student is prohibited from enrolling in additional college-484 level courses until the student scores above the cut-score on 485 all sections of the common placement test.

486 Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 1007.271, Florida 487 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1007.271 Dual enrollment programs.-

For the purpose of this section, an eligible secondary 489 (2) 490 student is a student who is enrolled in a Florida public 491 secondary school or in a Florida private secondary school which 492 is in compliance with s. 1002.42(2) and conducts a secondary 493 curriculum pursuant to s. 1003.43. Students enrolled in 494 postsecondary instruction that is not creditable toward the high 495 school diploma shall not be classified as dual enrollments. 496 Students who are eligible for dual enrollment pursuant to this 497 section shall be permitted to enroll in dual enrollment courses 498 conducted during school hours, after school hours, and during 499 the summer term. Instructional time for such enrollment may vary 500 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). 501 502 Any student so enrolled is exempt from the payment of registration, tuition, and laboratory fees. Applied academics 503 504 for adult education Vocational-preparatory instruction, college-

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505 preparatory instruction, and other forms of precollegiate 506 instruction, as well as physical education courses that focus on 507 the physical execution of a skill rather than the intellectual 508 attributes of the activity, are ineligible for inclusion in the 509 dual enrollment program. Recreation and leisure studies courses 510 shall be evaluated individually in the same manner as physical 511 education courses for potential inclusion in the program.

512 Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 1008.37, Florida 513 Statutes, is amended to read:

514 1008.37 Postsecondary feedback of information to high 515 schools.-

516 (2) The Commissioner of Education shall report, by high school, to the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors, 517 518 and the Legislature, no later than November 30 of each year, on 519 the number of prior year Florida high school graduates who 520 enrolled for the first time in public postsecondary education in 521 this state during the previous summer, fall, or spring term, 522 indicating the number of students whose scores on the common 523 placement test indicated the need for remediation through 524 applied academics instruction or college-preparatory or 525 vocational-preparatory instruction pursuant to s. 1004.91 or s. 526 1008.30.

527 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 528 1009.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

529 1009.22 Workforce education postsecondary student fees.530 (3) (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, fees for
531 students who are nonresidents for tuition purposes must offset
532 the full cost of instruction. Residency of students shall be

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533 determined as required in s. 1009.21. Fee-nonexempt students 534 enrolled in applied academics for adult education vocational-535 preparatory instruction shall be charged fees equal to the fees 536 charged for adult general education programs. Each Florida 537 College System institution that conducts college-preparatory and 538 applied academics for adult education vocational-preparatory 539 instruction in the same class section may charge a single fee 540 for both types of instruction.

541 Section 14. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of 542 section 1009.25, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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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:

548 (C) A student who is or was at the time he or she reached 549 18 years of age in the custody of the Department of Children and 550 Family Services or who, after spending at least 6 months in the 551 custody of the department after reaching 16 years of age, was 552 placed in a guardianship by the court. Such exemption includes 553 fees associated with enrollment in applied academics for adult education career-preparatory instruction. The exemption remains 554 555 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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561 <u>education</u> career-preparatory instruction. The exemption remains 562 valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.

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Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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