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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to an occupational certificate of
3 completion; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S; authorizing a
4 student who is eligible to receive a certificate of
5 completion to remain in high school for an additional
6 year to earn a standard diploma or an occupational
7 certificate of completion; providing an effective
8 date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of section
13 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma.—

15 (7) AWARD OF A STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.—

16 (c) A student who earns the required 24 credits, or the
17 required 18 credits under s. 1002.3105(5), but fails to pass the
18 assessments required under s. 1008.22(3) or achieve a 2.0 GPA
19 shall be awarded a certificate of completion in a form
20 prescribed by the State Board of Education. However, a student
21 who is otherwise entitled to a certificate of completion may, at
22 the conclusion of the student's 12th grade year, elect to remain
23 in high school either as a full-time student or a part-time
24 student for up to 1 additional year to:

25 1. and Receive special instruction designed to remedy his
26 or her identified deficiencies to earn a standard diploma; or

27 2. Earn at least one industry certification identified
28 pursuant to s. 1008.44 and document completion of the equivalent
29 of at least one full semester of successful employment, with

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30 payment of at least minimum wage in compliance with the federal
31 Fair Labor Standards Act, in order to earn an occupational
32 certificate of completion in a form prescribed by the State
33 Board of Education.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.