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By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senators Gaetz, Bradley, Detert, Ring, Negron, Montford, and Sobel

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A bill to be entitled An act relating to student assessments; creating s. 1008.223, F.S.; providing purposes; authorizing a district school board to choose to implement certain rigorous alternative assessment options by a certain school year; providing requirements for the rigorous alternative assessment options; specifying the types of exams that may be taken and the corresponding substitutions or exemptions that may be earned by certain students; requiring the Commissioner of Education to collaborate with ACT, Inc.; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt such scores in rule by a specified school year; requiring a district school board that chooses to implement rigorous alternative assessment options to notify the commissioner, students, and parents of the decision by a specified date; requiring a parent to annually notify the school district in writing by a certain date if his or her child will take the statewide, standardized assessments; requiring the state board to adopt in rule adjustments to certain scores based on certain recommendations; requiring rigorous alternative assessment options to be available for students in high school beginning in the 2016-2017 school year; specifying the types of industry certifications and assessments that may be taken and the corresponding exemptions and high school credit that may be earned by a student in high school; requiring the commissioner to adopt the schedule for the administration of the rigorous alternative assessment options; requiring student performance

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results to be made available to district school superintendents annually by a specified date; providing requirements for high school credits; providing proxy values to link student performance on rigorous alternative assessments to certain evaluations and grades; requiring the commissioner to seek legislative approval for any adjustments to the proxy values by a specified time; requiring the commissioner to submit certain recommendations to the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the rigorous alternative assessment options and proxies to be included in each district school board-approved student progression plan and each district school board-approved educator performance evaluation system by a specified time; requiring the commissioner to coordinate with school districts for the administration of the rigorous alternative assessments; requiring the Department of Education to renegotiate the Florida Standards Assessment contract; specifying that certain requirements do not apply to the renegotiation; requiring the renegotiated contract to be executed by a specified date; authorizing the department to renegotiate other assessment contracts; requiring the department to negotiate and contract with certain entities in order to implement the rigorous alternative assessments; prohibiting the funding for the assessments from causing an increase in a certain appropriation in the General Appropriations Act; requiring each district school

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board to publish notification of the rigorous alternative assessment and student choice options on its school district website; providing applicability; providing for rulemaking; providing an implementation schedule for the 2016-2017 school year; amending s. 1002.3105, F.S.; specifying that a student who attains a passing score on a rigorous alternative assessment may meet certain requirements; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; revising compliance requirements for charter schools; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; requiring each school district to annually notify students and parents of standard high school diploma requirements by a specified date; revising the online course requirement; authorizing a district school board or a charter school governing board to offer certain additional options to meet the requirement; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 1003.4285, 1003.4295, and 1003.436, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1006.28, F.S.; requiring instructional materials to be consistent with the rigorous alternative assessment option; requiring a district school board to make certain certifications at a public meeting; amending s. 1007.27, F.S.; requiring the department to identify the minimum scores, maximum credit, and courses for which credit is awarded for certain examinations; amending ss. 1007.271 and 1011.61, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; deleting certain bonus limits that may

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be earned for instructing students who receive specified grades on certain examinations; amending s. 1012.34, F.S.; requiring a classroom teacher's performance evaluation to be based on the performance of certain students; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; revising the duties of a district school board; requiring the commissioner to make certain requests and submit certain documentation regarding the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act by a specified date; requiring the commissioner to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1008.223, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1008.223 Rigorous alternative assessment options.-

(1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to enable students to choose to take rigorous alternative assessments, in lieu of the statewide, standardized assessments established pursuant to s. 1008.22 to meet subject area, course, credit, and assessment requirements for student progression and graduation. It is the intent of the Legislature to preserve the statewide, standardized assessments as the default common battery of

rigorous alternative assessments are intended to supplement the statewide assessment program with valid, reliable, and respected

assessments for all students attending public schools. The

assessment options for students to demonstrate subject area and

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grade level competency and college and career readiness.

Additionally, the purpose of this section is to:

- (a) Expand the availability of rigorous alternative assessment options that students take to meet requirements for admission to postsecondary educational institutions or to generate college credits, often at least three credit hours, so that such credits also substitute for statewide, standardized assessments.
- (b) Maximize a performance-based approach that allows students to generate credit based on attaining a concordant, comparative, or passing score on a rigorous alternative assessment without enrolling in the corresponding course to demonstrate satisfactory performance in meeting the requirements to earn a standard high school diploma.
- (c) Link student performance on rigorous alternative assessments to educator evaluation, school grade, school improvement rating, and school district grade calculations.
- (d) Leverage the Course Code Directory and the statewide course numbering system to link assessments and courses to award credit and assist the state and school districts with planning and administering rigorous alternative assessments.

Nothing stated in this section shall be construed to require students to take rigorous alternative assessments in addition to the statewide, standardized assessments or as substitutes for the Florida Alternate Assessment for students with disabilities pursuant to s. 1008.22.

- (2) DISTRICT OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS.—
- (a) Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, a district

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school board may choose to implement one of the following rigorous alternative assessment options or a combination of such assessments as specified in this paragraph, in lieu of the statewide, standardized assessments:

- 1. ACT Aspire for grades 3 through 8. If a district school board chooses to administer the ACT Aspire assessments for grades 3 through 8 districtwide, a student enrolled in a public school within that school district must take the ACT Aspire assessments to satisfy the statewide, standardized assessment requirements and demonstrate subject area and grade level competency in English Language Arts (ELA), mathematics, and science, unless the student's parent selects the statewide, standardized assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22 for the student. The commissioner must collaborate with ACT, Inc., to establish ACT Aspire scores that demonstrate grade level and subject area competency in ELA, mathematics, and science for grades 3 through 8. Before the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, the state board must adopt the scores in rule.
- 2. ACT Aspire and ACT for high school. If a district school board chooses to administer the ACT Aspire assessments for grades 9 and 10 and ACT districtwide, a student enrolled in a public school in that school district must take the ACT Aspire and ACT assessments to satisfy the statewide, standardized assessment requirements and demonstrate subject area competency and college and career readiness, unless the student's parent selects the statewide, standardized assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22 for the student. A student may take the ACT after taking the ACT Aspire assessments for grades 9 and 10 or after demonstrating his or her readiness to take the ACT, as

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177	determined by th	rintendent, through									
178	coursework or scores on the ACT Aspire assessments.										
179	a. The ACT Aspire and ACT Performance-Based Student Outcome										
180	Worksheet under this sub-subparagraph shall be used to authorize										
181	ACT Aspire assessment and ACT substitutions for the grade 9 and										
182	grade 10 ELA ass	sessments and the	e Algeb	ra I EOC assessment. The							
183	scores specified	d in the workshee	et demo	nstrate grade level and							
184	subject area cor	mpetency in ELA	and mat	hematics.							
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	ACT Aspire and ACT Performance-Based Student Outcome Worksheet										
		Student :	Perform	ance							
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	ACT Aspire or	426 on ACT	<u>=</u>	Grade 9 ELA assessment							
	ACT English	Aspire or 17									
	and Reading	on ACT									
	components	(English and									
		Reading									
		<u>Average)</u>									
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	ACT Aspire or	428 on ACT	<u>=</u>	Grade 9 ELA and Grade 10							
	ACT English	Aspire or 18		ELA assessments							
	and Reading	on ACT									
	components	(English and									
		<u>Reading</u>									
		<u>Average)</u>									
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	ACT Aspire or	428 on ACT	=	Algebra I EOC assessment							

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ACT Aspire or 18 Mathematics on ACT 190 191 b. The ACT Aspire and ACT Performance-Based Student Outcome 192 Worksheet under this sub-subparagraph shall be used to authorize 193 ACT Aspire and ACT as rigorous alternative assessment options 194 for granting exemptions from taking the Geometry EOC, Algebra II EOC, and Biology I EOC assessments. Additionally, the worksheet 195 196 shall be used to authorize ACT Aspire and ACT as rigorous alternative assessment options for granting exemptions from all 197 <u>assessment requirements</u> in order to earn a standard high school 198 199 diploma. The scores specified in the worksheet shall serve as the basis for granting the exemptions from taking the statewide, 200 201 standardized assessments. 202 ACT Aspire and ACT Performance-Based Student Outcome Worksheet Student Performance 203 Test Score Exemption 204 ACT Aspire or 432 on ACT Geometry EOC assessment ACT Aspire or 20 Mathematics on ACT 205 = Geometry EOC and Algebra ACT Aspire or 435 on ACT ACT Aspire or 22 II EOC assessments Mathematics on ACT 206 ACT Aspire or 430 on ACT = Biology I EOC assessment

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	ACT Science	Aspire or 20		
		on ACT		
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	ACT Aspire or	428 on ACT	<u>=</u>	Grade 9 ELA and Grade 10
	ACT	Aspire or 18		ELA, Algebra I EOC,
		on ACT		Geometry EOC, Algebra II
		(English and		EOC, Biology I EOC, and
		<u>Reading</u>		United States History EOC
		Average); 435		assessments
		on ACT Aspire		
		or 22 on ACT		
		Mathematics;		
		and 430 on ACT		
		Aspire or 20		
		on ACT Science		
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209	3. PSAT or	NMSQT, and SAT for	or hig	th school. If a district
210	school board cho	poses to administe	er the	e PSAT or NMSQT, and SAT
211	assessments dist	trictwide, a stude	ent en	rolled in a public school
212	in that school o	district must take	e the	PSAT or NMSQT, as
213	applicable, and	SAT assessments t	to sat	isfy the statewide,
214	standardized ass	sessment requireme	ents a	and demonstrate subject
215	area competency	and college and o	career	readiness, unless the
216	student's parent	t selects the stat	tewide	e, standardized assessments

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pursuant to s. 1008.22 for the student. A student may take the

SAT after taking the PSAT or NMSQT assessments or after

demonstrating his or her readiness to take the SAT, as

coursework or scores on the PSAT or NMSQT assessments.

determined by the district school superintendent, through

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222	a. The PSA	T, NMSQT, and SA	AT Per	formance-Based Student						
223	Outcome Worksheet under this sub-subparagraph shall be used to									
224	authorize PSAT, NMSQT, and SAT substitutions for the grade 9 and									
225	grade 10 ELA as	sessments and th	ne Alge	ebra I EOC assessment. The						
226	scores specifie	d in the workshe	eet der	monstrate grade level and						
227	subject area co	mpetency in ELA	and ma	athematics.						
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		Wor	ksheet	<u>t</u>						
		Student	Perfo	rmance						
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	<u>Test</u>	Score		Substitution						
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	·		Ξ	Grade 9 ELA assessment						
	or SAT	NMSQT, or 640								
		on SAT								
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	or SAT	NMSQT, or 670	_	ELA assessments						
	Critical	on SAT								
	Reading and	(Critical								
	Writing	Reading and								
	<u></u>	Writing Sum)								
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	PSAT, NMSQT,	42 on PSAT or	=	Algebra I EOC assessment						
	or SAT	NMSQT, or 420								
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Mathematics on SAT 233 b. The PSAT, NMSQT, and SAT Performance-Based Student 234 235 Outcome Worksheet under this sub-subparagraph shall be used to 236 authorize PSAT, NMSQT, and SAT as rigorous alternative 237 assessment options for granting exemptions from taking the 238 Geometry EOC and Algebra II EOC assessments. Additionally, the 239 worksheet shall be used to authorize PSAT, NMSQT, and SAT for 240 exemption from all assessment requirements in order to earn a 241 standard high school diploma. The scores specified in the worksheet shall serve as the basis for granting exemptions from 2.42 243 taking the statewide, standardized assessments. 244 PSAT, NMSQT, and SAT Performance-Based Student Outcome Worksheet Student Performance 245 Score Test Exemption 246 PSAT, NMSQT, 45 on PSAT or = Geometry EOC assessment or SAT NMSQT, or 450 Mathematics on SAT 247 50 on PSAT or = Geometry EOC and Algebra II PSAT, NMSQT, or SAT NMSQT, or 500 EOC assessments Mathematics on SAT 248 = Grade 9 ELA and Grade 10 PSAT, NMSQT, 120 on PSAT ELA, Algebra I EOC, or SAT or NMSQT, or

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1200 on SAT

(Critical EOC, Biology I EOC, and Reading, United States History EOC

Writing, and assessments

<u>Mathematics</u>

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A district school board may, pursuant to this paragraph, choose any one of the rigorous alternative assessment options specified under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3. or a combination of assessment options specified under subparagraphs 1. and 2. or subparagraphs 1. and 3.

- (b) A student who does not attain the score specified under this subsection for exemption from taking the Geometry EOC, Algebra II EOC, Biology I EOC, or United States History EOC assessments must take the applicable EOC assessment after completing the relevant course during that school year to meet the requirements of ss. 1003.4282 and 1008.22. A student's performance on the statewide, standardized EOC assessment constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade pursuant to s. 1003.4282, and the student must pass the Geometry EOC, Algebra II EOC, Biology I EOC, and United States History EOC assessments to earn the Scholar designation on the standard high school diploma pursuant to s. 1003.4285.
- (c) By July 8, 2016, for the 2016-2017 school year pursuant to subsection (12) and by August 1 of each school year thereafter, a district school board that selects rigorous alternative assessments must identify and approve such assessments for districtwide use. Accordingly, the district

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school superintendent shall notify the commissioner, inform the students and parents of the rigorous alternative assessment options, and coordinate with the commissioner to arrange for the administration and facilitation of such assessments.

- (d) Annually, by August 10 of each school year, a parent must notify the applicable school district, in writing, if the parent selects the statewide, standardized assessments for his or her child. The parent's selection shall apply to the required statewide, standardized assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22 for the relevant grade level and subject area which are administered during that school year. A student may not be required to take an assessment if the student has satisfied the subject area, course, credit, or assessment requirements, as applicable, through rigorous alternative assessment options for student progression and graduation.
- (e) The state board shall adopt in rule adjustments, as necessary, to the scores specified under this subsection before the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year based on recommendations from the commissioner; ACT, Inc.; and the College Board.
- (3) OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL.—Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, rigorous alternative assessment options, adopted pursuant to this subsection, must be available to students statewide. A student may choose to take rigorous alternative assessments without enrolling in the corresponding courses. However, the student must attain a passing score on the rigorous alternative assessments to meet the subject area, course, credit, and assessment requirements under ss. 1002.3105, 1003.4282, 1003.4285, 1003.4295(3), and 1008.22. At a minimum,

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301 the rigorous alternative assessment options that a student may 302 choose to take must include: 303 (a) Passing scores on nationally recognized industry 304 certifications. A student who attains national industry 305 certifications by passing industry-approved examinations for 306 such certifications is exempt from the relevant statewide, 307 standardized assessment requirements to earn a standard high school diploma, as specified under this section. The Industry 308 309 Certifications Performance-Based Student Outcome Worksheet under 310 this paragraph shall be used to exempt a student from the 311 relevant statewide, standardized assessment based on student 312 performance on the industry-approved examinations to earn 313 national industry certifications. Annually, the state board 314 shall adopt by rule additional industry certifications that, if attained by a student, shall exempt the student from the 315 316 relevant statewide, standardized assessment requirements. 317 Industry Certifications Performance-Based Student Outcome Worksheet Student Performance 318 Industry Certification = Exemption 319 Associate Level Certified Algebra I EOC and Electronic Technician Geometry EOC assessments 320 Autodesk Certified Professional - = Geometry EOC assessment AutoCAD, AutoCAD Civil 3D,

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	Inventor, Revit Architecture		
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	Biotechnician Assistant	<u>=</u>	Biology I EOC
			<u>assessment</u>
322			
	Certified Apprentice Drafter -	=	Geometry EOC assessment
202	Architectural		
323	Chief Architect Certified	_	Coometry FOC aggregament
	Apprentice	=	Geometry EOC assessment
324	<u>Applemence</u>		
	Certified Dental Assistant	=	Biology I EOC
		· 	assessment
325			
	Cisco Certified Network	<u>=</u>	Algebra I EOC and
	Professional		Geometry EOC
			<u>assessments</u>
326			
	COMTIA A+	<u>=</u>	Algebra I EOC and
			Geometry EOC
207			<u>assessments</u>
327	Emanaga Madigal Madagiai ag		Dialogue I FOC
	Emergency Medical Technician	=	Biology I EOC
328			<u>assessment</u>
320	FAA Aviation Mechanic Technician	=	Algebra I EOC, Geometry
	- Airframe	_	EOC, and Algebra II EOC
			assessments
329			

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	FAA Aviation Maintenance	=	Algebra I EOC, Geometry
	Technician - Powerplant		EOC, and Algebra II EOC
			assessments
330			
	FAA Ground School	<u>=</u>	Algebra I EOC, Geometry
			EOC, and Algebra II EOC
			<u>assessments</u>
331			
	Global Logistics Associate	=	Algebra I EOC, Geometry
			EOC, and Algebra II EOC
			<u>assessments</u>
332			
	MSSC Certified Production	=	Algebra I EOC, Geometry
	<u>Technician</u>		EOC, and Algebra II EOC
			<u>assessments</u>
333			
	Oracle Certified Associate:	=	Algebra I EOC, Geometry
	<u>Database</u>		EOC, and Algebra II EOC
			<u>assessments</u>
334			
335	(b) Passing scores on assess	ments	such as:
336	1. The SAT Subject Test. The	SAT S	Subject Test Performance-
337	Based Student Outcome Worksheet un	nder t	this subparagraph shall be
338	used to satisfy high school subjection	ct are	ea, course, credit, and
339	assessment requirements, based on	stude	ent performance on the SAT
340	Subject Test, as adopted in rule	by the	e state board.
341			
	SAT Subject Test Performance-Ba	sed S	tudent Outcome Worksheet
	Student Pe	rforma	ance

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342					
	Test	Score		Exemption	
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	SAT Biology-	Passing score	<u>=</u>	Enrolling i	n and
	Ecological,	on the		completing	the
	Biology-	respective SAT		correspondi	ng course and
	Molecular,	Subject Test		taking the	corresponding
	U.S. History,			EOC assessm	ment, if
	World History,			applicable,	to earn high
	Chemistry, or			school cred	<u>lit</u>
	Physics				
	Subject Tests				
344					
345	<u></u>	Level Examinati	_		
346	examination, or				
347	CLEP and DSST Pe				
348	this subparagrap				
349	area, course, cr				
350	student performa	nce on the CLEP	or DSS	[, as specif:	ied.
351		_			
	CLEP and DSS	T Performance-B			e Worksheet
250		Student	Performa	<u>ance</u>	
352	D	0	D		II de la Calaca I
	<u>Examination</u>	Score	Exempt	<u>lon</u>	High School
252					Credit Award
353	CIED Collogo	Dagging	Envol1	ing in and	1 Algobas T
	CLEP College	Passing =		ing in and	1 Algebra I
	Algebra or	score on		ting the	credit for
	DSST	CLEP or	corres	ponding	any

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	<u>Fundamentals</u>	DSST		course and taking	<u>examination</u>
	of College			the Algebra I EOC	
	Algebra			assessment	
354					
	CLEP College	<u>Passing</u>	=	Enrolling in and	<u> 1 Algebra II</u>
	Algebra-	score		completing the	<u>credit</u>
	Trigonometry			corresponding	
				course and taking	
				the Algebra II	
				EOC assessment	
355					
356	3. Advanced	Placement (A	AP)	Examination. The A	P Exam
357	Performance-Base	d Student Out	cor	ne Worksheet under	this
358	subparagraph sha	ll be used to) Sã	atisfy high school	subject area,
359	course, credit,	and assessmen	ıt 1	requirements, based	on student
360	performance on t	he AP examina	tic	ons, as specified.	A student who
361	attains a passin	g score on th	ie s	specified examination	ons must be
362	awarded one high	school credi	t e	each toward the cor:	responding
363	courses if the s	tudent takes	the	e examinations with	out enrolling
364	in the correspon	ding courses.	=,		
365					
	AP Exam P	erformance-Ba	sec	d Student Outcome Wo	orksheet
		Studen	ıt I	Performance	
366					
	<u>Examination</u>	Score = Ex	emp	tion High Sc	hool
				Credit	
				Award	
367					
	AP Calculus	<u> = Enrol</u>	lli	ng in and 1 Mathema	atics_
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	AB, Calculus			completing the	credit for	
	BC, or			corresponding	<u>each</u>	
	<u>Statistics</u>			course	examination	
368						
	AP Biology	<u>3</u>	=	Enrolling in and	1 Biology I	
				completing the	credit	
				corresponding		
				course and		
				taking the		
				Biology I EOC		
				assessment		
369						
	AP Physics 1	<u>3</u>	=	Enrolling in and	1 Science	
	or 2, or			completing the	credit for	
	Chemistry			corresponding	each	
				course	examination	
370						
	AP United	<u>3</u>	=	Enrolling in and	1 United	
	States			completing the	States	
	History			corresponding	History	
				course and	credit	
				taking the		
				United States		
				History EOC		
				assessment		
371						
	AP World	<u>3</u>	=	Enrolling in and	1 World	
	History	_	_	completing the	History	
	<u> </u>			corresponding	credit	
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			course				
372							
	AP United 3	=	Enrolling	in and	0.5 Unite	<u>d</u>	
	<u>States</u>		completin	g the	<u>States</u>		
	Government		correspon	ding	Governmen	<u>t</u>	
	and Politics		course		<u>credit</u>		
373							
	AP Macro 3	=	Enrolling	in and	0.5		
	Economics or		completing	g the	Economics		
	AP Micro		correspon	ding	<u>credit</u>		
	Economics		course				
374							
375	4. Dual enrol	lment	course and	l corres	ponding as	sessment. The	
376	Dual Enrollment Pe	rforma	ance-Based	Student	Outcome W	orksheet	
377	under this subparagraph shall be used to satisfy high school						
378	subject area, cour	se, c	redit, and	assessme	ent require	ements, based	
379	on student perform	ance o	on the stat	ewide, s	standardiz	ed EOC	
380	assessment or CLEP	exam	ination cor	respond	ing to the	dual	
381	enrollment course,	as s	pecified.				
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	<u>Dual Enrollment</u>	Perf	ormance-Bas	sed Stude	ent Outcom	e Worksheet	
		<u>:</u>	Student Per	formance	<u> </u>		
383							
	Course	Tes	<u>t</u>	Exem	nption_	<u>High School</u>	
						Credit Award	
384							
	Sequence of	-	e Biology	<u>=</u> <u>EOC</u>		1 Biology I	
	<u>college-credit</u>	I E			essment	<u>credit</u>	
	<u>dual enrollment</u>	ass	essment	perf	formance		

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courses in Life	or CLEP	does not						
Sciences and	<u>General</u>	constitute						
Biological	Biology	30 percent						
Sciences or		of the final						
college-credit		course grade						
courses in								
General Biology								
Sequence of	Take United =	EOC	1 United					
college-credit	<u>States</u>	assessment	<u>States</u>					
<u>dual enrollment</u>	History EOC	<u>performance</u>	<u>History</u>					
courses in	or CLEP	does not	<u>credit</u>					
Introductory	History of	constitute						
Survey to 1877	the United	30 percent						
and Introductory	States I and	of the final						
Survey Since 1877	CLEP History	course grade						
	of the							
	<u>United</u>							
	States II							
If a student attain	s a passing score	on a rigorous	alternative					
assessment under th	is subsection, th	e score must be	e applied					
toward the credit r	equirements for e	lectives unless	s the passing					
score is applied fi	rst to meet the a	ssessment and o	<u>credit</u>					
requirements for EL	requirements for ELA, mathematics, science, or social studies							
pursuant to this paragraph.								
(4) ASSESSMENT	(4) ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE AND REPORTING OF RESULTS.—The							
commissioner must a	dopt within the a	ssessment sched	dule pursuant					
to s. 1008.22 the assessment schedule for the administration of								

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rigorous alternative assessment options. To the extent possible, the commissioner shall consider the semester calendars of public colleges and universities in the state to accommodate and maximize the availability of assessment options for dual enrollment students. Student performance on rigorous alternative assessments must be made available to the district school superintendents by August 1 of each year.

- (5) CREDIT REQUIREMENTS.—The following authorizations apply to credit earned through rigorous alternative assessment options pursuant to this section:
- (a) The credit earned by a student passing a rigorous alternative assessment is exempt from the minimum instructional hour requirements under s. 1003.436.
- (b) A school district must award one credit, or as otherwise authorized under this section, for each rigorous alternative assessment or statewide, standardized assessment that a student passes, without requiring the student to enroll in or complete the corresponding coursework, as authorized under the Credit Acceleration Program pursuant to s. 1003.4295(3).
- (6) PROXIES.—Before the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, the commissioner shall collaborate with ACT, Inc., and the College Board to establish proxy values for linking student performance on rigorous alternative assessments to educator performance evaluation, school grade, school improvement rating, and school district grade calculations. Such proxy values for applicability statewide must be approved by the state board. The commissioner must seek the Legislature's approval for the state board-approved proxy values under this subsection during the 2017 regular session. Additionally, by December 31, 2016, the

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commissioner shall submit to the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives statutory
recommendations for improving the implementation of this
section.

(7) AVAILABILITY.-

- (a) Rigorous alternative assessment options specifically outlined under this section and other options must be adopted by the state board in rule. Beginning no later than the 2016-2017 school year, a school district must clearly identify the available rigorous alternative assessment options pursuant to this section in each district school board-approved student progression plan, and the proxies established pursuant to subsection (6) must be included in each district school board-approved educator performance evaluation system.
- (b) Pursuant to s. 1008.22, the commissioner shall coordinate with the school districts to provide for the administration of rigorous alternative assessments by school districts or through contracts with private vendors, public vendors, public agencies, or postsecondary educational institutions.

(8) STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT CONTRACTS.—

(a) The Department of Education shall immediately renegotiate the Florida Standards Assessment contract with American Institutes for Research, Contract Number 14-652, to implement this section, including, but not limited to, reducing the contract amount to fund the contracts executed pursuant to paragraph (c). The competitive procurement requirements in s. 287.057 do not apply to contract renegotiations pursuant to this paragraph.

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1. The department shall ensure the renegotiated contract fully implements s. 1008.22 and this section. The department's priority, for any reductions to the scope of work which are demanded by American Institutes for Research to implement this section, is to minimize student disruption.

- $\underline{\text{2. The renegotiated contract shall be executed by May 27,}}$ 2016.
- 3. The renegotiated contract should not result in an increase in price per assessment or any other price increases.
- 4. The department may not use any funds to restore the loss of funds pursuant to this subsection to Contract Number 14-652.
- (b) The department may also renegotiate other existing assessment contracts, such as the Florida Comprehensive

 Assessment Test retake contract; the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading assessment contract; the statewide endof-course assessment contracts; and grants to school districts for test development, so that funds shall be available for the administration of the rigorous alternative assessments.
- (c) The department shall negotiate and contract with entities such as ACT, Inc., and the College Board to implement this section. The competitive procurement requirements in s. 287.057 do not apply to contracts executed pursuant to this paragraph. The department shall ensure that:
- 1. The contracts are executed in sufficient time for this section to be fully implemented in the 2016-2017 school year.
- 2. All contracts pursuant to this paragraph fully implement this section.
- 3. It obtains the lowest possible total contract price and price per assessment. In obtaining the lowest possible price,

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the department shall use the lowest pricing offered by the vendor in this state and in other states that reasonably matches the contract's scope of work.

- (d) For 2016-2017, funding for the rigorous alternative assessments may not cause an increase in the Assessment and Evaluation appropriation in the General Appropriations Act.

 Funds made available as a result of renegotiated statewide, standardized assessment and other assessment contracts in paragraphs (a) and (b) shall be used to provide funding for the alternative assessment contracts in paragraph (c).
- (9) NOTIFICATION.—By September 1 of each year, as a component of notification requirements pursuant to s. 1003.4282, each district school board must notify students and parents, in writing, after a properly noticed public meeting, of the rigorous assessment options that students may select to meet the subject area, course, credit, and assessment requirements, as applicable, for student progression and graduation. Each district school board must publish the notification regarding rigorous alternative assessment and student choice options prominently on the home page of the school district's website.
- (10) APPLICABILITY.—The duties assigned to a district school board pursuant to subsection (2) apply to a charter school governing board, and the duties assigned to the school district, superintendent, or district employee apply to a charter school principal.
- (11) RULES.—The State Board of Education shall expeditiously adopt rules to implement this section. The rules adopted by the board must clearly identify all options for awarding credit corresponding to the subject area, course, and

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assessment, as applicable. The options must be clearly reflected in the Course Code Directory, statewide course numbering system, credit-by-examination equivalency list adopted by the state board in rule, and the list of equivalency of dual enrollment courses to high school subject areas which is approved by the department.

- (12) IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR.—Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the following actions related to districtwide use of rigorous alternative assessment options must occur by the following specified dates:
- (a) A district school board must file with the department a nonbinding notice of interest to indicate if the school district intends to administer a rigorous alternative assessment option specified in subsection (2) and identify the chosen assessment option by April 1, 2016.
- (b) The department shall execute the contracts required pursuant to subsection (8) by May 27, 2016.
- (c) The department shall notify the school districts of the rigorous alternative assessment option pursuant to subsection
 (2) by June 1, 2016.
- (d) Each district school board that chooses to administer a rigorous alternative assessment option pursuant to subsection

 (2) must make the decision by July 1, 2016, and must notify the commissioner and the student's parents of the board's decision by July 8, 2016.
- (e) The parent of a student in a school district that chooses to administer a rigorous alternative assessment option pursuant to subsection (2) must notify the district by August

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541 10, 2016, in writing, if he or she selects for his or her child 542 to take the statewide, standardized assessments pursuant to s. 543 1008.22 for the relevant grade level and subject area which are 544 administered during that school year.

Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 1002.3105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.3105 Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) options.—

(5) AWARD OF A STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.—A student who meets the applicable grade 9 cohort graduation requirements of s. 1003.4282(3)(a)-(e) or s. 1003.4282(10)(a)1.-5., (b)1.-5., (c)1.-5., or (d)1.-5., earns three credits in electives, and earns a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale shall be awarded a standard high school diploma in a form prescribed by the State Board of Education. A student may meet the requirements specified under this subsection by attaining a passing score on a rigorous alternative assessment pursuant to s. 1008.223.

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (16) of section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.33 Charter schools.-

- (16) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES.—
- (a) A charter school shall operate in accordance with its charter and shall be exempt from all statutes in chapters 1000-1013. However, a charter school shall be in compliance with the following statutes in chapters 1000-1013:
- 1. Those statutes specifically applying to charter schools, including this section.
 - 2. Those statutes pertaining to the student assessment

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program and school grading system, including, but not limited to, the ability to choose a rigorous alternative assessment option pursuant to s. 1008.223(2) regardless of its sponsor's decision.

- 3. Those statutes pertaining to the provision of services to students with disabilities.
- 4. Those statutes pertaining to civil rights, including s. 1000.05, relating to discrimination.
- 5. Those statutes pertaining to student health, safety, and welfare.

Section 4. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma.-

- (2) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—By July 8, 2016, for the 2016-2017 school year and by August 1 of each school year thereafter, the school district must notify students and parents, in writing, of the requirements for a standard high school diploma, rigorous alternative assessments pursuant to s. 1008.223 which may be taken in lieu of the statewide, standardized assessments, available designations, and the eligibility requirements for state scholarship programs and postsecondary admissions. The Department of Education shall directly and through the school districts notify registered private schools of public high school course credit and assessment requirements. Each private school must make this information available to students and their parents so they are aware of public high school graduation requirements.
- (3) STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; COURSE AND ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS.—Unless otherwise specified under s. 1002.3105, s.

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1003.4295(3), or s. 1008.223, a student must meet the following requirements to earn a standard high school diploma:

- (a) Four credits in English Language Arts (ELA).—The four credits must be in ELA I, II, III, and IV. A student must pass the statewide, standardized grade 10 Reading assessment or, when implemented, the grade 10 ELA assessment, or earn a concordant score, in order to earn a standard high school diploma.
- (b) Four credits in mathematics. A student must earn one credit in Algebra I and one credit in Geometry. A student's performance on the statewide, standardized Algebra I end-ofcourse (EOC) assessment constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade. A student must pass the statewide, standardized Algebra I EOC assessment, or earn a comparative score, in order to earn a standard high school diploma. A student's performance on the statewide, standardized Geometry EOC assessment constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade. If the state administers a statewide, standardized Algebra II assessment, a student selecting Algebra II must take the assessment, and the student's performance on the assessment constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade. An A student who earns an industry certification attained by a student for which there is a statewide college credit articulation agreement approved by the State Board of Education shall may substitute the certification for one mathematics credit. Substitution may occur for up to two mathematics credits, except for Algebra I and Geometry.
- (c) Three credits in science.—Two of the three required credits must have a laboratory component. A student must earn one credit in Biology I and two credits in equally rigorous

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courses. The statewide, standardized Biology I EOC assessment constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade. An A student who earns an industry certification attained by a student for which there is a statewide college credit articulation agreement approved by the State Board of Education shall may substitute the certification for one science credit except for Biology I.

- (d) Three credits in social studies.—A student must earn one credit in United States History; one credit in World History; one-half credit in economics, which must include financial literacy; and one-half credit in United States Government. The United States History EOC assessment constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade.
- (e) One credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or practical arts.—The practical arts course must incorporate artistic content and techniques of creativity, interpretation, and imagination. Eligible practical arts courses are identified in the Course Code Directory.
- (f) One credit in physical education.—Physical education must include the integration of health. Participation in an interscholastic sport at the junior varsity or varsity level for two full seasons shall satisfy the one-credit requirement in physical education if the student passes a competency test on personal fitness with a score of "C" or better. The competency test on personal fitness developed by the Department of Education must be used. A district school board may not require that the one credit in physical education be taken during the 9th grade year. Completion of one semester with a grade of "C" or better in a marching band class, in a physical activity class

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that requires participation in marching band activities as an extracurricular activity, or in a dance class shall satisfy one-half credit in physical education or one-half credit in performing arts. This credit may not be used to satisfy the personal fitness requirement or the requirement for adaptive physical education under an individual education plan (IEP) or 504 plan. Completion of 2 years in a Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) class, a significant component of which is drills, shall satisfy the one-credit requirement in physical education and the one-credit requirement in performing arts. This credit may not be used to satisfy the personal fitness requirement or the requirement for adaptive physical education under an IEP or 504 plan.

develop and offer coordinated electives so that a student may develop knowledge and skills in his or her area of interest, such as electives with a STEM or liberal arts focus. Such electives must include opportunities for students to earn college credit, including industry-certified career education programs or series of career-themed courses that result in industry certification or articulate into the award of college credit, or career education courses for which there is a statewide or local articulation agreement and which lead to college credit.

Unless otherwise authorized under s. 1008.223, a student must take the statewide, standardized assessments and pass the grade 10 ELA and Algebra I EOC assessments as specified under this

subsection to earn a standard high school diploma.

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(4) ONLINE COURSE REQUIREMENT.—At least one course within the 24 credits required under this section must be completed through online learning. A school district may not require a student to take the online course outside the school day or in addition to a student's courses for a given semester.

- (a) An online course taken in grade 6, grade 7, or grade 8 fulfills the this requirement in this subsection. The This requirement is met through an online course offered by the Florida Virtual School, a virtual education provider approved by the State Board of Education, a high school, or an online dual enrollment course. A student who is enrolled in a full-time or part-time virtual instruction program under s. 1002.45 meets the this requirement.
- (b) A district school board or a charter school governing board, as applicable, may offer students the following options to satisfy the online course requirement in this subsection:
- 1. Completion of a course in which a student earns a nationally recognized industry certification in information technology that is identified on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List pursuant to s. 1008.44 or passage of the information technology certification examination without enrollment in or completion of the corresponding course or courses, as applicable.
- 2. Passage of an online content assessment, without enrollment in or completion of the corresponding course or courses, as applicable, by which the student demonstrates skills and competency in locating information and applying technology for instructional purposes.

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For purposes of this subsection, a school district may not require a student to take the online course outside the school day or in addition to a student's courses for a given semester. This subsection requirement does not apply to a student who has an individual education plan under s. 1003.57 which indicates that an online course would be inappropriate or to an out-of-state transfer student who is enrolled in a Florida high school and has 1 academic year or less remaining in high school.

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 s. 1003.4282, in order to earn the Scholar designation, a student must satisfy the following requirements through statewide, standardized assessments or rigorous alternative assessments as authorized under s. 1008.223:
- 1. Mathematics.—Earn one credit in Algebra II and one credit in statistics or an equally rigorous course. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2014-2015 school year, pass the Algebra II and Geometry statewide, standardized assessments.
- 2. Science.—Pass the statewide, standardized Biology I EOC assessment and earn one credit in chemistry or physics and one credit in a course equally rigorous to chemistry or physics.

 However, a student enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP),

 International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advanced International

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Certificate of Education (AICE) Biology course who takes the respective AP, IB, or AICE Biology assessment and earns the minimum score necessary to earn college credit as identified pursuant to s. 1007.27(2) meets the requirement of this subparagraph without having to take the statewide, standardized Biology I EOC assessment.

- 3. Social studies.—Pass the statewide, standardized United States History EOC assessment. However, a student enrolled in an AP, IB, or AICE course that includes United States History topics who takes the respective AP, IB, or AICE assessment and earns the minimum score necessary to earn college credit as identified pursuant to s. 1007.27(2) meets the requirement of this subparagraph without having to take the statewide, standardized United States History EOC assessment.
- 4. Foreign language.—Earn two credits in the same foreign language.
- 5. Electives.—Earn at least one credit in an Advanced Placement, an International Baccalaureate, an Advanced International Certificate of Education, or a dual enrollment course.
- (b) Merit designation.—In addition to the requirements of s. 1003.4282, in order to earn the Merit designation, a student must attain one or more industry certifications from the list established under s. 1003.492.
- Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 1003.4295, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 1003.4295 Acceleration options.-
- (3) The Credit Acceleration Program (CAP) is created for the purpose of allowing a student to earn high school credit in

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Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, United States history, or biology if the student passes the statewide, standardized assessment administered under s. 1008.22. Notwithstanding s. 1003.436, a school district shall award course credit to a student who is not enrolled in the course, or who has not completed the course, if the student attains a passing score on the corresponding statewide, standardized assessment, an examination identified under s. 1007.27(2), or a rigorous alternative assessment under s. 1008.223. The school district shall permit a student who is not enrolled in the course, or who has not completed the course, to take the assessment during the regular administration of the assessment.

Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1003.436, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.436 Definition of "credit."-

(1) (a) For the purposes of requirements for high school graduation, one full credit means a minimum of 135 hours of bona fide instruction in a designated course of study that contains student performance standards, except as otherwise provided through the Credit Acceleration Program (CAP) under s. 1003.4295(3). One full credit means a minimum of 120 hours of bona fide instruction in a designated course of study that contains student performance standards for purposes of meeting high school graduation requirements in a district school that has been authorized to implement block scheduling by the district school board. The State Board of Education shall determine the number of postsecondary credit hours earned through dual enrollment pursuant to s. 1007.271 that satisfy the requirements of a dual enrollment articulation agreement

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according to s. 1007.271(21) and that equal one full credit of the equivalent high school course identified pursuant to s. 1007.271(9). Notwithstanding this paragraph, if a student attains a passing score on an examination or assessment identified under s 1007.27(2) or s. 1008.223, the score must be considered equal to one full credit of an equivalent or equally rigorous high school course, or as authorized under s. 1008.223, and shall apply toward the subject area, course, credit, and assessment requirements for student progression and graduation.

Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 1006.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1006.28 Duties of district school board, district school superintendent; and school principal regarding K-12 instructional materials.—

- (1) DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.—The district school board has the constitutional duty and responsibility to select and provide adequate instructional materials for all students in accordance with the requirements of this part. The term "adequate instructional materials" means a sufficient number of student or site licenses or sets of materials that are available in bound, unbound, kit, or package form and may consist of hardbacked or softbacked textbooks, electronic content, consumables, learning laboratories, manipulatives, electronic media, and computer courseware or software that serve as the basis for instruction for each student in the core subject areas of mathematics, language arts, social studies, science, reading, and literature. The district school board has the following specific duties and responsibilities:
 - (b) Instructional materials.—Provide for proper

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requisitioning, distribution, accounting, storage, care, and use of all instructional materials and furnish such other instructional materials as may be needed. Instructional materials used must be consistent with the district goals and objectives and the course descriptions established in rule of the State Board of Education, as well as with the applicable Next Generation Sunshine State Standards provided for in s. 1003.41 or a rigorous alternative assessment option pursuant to s. 1008.223(2) for students to demonstrate college and career readiness. A district school board that uses a rigorous alternative assessment option pursuant to s. 1008.223(2) may continue to use any of the processes in ss. 1006.28-1006.42 to obtain instructional materials; however, the district school board must certify at a public meeting that such instructional materials are appropriate for students who take the rigorous alternative assessments in the relevant grades and subject areas.

Section 9. Subsections (2), (3), and (6) of section 1007.27, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.-

(2) The Department of Education shall annually identify and publish the minimum scores, maximum credit, and course or courses for which credit is to be awarded for each College Level Examination Program (CLEP) subject examination, College Board Advanced Placement Program examination, Advanced International Certificate of Education examination, and International Baccalaureate examination, DSST examination, Excelsior College Examinations, and UExcel examination. The department shall use student performance data in subsequent postsecondary courses to

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determine the appropriate examination scores and courses for which credit is to be granted. Minimum scores may vary by subject area based on available performance data. In addition, the department shall identify such courses in the general education core curriculum of each state university and Florida College System institution.

- (3) Each <u>district school board</u>, Florida College System institution, and state university must award credit for specific courses for which competency has been demonstrated by successful passage of one of the examinations in subsection (2) unless the award of credit duplicates credit already awarded. <u>District school boards</u>, Florida College System institutions, and state universities may not exempt students from courses without the award of credit if competencies have been so demonstrated.
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shall not preclude Florida College System institutions and universities from awarding postsecondary credit by examination based on student performance on examinations developed within and recognized by the individual postsecondary institutions.

Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) and subsection

- (18) of section 1007.271, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1007.271 Dual enrollment programs.—
- (6) The following curriculum standards apply to college credit dual enrollment:
- (a) Dual enrollment courses taught on the high school campus must meet the same competencies required for courses taught on the postsecondary institution campus. To ensure equivalent rigor with courses taught on the postsecondary institution campus, the secondary institution campus, the secondary institution offering the course is responsible for providing in a timely manner a comprehensive, cumulative end-of-course assessment, a nigorous alternative assessment pursuant to s. 1008.223, or a series of assessments of all expected learning outcomes to the faculty member teaching the course. Completed, scored assessments must be returned to the postsecondary institution and held for 1 year.
- (18) School districts and Florida College System institutions must weigh dual enrollment courses the same as advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, and Advanced International Certificate of Education courses when grade point averages are calculated. <u>Unless otherwise specified in s.</u>

 1008.223, alternative grade calculation systems, alternative grade weighting systems, and information regarding student

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education options that discriminate against dual enrollment courses are prohibited.

Section 11. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 1011.61, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 1011.61 Definitions.—Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 1000.21, the following terms are defined as follows for the purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program:
- (1) A "full-time equivalent student" in each program of the district is defined in terms of full-time students and part-time students as follows:
 - (c) 1. A "full-time equivalent student" is:
- a. A full-time student in any one of the programs listed in s. 1011.62(1) (c); or
- b. A combination of full-time or part-time students in any one of the programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c) which is the equivalent of one full-time student based on the following calculations:
- (I) A full-time student in a combination of programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c) shall be a fraction of a full-time equivalent membership in each special program equal to the number of net hours per school year for which he or she is a member, divided by the appropriate number of hours set forth in subparagraph (a)1. or subparagraph (a)2. The difference between that fraction or sum of fractions and the maximum value as set forth in subsection (4) for each full-time student is presumed to be the balance of the student's time not spent in a special program and shall be recorded as time in the appropriate basic program.
 - (II) A prekindergarten student with a disability shall meet

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the requirements specified for kindergarten students.

kindergarten through grade 12 in a full-time virtual instruction program under s. 1002.45 or a virtual charter school under s. 1002.33 shall consist of six full-credit completions or the prescribed level of content that counts toward promotion to the next grade in programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c). Credit completions may be a combination of full-credit courses or half-credit courses. Beginning in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the reported full-time equivalent students and associated funding of students enrolled in courses requiring passage of an end-of-course assessment under s. 1003.4282 to earn a standard high school diploma shall be adjusted if the student does not pass the end-of-course assessment. However, no adjustment shall be made for a student who enrolls in a segmented remedial course delivered online.

(IV) A full-time equivalent student for students in kindergarten through grade 12 in a part-time virtual instruction program under s. 1002.45 shall consist of six full-credit completions in programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c)1. and 3. Credit completions may be a combination of full-credit courses or half-credit courses. Beginning in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the reported full-time equivalent students and associated funding of students enrolled in courses requiring passage of an end-of-course assessment under s. 1003.4282 to earn a standard high school diploma shall be adjusted if the student does not pass the end-of-course assessment. However, no adjustment shall be made for a student who enrolls in a segmented remedial course delivered online.

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(V) A Florida Virtual School full-time equivalent student shall consist of six full-credit completions or the prescribed level of content that counts toward promotion to the next grade in the programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c)1. and 3. for students participating in kindergarten through grade 12 part-time virtual instruction and the programs listed in s. 1011.62(1)(c) for students participating in kindergarten through grade 12 fulltime virtual instruction. Credit completions may be a combination of full-credit courses or half-credit courses. Beginning in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the reported full-time equivalent students and associated funding of students enrolled in courses requiring passage of an end-of-course assessment under s. 1003.4282 to earn a standard high school diploma shall be adjusted if the student does not pass the end-of-course assessment. However, no adjustment shall be made for a student who enrolls in a segmented remedial course delivered online.

- (VI) Each successfully completed full-credit course earned through an online course delivered by a district other than the one in which the student resides shall be calculated as 1/6 FTE.
- (VII) A full-time equivalent student for courses requiring passage of a statewide, standardized end-of-course assessment under s. 1003.4282 to earn a standard high school diploma shall be defined and reported based on the number of instructional hours as provided in this subsection until the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Beginning in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the FTE for the course shall be assessment-based and shall be equal to 1/6 FTE. The reported FTE shall be adjusted if the student does not pass the end-of-course assessment. However, no adjustment shall be made for a student who enrolls in a segmented remedial course

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(VIII) For students enrolled in a school district as a full-time student, the district may report 1/6 FTE for each student who passes a statewide, standardized end-of-course assessment or a rigorous alternative assessment pursuant to s. 1008.223 without being enrolled in the corresponding course.

- 2. A student in membership in a program scheduled for more or less than 180 school days or the equivalent on an hourly basis as specified by rules of the State Board of Education is a fraction of a full-time equivalent membership equal to the number of instructional hours in membership divided by the appropriate number of hours set forth in subparagraph (a)1.; however, for the purposes of this subparagraph, membership in programs scheduled for more than 180 days is limited to students enrolled in:
 - a. Juvenile justice education programs.
 - b. The Florida Virtual School.
- c. Virtual instruction programs and virtual charter schools for the purpose of course completion and credit recovery pursuant to ss. 1002.45 and 1003.498. Course completion applies only to a student who is reported during the second or third membership surveys and who does not complete a virtual education course by the end of the regular school year. The course must be completed no later than the deadline for amending the final student enrollment survey for that year. Credit recovery applies only to a student who has unsuccessfully completed a traditional or virtual education course during the regular school year and must re-take the course in order to be eligible to graduate with the student's class.

The full-time equivalent student enrollment calculated under this subsection is subject to the requirements in subsection (4).

The department shall determine and implement an equitable method of equivalent funding for experimental schools and for schools operating under emergency conditions, which schools have been approved by the department to operate for less than the minimum school day.

Section 12. Paragraphs (1) through (0) 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:
- (1) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on International Baccalaureate examination scores of students.—A value of 0.16 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled in an International Baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each

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student who receives an International Baccalaureate diploma. Such value shall be added to the total full-time equivalent student membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year. Each school district shall allocate 80 percent of the funds received from International Baccalaureate bonus FTE funding to the school program whose students generate the funds and to school programs that prepare prospective students to enroll in International Baccalaureate courses. Funds shall be expended solely for the payment of allowable costs associated with the International Baccalaureate program. Allowable costs include International Baccalaureate annual school fees; International Baccalaureate examination fees; salary, benefits, and bonuses for teachers and program coordinators for the International Baccalaureate program and teachers and coordinators who prepare prospective students for the International Baccalaureate program; supplemental books; instructional supplies; instructional equipment or instructional materials for International Baccalaureate courses; other activities that identify prospective International Baccalaureate students or prepare prospective students to enroll in International Baccalaureate courses; and training or professional development for International Baccalaureate teachers. School districts shall allocate the remaining 20 percent of the funds received from International Baccalaureate bonus FTE funding for programs that assist academically disadvantaged students to prepare for more rigorous courses. The school district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided International Baccalaureate instruction:

1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by

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the International Baccalaureate teacher in each International Baccalaureate course who receives a score of 4 or higher on the International Baccalaureate examination.

2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each International Baccalaureate teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" who has at least one student scoring 4 or higher on the International Baccalaureate examination, regardless of the number of classes taught or of the number of students scoring a 4 or higher on the International Baccalaureate examination.

Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph may not exceed \$2,000 in any given school year. However, the maximum bonus shall be \$3,000 if at least 50 percent of the students enrolled in a teacher's course earn a score of 4 or higher on the examination in a school designated with a grade of "A," "B," or "C"; or if at least 25 percent of the students enrolled in a teacher's course earn a score of 4 or higher on the examination in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F." Bonuses awarded under this paragraph shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive. For such courses, the teacher shall earn an additional bonus of \$50 for each student who has a qualifying score up to the maximum of \$3,000 in any given school year.

(m) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on Advanced International Certificate of Education examination scores of students.—A value of 0.16 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled in a full-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or

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higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.08 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student enrolled in a half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or higher on a subject examination. A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student who receives an Advanced International Certificate of Education diploma. Such value shall be added to the total full-time equivalent student membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year. The school district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided Advanced International Certificate of Education instruction:

- 1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by the Advanced International Certificate of Education teacher in each full-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or higher on the Advanced International Certificate of Education examination. A bonus in the amount of \$25 for each student taught by the Advanced International Certificate of Education teacher in each half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education course who receives a score of E or higher on the Advanced International Certificate of Education examination.
- 2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each Advanced International Certificate of Education teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" who has at least one student scoring E or higher on the full-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education examination, regardless of the number of classes taught or of the number of students scoring an E or higher on the full-credit Advanced International

Certificate of Education examination.

3. Additional bonuses of \$250 each to teachers of half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education classes in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" which has at least one student scoring an E or higher on the half-credit Advanced International Certificate of Education examination in that class. The maximum additional bonus for a teacher awarded in accordance with this subparagraph may shall not exceed \$500 in any given school year. Teachers receiving an award under subparagraph 2. are not eligible for a bonus under this subparagraph.

Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2,000 in any given school year and shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive.

(n) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on college board advanced placement scores of students.—A value of 0.16 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student in each advanced placement course who receives a score of 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination for the prior year and added to the total full-time equivalent student membership in basic programs for grades 9 through 12 in the subsequent fiscal year. Each district must allocate at least 80 percent of the funds provided to the district for advanced placement instruction, in accordance with this paragraph, to the high school that generates the funds. The school district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided advanced

placement instruction:

- 1. A bonus in the amount of \$50 for each student taught by the Advanced Placement teacher in each advanced placement course who receives a score of 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination.
- 2. An additional bonus of \$500 to each Advanced Placement teacher in a school designated with a grade of "D" or "F" who has at least one student scoring 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination, regardless of the number of classes taught or of the number of students scoring a 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination.

Bonuses awarded to a teacher according to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2,000 in any given school year. However, the maximum bonus shall be \$3,000 if at least 50 percent of the students enrolled in a teacher's course earn a score of 3 or higher on the examination in a school with a grade of "A," "B," or "C" or if at least 25 percent of the students enrolled in a teacher's course earn a score of 3 or higher on the examination in a school with a grade of "D" or "F." Bonuses awarded under this paragraph shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive. For such courses, the teacher shall earn an additional bonus of \$50 for each student who has a qualifying score up to the maximum of \$3,000 in any given school year.

(o) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on successful completion of a career-themed course pursuant to ss. 1003.491, 1003.492, and 1003.493, or courses with embedded CAPE industry certifications or CAPE

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Digital Tool certificates, and issuance of industry
certification identified on the CAPE Industry Certification
Funding List pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of
Education or CAPE Digital Tool certificates pursuant to s.

1212 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. A value of 0.1 or 0.2 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student who completes a 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 the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List approved under rules adopted by the State Board of Education. A value of 0.2 full-time equivalent membership shall be calculated for each student who is issued a CAPE 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 satisfy the requirements for earning an industry certification under this sub-subparagraph. Additional FTE membership for an elementary or middle grades student may shall not exceed 0.1 for certificates or certifications earned within the same fiscal

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year. The State Board of Education shall include the assigned values on 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 for grades 6 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.

- 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 ss. 1003.4203(5)(a) and 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 ss. 1003.4203(5)(b) and 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. This allocation may not be used to supplant funds provided for basic operation of the program.
- 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

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instruction toward the attainment of a CAPE 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 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 industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List with a weight of 0.2, 0.3, 0.5, and 1.0.

Bonuses awarded pursuant to this paragraph shall be provided to teachers who are employed by the district in the year in which the additional FTE membership calculation is included in the calculation. Bonuses shall be calculated based upon the associated weight of a CAPE 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.

- Section 13. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (3) of section 1012.34, Florida Statutes, to read:
 - 1012.34 Personnel evaluation procedures and criteria.-
- (3) EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA.—Instructional personnel and school administrator performance evaluations must be based upon the performance of students assigned to their

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classrooms or schools, as provided in this section. Pursuant to this section, a school district's performance evaluation system is not limited to basing unsatisfactory performance of instructional personnel and school administrators solely upon student performance, but may include other criteria to evaluate instructional personnel and school administrators' performance, or any combination of student performance and other criteria. Evaluation procedures and criteria must comply with, but are not limited to, the following:

(e) A classroom teacher's performance evaluation must be based on the performance of students with fewer than 25 absences within the school year, or for schools with block scheduling, fewer than 10 absences within the school year, assigned to their classrooms, as provided in this section.

Section 14. Present subsection (27) of section 1001.42, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (28), and a new subsection (27) is added to that section, 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:

(27) VISITATION OF SCHOOLS.—Visit the schools, observe the management and instruction, give suggestions for improvement, and advise citizens with the view of promoting interest in education and improving the school.

Section 15. By July 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Education shall amend Florida's request for renewal of flexibility under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), 20 U.S.C. ss. 6301 et seq., as necessary to implement s. 1008.223, Florida Statutes, and submit any additional documentation to the

581-02674-16 20161360c1 1324 United States Department of Education which may be required to 1325 maintain compliance with Florida's ESEA flexibility waiver 1326 approved by the United States Secretary of Education. The 1327 commissioner shall faithfully and timely execute all other 1328 duties required of him or her under s. 1008.223, Florida 1329 Statutes, and the federal ESEA. By August 1, 2016, the 1330 commissioner shall submit to the Governor, the President of the 1331 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report 1332 on the status of implementation of s. 1008.223, Florida 1333 Statutes, and compliance with the ESEA. 1334 Section 16. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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