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designating the month of September as "American Founders' Month" and urging all civic, fraternal, and religious organizations and public and private educational institutions to recognize and observe this occasion through appropriate programs, meetings, services, or celebrations in which state, county, and local governmental officials are invited to participate.

Section 2. Present paragraphs (c) through (g) of subsection (5) of section 1000.03, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (d) through (h), respectively, and a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to read:

1000.03 Function, mission, and goals of the Florida K-20 education system.-

- (5) The priorities of Florida's K-20 education system include:
- (c) Civic literacy.—Students are prepared to become civically engaged and knowledgeable adults who make positive contributions to their communities.

Section 3. Section 1001.215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.215 Just Read, Florida! Office.—There is created in the Department of Education the Just Read, Florida! Office. The office is shall be fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education and shall:

- (1) Train highly effective reading coaches.
- (2) Create multiple designations of effective reading instruction, with accompanying credentials, to enable which encourage all teachers to integrate reading instruction into their content areas.
 - (3) Work with the Lastinger Center for Learning at the

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University of Florida to develop training for train K-12 teachers, reading coaches, and school principals on effective content-area-specific reading strategies; the integration of content knowledge-rich texts from other core subject areas into reading instruction; evidence-based reading strategies identified in subsection (7); and technology tools to improve student reading performance. For secondary teachers, emphasis shall be on technical text. These strategies must be developed for all content areas in the K-12 curriculum.

- (4) Develop and provide access to sequenced, content-rich curriculum programming, instructional practices, and resources that help elementary schools use state-adopted instructional materials to increase students' core knowledge and literacy skills, including student attainment of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for social studies, science, and the arts.
- (5) (4) Provide parents with information and strategies for assisting their children in reading, including reading in the content areas area.
- (6) (5) Provide technical assistance to school districts in the development and implementation of district plans for use of the research-based reading instruction allocation provided in s. 1011.62(9) and annually review and approve such plans.
- (7) (6) Review, evaluate, and provide technical assistance to school districts' implementation of the K-12 comprehensive reading plan required in s. 1011.62(9).
- (8) (7) Work with the Florida Center for Reading Research to identify scientifically researched and evidence-based reading instructional and intervention programs that incorporate

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explicit, systematic, and sequential approaches to teaching phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and text comprehension and incorporate decodable or phonetic text instructional provide information on research-based reading programs and effective reading in the content area strategies. Reading intervention includes evidence-based strategies frequently used to remediate reading deficiencies and includes, but is not limited to, individual instruction, multisensory approaches, tutoring, mentoring, or the use of technology that targets specific reading skills and abilities.

(9) (8) Periodically review the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for English Language Arts to determine their appropriateness at each grade level reading at all grade levels.

(10) (9) Periodically review teacher certification requirements and examinations, including alternative certification requirements and examinations exams, to ascertain whether the examinations measure the skills needed for evidencebased research-based reading instruction and instructional strategies for teaching reading, including reading in the content areas.

(11) (10) Work with teacher preparation programs approved pursuant to ss. s. 1004.04 and 1004.85 to integrate effective, research-based and evidence-based reading instructional and intervention strategies, including explicit, systematic, and sequential and reading strategies, multisensory intervention strategies, and reading in the content area instructional strategies into teacher preparation programs.

(12) (11) Administer grants and perform other functions as necessary to help meet the goal that all students read at their



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Section 4. Sections 5 and 6 of this act may be cited as the "Dorothy L. Hukill Financial Literacy Education Act."

Section 5. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 1003.41, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) is added to that subsection, to read:

1003.41 Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.-

- (2) Next Generation Sunshine State Standards must meet the following requirements:
- (d) Social Studies standards must establish specific curricular content for, at a minimum, geography, United States and world history, government, civics, humanities, and economics, including financial literacy. Financial literacy includes the knowledge, understanding, skills, behaviors, attitudes, and values that will enable a student to make responsible and effective financial decisions on a daily basis. Financial literacy instruction shall be an integral part of instruction throughout the entire economics course and include information regarding earning income; buying goods and services; saving and financial investing; taxes; the use of credit and credit cards; budgeting and debt management, including student loans and secured loans; banking and financial services; planning for one's financial future, including higher education and career planning; credit reports and scores; and fraud and identity theft prevention. The requirements for financial literacy specified under this paragraph do not apply to students entering grade 9 in the 2017-2018 school year and thereafter.
- (f) Effective for students entering grade 9 in the 2017-2018 school year and thereafter, financial literacy standards

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must establish specific curricular content for, at a minimum, personal financial literacy and money management. Financial literacy includes instruction in the areas specified in s. 1003.4282(3)(h).

Section 6. Paragraphs (d) and (g) of subsection (3) of section 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (h) is added to that subsection, to read:

1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma.-

- (3) STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; COURSE AND ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS.-
- (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. However, for a student entering grade 9 in the 2017-2018 school year or thereafter, financial literacy is not a required component of the one-half credit in economics.
- (g) Eight Credits in Electives.—School districts must 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



156 college credit. A student entering grade 9 before the 2017-2018 157 school year must earn eight credits in electives. A student 158 entering grade 9 in the 2017-2018 school year or thereafter must 159 earn seven and one-half credits in electives.

- (h) One-half credit in personal financial literacy.-Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2017-2018 school year, each student shall earn one-half credit in personal financial literacy and money management. A student may satisfy the one-half credit in personal financial literacy by taking an exam or test as determined by the department. The personal financial literacy instruction must include discussion of or instruction in the following:
- 1. Types of bank accounts offered, opening and managing a bank account, and assessing the quality of a depository institution's services.
 - 2. Balancing a checkbook.
- 3. Basic principles of money management, such as spending, credit, credit scores, and managing debt, including retail and credit card debt.
 - 4. Completing a loan application.
 - 5. Receiving an inheritance and related implications.
 - 6. Basic principles of personal insurance policies.
 - 7. Computing federal income taxes.
 - 8. Local tax assessments.
 - 9. Computing interest rates by various mechanisms.
- 181 10. Simple contracts.

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- 182 11. Contesting an incorrect billing statement.
 - 12. Types of savings and investments.
- 13. State and federal laws concerning finance. 184



185	Section 7. Comprehensive study on middle school
186	performance.—
187	(1) The Department of Education shall issue a competitive
188	solicitation for a contract to conduct a comprehensive study of
189	states with high-performing students in grades 6 through 8 in
190	reading and mathematics, based on the states' performance on the
191	National Assessment of Educational Progress.
192	(2) The study must include a review, at a minimum, of all
193	of the following:
194	(a) Academic expectations and instructional strategies,
195	<pre>including:</pre>
196	1. Alignment of elementary and middle grades expectations
197	with high school graduation requirements;
198	2. Strategies used to improve reading comprehension through
199	the use of background knowledge and the use of sequenced
200	curriculum programming and content-rich texts to increase
201	literacy skills in kindergarten through grade 8;
202	3. Research-based instructional practices in reading and
203	mathematics, including those targeting low-performing students;
204	4. The rigor of the curriculum and courses and the
205	availability of accelerated courses;
206	5. The availability of student support services;
207	6. Course sequencing and prerequisites for advanced
208	courses; and
209	7. The availability of other academic and noncore classes,
210	and electives.
211	(b) Attendance policies and student mobility issues.
212	(c) Teacher quality, including:
213	1. Teacher certification and recertification requirements;



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215	3. Teacher preparation specific to teaching middle school	
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217	4. Teacher recruitment and vacancy issues;	
218	5. Staff development requirements and the availability of	
219	<pre>effective training;</pre>	
220	6. Teacher collaboration and planning at the school and	
221	district levels; and	
222	7. Student performance data collection and dissemination.	
223	(d) Middle school administrator leadership and performance.	
224	(e) Parental and community involvement.	
225	(3) The department shall submit a report on the findings of	
226	the comprehensive study and make recommendations to improve	
227	middle school student performance to the Governor, the State	
228	Board of Education, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker	
229	of the House of Representatives by December 2017.	
230	(4) This section expires upon submission of the final	
231	report.	
232	Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 1003.4156, Florida	
233	Statutes, is amended to read:	
234	1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades	
235	promotion.—	
236	(1) In order for a student to be promoted to high school	
237	from a school that includes middle grades 6, 7, and 8, the	
238	student must successfully complete the following courses:	
239	(a) Three middle grades or higher courses in English	
240	Language Arts (ELA).	
241	(b) Three middle grades or higher courses in mathematics.	
242	Each school that includes middle grades must offer at least one	

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high school level mathematics course for which students may earn high school credit. Successful completion of a high school level Algebra I or Geometry course is not contingent upon the student's performance on the statewide, standardized end-ofcourse (EOC) assessment. To earn high school credit for Algebra I, a middle grades student must take the statewide, standardized Algebra I EOC assessment and pass the course, and in addition, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter, a student's performance on the Algebra I EOC assessment constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade. To earn high school credit for a Geometry course, a middle grades student must take the statewide, standardized Geometry EOC assessment, which constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade, and earn a passing grade in the course.

(c) Three middle grades or higher courses in social studies. Beginning with students entering grade 6 in the 2012-2013 school year, one of these courses must be at least a onesemester civics education course that includes the roles and responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments; the structures and functions of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government; and the meaning and significance of historic documents, such as the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States. Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, each student's performance on the statewide, standardized EOC assessment in civics education required under s. 1008.22 constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade. A middle grades student who transfers into the state's public school system from out of country, out of state, a

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private school, or a home education program after the beginning of the second term of grade 8 is not required to meet the civics education requirement for promotion from the middle grades if the student's transcript documents passage of three courses in social studies or two year-long courses in social studies that include coverage of civics education.

(d) Three middle grades or higher courses in science. Successful completion of a high school level Biology I course is not contingent upon the student's performance on the statewide, standardized EOC assessment required under s. 1008.22. However, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, to earn high school credit for a Biology I course, a middle grades student must take the statewide, standardized Biology I EOC assessment, which constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade, and earn a passing grade in the course.

(e) One course in career and education planning to be completed in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. The course may be taught by any member of the instructional staff. At a minimum, the course must be Internet-based, easy to use, and customizable to each student and include research-based assessments to assist students in determining educational and career options and goals. In addition, the course must result in a completed personalized academic and career plan for the student; must emphasize the importance of entrepreneurship skills; must emphasize technology or the application of technology in career fields; and, beginning in the 2014-2015 academic year, must include information from the Department of Economic Opportunity's economic security report as described in s. 445.07. The required personalized academic and career plan must



301 inform students of high school graduation requirements, 302 including a detailed explanation of the diploma designation 303 options provided under s. 1003.4285; high school assessment and 304 college entrance test requirements; Florida Bright Futures 305 Scholarship Program requirements; state university and Florida 306 College System institution admission requirements; available 307 opportunities to earn college credit in high school, including 308 Advanced Placement courses; the International Baccalaureate 309 Program; the Advanced International Certificate of Education 310 Program; dual enrollment, including career dual enrollment; and 311 career education courses, including career-themed courses and 312 courses that lead to industry certification pursuant to s. 1003.492 or s. 1008.44. 313 314 315 Each school must inform parents about the course curriculum and 316 activities. Each student shall complete a personal education 317 plan that must be signed by the student and the student's parent. The Department of Education shall develop course 318 319 frameworks and professional development materials for the career 320 and education planning course. The course may be implemented as 321 a stand-alone course or integrated into another course or 322 courses. The Commissioner of Education shall collect 323 longitudinal high school course enrollment data by student 324 ethnicity in order to analyze course-taking patterns. 325 Section 9. Subsection (3) is added to section 1003.44, 326 Florida Statutes, to read: 327 1003.44 Patriotic programs; rules.-328 (3) All public schools in the state are encouraged to coordinate, at all grade levels, instruction related to our 329



330 nation's Founding Fathers with "American Founders' Month" 331 pursuant to s. 683.1455. Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 332 1004.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 333 334 1004.04 Public accountability and state approval for 335 teacher preparation programs.-336 (2) UNIFORM CORE CURRICULA AND CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT.-337 (b) The rules to establish uniform core curricula for each 338 state-approved teacher preparation program must include, but are 339 not limited to, the following: 340 1. The Florida Educator Accomplished Practices. 341 2. The state-adopted content standards. 342 3. Scientifically researched and evidence-based reading 343 instructional strategies that improve reading performance for 344 all students, including explicit, systematic, and sequential 345 approaches to teaching phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, 346 fluency, and text comprehension, and multisensory intervention 347 strategies instruction. 348 4. Content literacy and mathematics practices. 349 5. Strategies appropriate for the instruction of English 350 language learners. 6. Strategies appropriate for the instruction of students 351 352 with disabilities. 353 7. School safety. 354 Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 355 1004.85, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 356 1004.85 Postsecondary educator preparation institutes.-357 (3) Educator preparation institutes approved pursuant to

this section may offer competency-based certification programs

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specifically designed for noneducation major baccalaureate degree holders to enable program participants to meet the educator certification requirements of s. 1012.56. An educator preparation institute choosing to offer a competency-based certification program pursuant to the provisions of this section must implement a program previously approved by the Department of Education for this purpose or a program developed by the institute and approved by the department for this purpose. Approved programs shall be available for use by other approved educator preparation institutes.

- (a) Within 90 days after receipt of a request for approval, the Department of Education shall approve a preparation program pursuant to the requirements of this subsection or issue a statement of the deficiencies in the request for approval. The department shall approve a certification program if the institute provides evidence of the institute's capacity to implement a competency-based program that includes each of the following:
- 1.a. Participant instruction and assessment in the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices.
 - b. The state-adopted student content standards.
- c. Scientifically researched and evidence-based reading instructional strategies that improve reading performance for all students, including explicit, systematic, and sequential approaches to teaching phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and text comprehension, and multisensory intervention strategies instruction.
 - d. Content literacy and mathematical practices.
 - e. Strategies appropriate for instruction of English



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- f. Strategies appropriate for instruction of students with disabilities.
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- 2. An educational plan for each participant to meet certification requirements and demonstrate his or her ability to teach the subject area for which the participant is seeking certification, which is based on an assessment of his or her competency in the areas listed in subparagraph 1.
- 3. Field experiences appropriate to the certification subject area specified in the educational plan with a diverse population of students in a variety of settings under the supervision of qualified educators.
- 4. A certification ombudsman to facilitate the process and procedures required for participants who complete the program to meet any requirements related to the background screening pursuant to s. 1012.32 and educator professional or temporary certification pursuant to s. 1012.56.

Section 12. Present subsections (4) through (11) of section 1007.25, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5) through (12), respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

1007.25 General education courses; common prerequisites; other degree requirements.-

(4) Beginning with students initially entering a Florida College System institution or state university in 2018-2019 and thereafter, each student must demonstrate competency in civic literacy. A student must have the option to demonstrate competency through successful completion of a civic literacy

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course or by achieving a passing score on an assessment. The State Board of Education must adopt in rule and the Board of Governors must adopt in regulation at least one existing assessment that measures competencies consistent with the required course competencies outlined in paragraph (b). The chair of the State Board of Education and the chair of the Board of Governors, or their respective designees, shall jointly appoint a faculty committee to:

- (a) Develop a new course in civic literacy or revise an existing general education core course in American History or American Government to include civic literacy; and
- (b) Establish course competencies and identify outcomes that include, at a minimum, an understanding of the basic principles of American democracy and how they are applied in our republican form of government, an understanding of the United States Constitution, knowledge of the founding documents and how they have shaped the nature and functions of our institutions of self-governance, and an understanding of landmark Supreme Court cases and their impact on law and society.

Section 13. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 943.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

943.22 Salary incentive program for full-time officers.

- (1) For the purpose of this section, the term:
- (c) "Community college degree or equivalent" means graduation from an accredited community college or having been granted a degree pursuant to s. 1007.25(11) s. 1007.25(10) or successful completion of 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours and eliqibility to receive an associate degree from an accredited college, university, or community college.

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Section 14. Subsection (7) and paragraph (d) of subsection (8) of section 1001.64, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1001.64 Florida College System institution boards of trustees; powers and duties.-

- (7) Each board of trustees has responsibility for: ensuring that students have access to general education courses as identified in rule; requiring no more than 60 semester hours of degree program coursework, including 36 semester hours of general education coursework, for an associate in arts degree; notifying students that earned hours in excess of 60 semester hours may not be accepted by state universities; notifying students of unique program prerequisites; and ensuring that degree program coursework beyond general education coursework is consistent with degree program prerequisite requirements adopted pursuant to s. 1007.25(6) s. 1007.25(5).
- (8) Each board of trustees has authority for policies related to students, enrollment of students, student records, student activities, financial assistance, and other student services.
- (d) Boards of trustees shall identify their general education curricula pursuant to s. 1007.25(7) s. 1007.25(6). Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; creating s. 683.1455,

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F.S.; designating the month of September as "American Founders' Month"; amending s. 1000.03, F.S.; revising the priorities of Florida's K-20 education system; amending s. 1001.215, F.S.; revising the duties of the Just Read, Florida! Office; providing a short title; amending s. 1003.41, F.S.; revising the financial literacy requirements for the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; revising the social studies requirements for a standard high school diploma; revising the required credits for a standard high school diploma to seven and one-half, rather than eight, credits in electives and to include one-half credit of instruction in personal financial literacy and money management; requiring the Department of Education to solicit for a contract to conduct a comprehensive study of states with nationally recognized high-performing middle schools in reading and mathematics; requiring a report to the Governor, the State Board of Education, and the Legislature by a specified time; providing for expiration; amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.; deleting requirements related to the career and education planning course for middle grades promotion; providing an appropriation; amending s. 1003.44, F.S.; encouraging schools to provide certain instruction; amending s. 1004.04, F.S.; revising core curricula requirements for certain teacher preparation programs to include certain reading instruction and interventions; amending s. 1004.85, F.S.; requiring

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certain educator preparation institutes to provide evidence of specified reading instruction as a condition of program approval and continued approval; amending s. 1007.25, F.S.; requiring postsecondary students to demonstrate civic literacy; requiring the chairs of the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors to jointly appoint a faculty committee to develop a civic literacy course, or revise an existing general education core course, and establish the course competencies; amending ss. 943.22 and 1001.64, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.