

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Sullivan offered the following:

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**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 78-154 and insert:

s. 1002.45(1)(b) ~~for students enrolled in the school district.~~

(2)(b) Full-time virtual charter school instruction authorized under s. 1002.33 to students within the school district or to students in other school districts throughout the state pursuant to s. 1002.31.

(3)(e) Virtual courses offered in the course code directory to students within the school district or to students in other school districts throughout the state pursuant to s. 1003.498.

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14           (4) Florida Virtual School instructional services  
15 authorized under s. 1002.37.

16           Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 1003.4282, Florida  
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18           1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school  
19 diploma.—

20           (4) ONLINE COURSE REQUIREMENT.—At least one course within  
21 the 24 credits required under this section must be completed  
22 through online or blended learning.

23           (a) An online course taken in grade 6, grade 7, or grade 8  
24 fulfills the requirements of this subsection. The requirement is  
25 met through an online course offered by the Florida Virtual  
26 School, a virtual education provider approved by the State Board  
27 of Education, a high school, or an online dual enrollment  
28 course. A student who is enrolled in a full-time or part-time  
29 virtual instruction program under s. 1002.45 meets the  
30 requirement.

31           (b) A district school board or a charter school governing  
32 board, as applicable, may allow a student ~~offer students the~~  
33 ~~following options~~ to satisfy the online course requirements of  
34 this subsection by completing a blended learning course or:

35           1. ~~Completion of~~ a course in which the a student earns a  
36 nationally recognized industry certification in information  
37 technology that is identified on the CAPE Industry Certification  
38 Funding List pursuant to s. 1008.44 or passing ~~passage of~~ the

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39 information technology certification examination without  
40 enrolling enrollment in or completing completion of the  
41 corresponding course or courses, as applicable.

42 ~~2. Passage of an online content assessment, without~~  
43 ~~enrollment in or completion of the corresponding course or~~  
44 ~~courses, as applicable, by which the student demonstrates skills~~  
45 ~~and competency in locating information and applying technology~~  
46 ~~for instructional purposes.~~

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

57 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 1002.33, Florida  
58 Statutes, is amended to read:

59 1002.33 Charter schools.—

60 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—Charter schools shall be part of the  
61 state's program of public education. All charter schools in  
62 Florida are public schools. A charter school may be formed by  
63 creating a new school or converting an existing public school to

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64 charter status. A charter school may operate a virtual charter  
65 school pursuant to s. 1002.45(1)(d) to provide full-time online  
66 instruction to ~~eligible~~ students, pursuant to s. 1002.455, in  
67 kindergarten through grade 12. The school district in which the  
68 student enrolls in the virtual charter school shall report the  
69 student for funding pursuant to s. 1011.61(1)(c)1.b.(VI), and  
70 the home school district shall not report the student for  
71 funding. An existing charter school that is seeking to become a  
72 virtual charter school must amend its charter or submit a new  
73 application pursuant to subsection (6) to become a virtual  
74 charter school. A virtual charter school is subject to the  
75 requirements of this section; however, a virtual charter school  
76 is exempt from subsections (18) and (19), subparagraphs  
77 (20)(a)2., 4., 5., and 7., paragraph (20)(c), and s. 1003.03. A  
78 public school may not use the term charter in its name unless it  
79 has been approved under this section.

80 Section 5. Subsection (5) and paragraph (b) of subsection  
81 (6) of section 1002.45, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

82 1002.45 Virtual instruction programs.—

83 (5) STUDENT ELIGIBILITY.—A student may enroll in a virtual  
84 instruction program provided by the school district or by a  
85 virtual charter school ~~operated in the district in which he or~~  
86 ~~she resides if the student meets eligibility requirements for~~  
87 ~~virtual instruction~~ pursuant to s. 1002.455.

88 (6) STUDENT PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.—Each student

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89 enrolled in a virtual instruction program or virtual charter  
90 school must:

91 (b) Take statewide assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22.  
92 Statewide assessments may be administered ~~state assessment tests~~  
93 within the school district in which such student resides, or as  
94 specified in the contract in accordance with s. 1008.24(3). If  
95 requested by the approved provider or virtual charter school,  
96 the district of residence ~~which~~ must provide the student with  
97 access to the district's testing facilities.

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101 Remove lines 3-17 and insert:  
102 virtual instruction; amending s. 1002.37, F.S.;  
103 revising eligibility requirements for specified  
104 students to receive part-time instruction at the  
105 Florida Virtual School; removing provisions requiring  
106 the Auditor General to conduct an operational audit of  
107 the Florida Virtual School; amending s. 1002.45, F.S.;  
108 revising student eligibility and participation  
109 requirements for virtual instruction programs;  
110 amending s. 1002.455, F.S.; authorizing all students,  
111 including home education and private school students,  
112 to participate in specified virtual instruction  
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114 options; deleting the eligibility criteria for a  
115 student to participate in virtual instruction;  
116 amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; revising the options that  
117 a district school board or charter school governing  
118 board may offer for a student to satisfy certain  
119 online course requirements; amending ss. 1002.33,  
120 1003.498, and 1011.62,

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