

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to alternative high school graduation
 3 requirements; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; providing
 4 that certain students are eligible for alternative
 5 pathways to a standard high school diploma; providing
 6 student eligibility requirements; providing
 7 requirements for meeting the alternative pathways to a
 8 standard high school diploma; specifying required
 9 documentation; requiring district school boards to
 10 incorporate certain information in the student
 11 progression plan; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; providing
 12 that certain students may be eligible to complete an
 13 alternative pathway to a standard high school diploma;
 14 providing an effective date.

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

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 18 Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 1003.4282, Florida
 19 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (12), and a new subsection
 20 (11) is added to that section to read:

21 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school
 22 diploma.—

23 (11) ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO A STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL
 24 DIPLOMA.—

25 (a) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, a student

26 | who completed the minimum high school graduation course credit
27 | requirements established by rule of the State Board of Education
28 | but did not pass the grade 10 ELA assessment or the statewide,
29 | standardized Algebra I EOC assessment is eligible to complete an
30 | alternative pathway to a standard high school diploma.

31 | (b) A student may satisfy the requirements for a standard
32 | high school diploma through one of the following alternative
33 | pathways:

34 | 1. Attain an industry-recognized credential or
35 | certification approved by the State Board of Education and
36 | accumulate a combined level score of at least 13 points on the
37 | ACT WorkKeys Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and
38 | Reading for Information assessments.

39 | 2. Master the academic standards or competencies that had
40 | not previously been met, as indicated by the student not passing
41 | the applicable grade 10 ELA assessment or the statewide,
42 | standardized Algebra I EOC assessment, in a portfolio containing
43 | quantifiable evidence of such mastery.

44 | (c) A student shall be awarded a standard high school
45 | diploma upon completion of the requirements of an appropriate
46 | alternative pathway to graduation. The student must provide
47 | documentation verifying the completion of the alternative
48 | pathway to graduation. Documentation must be verified by the
49 | student's principal.

50 | (d) Each district school board shall incorporate the

51 alternative pathways to graduation in the student progression
52 plan required pursuant to s. 1008.25.

53 Section 2. Subsections (11), (12), and (13) of section
54 1008.22, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (12),
55 (13), and (14), respectively, and a new subsection (11) is added
56 to that section to read:

57 1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools.—

58 (11) ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO GRADUATION.—If a student
59 fails to satisfy the grade 10 ELA assessment or Algebra I EOC
60 assessment graduation requirements, the student may be eligible
61 to complete an alternative pathway to graduation under s.
62 1003.4282(11).

63 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.