1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to career-themed courses; amending s.

3   1003.493, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education

4   to identify career-themed courses that are appropriate

5   for middle school students; encouraging school

6   districts to offer such courses at middle schools

7   within the district; providing an effective date.

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

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11   Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section

12   1003.493, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13   1003.493 Career and professional academies and career-

14   themed courses.—

15   (1)

16   (b) A "career-themed course" is a course, or a course in a

17   series of courses, that leads to an industry certification

18   identified in the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List

19   pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

20   Career-themed courses have industry-specific curriculum aligned

21   directly to priority workforce needs established by the local

22   workforce development board or the Department of Economic

23   Opportunity. School districts shall offer at least two career-

24   themed courses, and each secondary school is encouraged to offer

25   at least one career-themed course. The Department of Education

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26 | shall identify career-themed courses that are appropriate for
27 | middle school students. School districts are encouraged to offer
28 | such courses at each middle school within the district. The
29 | Florida Virtual School is encouraged to develop and offer
30 | rigorous career-themed courses as appropriate. High school
31 | students completing a career-themed course must be provided
32 | opportunities to earn postsecondary credit if the credit for the
33 | career-themed course can be articulated to a postsecondary
34 | institution approved to operate in the state.
35 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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