

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to technology education; amending s.
3 1003.4282, F.S.; requiring school districts to develop
4 and offer elective courses for high schools in
5 computer technology, such as artificial intelligence;
6 amending s. 1007.25, F.S.; revising general education
7 core course standards for public postsecondary
8 educational institutions to include technology
9 courses; providing an effective date.

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

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13 **Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section**
14 **1003.4282, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

15 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school
16 diploma.—

17 (3) STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; COURSE AND ASSESSMENT
18 REQUIREMENTS.—

19 (g) *Credits in electives.*—School districts shall ~~must~~
20 develop and offer coordinated electives so that a student may
21 develop knowledge and skills in his or her area of interest,
22 such as electives with a STEM focus, including courses in
23 computer technology, such as artificial intelligence, or a
24 liberal arts focus. Such electives must include opportunities
25 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. A student entering grade 9 before the 2023-2024 school year must earn eight credits in electives. A student entering grade 9 in the 2023-2024 school year or thereafter must earn seven and one-half credits in electives.

Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 1007.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(3) The chair of the State Board of Education and the chair of the Board of Governors, or their designees, shall jointly appoint faculty committees to review and recommend to the Articulation Coordinating Committee for approval by the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors statewide general education core course options for inclusion in the statewide course numbering system established under s. 1007.24. Faculty committees shall, by July 1, 2024, and by July 1 every 4 years thereafter, review and submit recommendations to the Articulation Coordinating Committee and the commissioner for the removal, alignment, realignment, or addition of general education core courses that satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

51 (d) General education core courses must meet the following
52 standards:

53 1. Communication courses must afford students the ability
54 to communicate effectively, including the ability to write
55 clearly and engage in public speaking.

56 2. Humanities courses must afford students the ability to
57 think critically through the mastering of subjects concerned
58 with human culture, especially literature, history, art, music,
59 and philosophy, and must include selections from the Western
60 canon.

61 3. Social science courses must afford students an
62 understanding of the basic social and behavioral science
63 concepts and principles used in the analysis of behavior and
64 past and present social, political, and economic issues.

65 4. Natural science courses must afford students the
66 ability to critically examine and evaluate the principles of the
67 scientific method, model construction, and use the scientific
68 method to explain natural experiences and phenomena.

69 5. Mathematics courses must afford students a mastery of
70 foundational mathematical and computation models and methods by
71 applying such models and methods in problem solving.

72 6. Technology courses must afford students an
73 understanding of computer science, through artificial
74 intelligence applications and the mastering of subjects
75 concerned with software engineering, computer networks, database

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76 | systems, and cyber security.

77 | **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.