

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to high school graduation
 3 requirements; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; requiring
 4 students to submit a Free Application for Federal
 5 Student Aid to be awarded a standard high school
 6 diploma; providing an exception; amending ss.
 7 1002.3105 and 1003.5716, F.S.; conforming a cross-
 8 reference to changes made by the act; providing an
 9 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. Subsections (5) through (12) of section
 14 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6)
 15 through (13), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to
 16 that section, to read:

17 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school
 18 diploma.—

19 (5) FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID REQUIREMENT.—
 20 Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2021-2022 school
 21 year, a student must submit a Free Application for Federal
 22 Student Aid to be awarded a standard high school diploma.
 23 However, a student meets the requirements of this subsection if
 24 the student's parent or the student, if such student is 18 years
 25 of age or older, submits a letter to the school district

26 | declining to submit the Free Application for Federal Student
 27 | Aid.

28 | Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 1002.3105, Florida
 29 | Statutes, is amended to read:

30 | 1002.3105 Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance
 31 | Learning (ACCEL) options.—

32 | (5) AWARD OF A STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.—A student who
 33 | meets the applicable grade 9 cohort graduation requirements of
 34 | s. 1003.4282 (3) (a)–(e) or s. 1003.4282 (10) (a) 1.–5. ~~s.~~
 35 | ~~1003.4282 (9) (a) 1.–5.~~, (b) 1.–5., (c) 1.–5., or (d) 1.–5., earns
 36 | three credits in electives, and earns a cumulative grade point
 37 | average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale shall be awarded a standard
 38 | high school diploma in a form prescribed by the State Board of
 39 | Education.

40 | Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 41 | 1003.5716, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

42 | 1003.5716 Transition to postsecondary education and career
 43 | opportunities.—All students with disabilities who are 3 years of
 44 | age to 21 years of age have the right to a free, appropriate
 45 | public education. As used in this section, the term "IEP" means
 46 | individual education plan.

47 | (2) Beginning not later than the first IEP to be in effect
 48 | when the student attains the age of 16, or younger if determined
 49 | appropriate by the parent and the IEP team, the IEP must include
 50 | the following statements that must be updated annually:

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51 (b) A statement of intent to receive a standard high
52 school diploma before the student attains the age of 22 and a
53 description of how the student will fully meet the requirements
54 in s. 1003.4282, including, but not limited to, a portfolio
55 pursuant to s. 1003.4282(11)(b) ~~s. 1003.4282(10)(b)~~ which meets
56 the criteria specified in State Board of Education rule. The IEP
57 must also specify the outcomes and additional benefits expected
58 by the parent and the IEP team at the time of the student's
59 graduation.

60 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.