

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to postsecondary education for  
3           secondary students; amending s. 1007.27, F.S.;  
4           establishing reporting requirements for postsecondary  
5           institutions participating in dual enrollment  
6           programs; amending s. 1007.271, F.S.; prohibiting  
7           district school boards and Florida College System  
8           institutions from limiting participation in dual  
9           enrollment programs; providing an exemption from such  
10          prohibition; requiring a certain statement to include  
11          specified postsecondary course information; requiring,  
12          rather than authorizing, instructional materials to be  
13          made available to certain dual enrollment students  
14          free of charge; requiring the inclusion of provisions  
15          relating to the establishment of early college  
16          programs in an articulation agreement; requiring  
17          private school articulation agreements to prohibit  
18          certain costs from being passed along to private  
19          school students and private schools; amending s.  
20          1007.273, F.S.; providing additional options for  
21          students participating in an early college program;  
22          revising the requirements for an early college  
23          program; prohibiting certain entities from limiting  
24          the number of students who may participate in an early  
25          college program; revising early college program

26 student performance contract requirements; requiring  
 27 each district school board to post specified  
 28 information on its website about the early college  
 29 program; authorizing a charter school or a private  
 30 school to establish an early college program;  
 31 providing an effective date.

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

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 35 Section 1. Subsections (5) through (8) of section 1007.27,  
 36 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) through (9),  
 37 respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to that section,  
 38 to read:

39 1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.—

40 (5) (a) Beginning September 1, 2020, and annually  
 41 thereafter, each postsecondary institution shall report to the  
 42 Commissioner of Education at least the following information for  
 43 the previous school year for each dual enrollment articulation  
 44 agreement it enters into pursuant to s. 1007.271:

45 1. The number of students who enrolled in a dual  
 46 enrollment course under each articulation agreement, including  
 47 those students enrolled in an early college program under s.  
 48 1007.273.

49 2. The total and average number of dual enrollment courses  
 50 completed, clock hours earned, high school and college credits

51 earned, standard high school diplomas awarded, certificates  
52 awarded, associate and baccalaureate degrees awarded, and  
53 industry certifications attained, if any, by the students who  
54 enrolled in each dual enrollment program or early college  
55 program.

56 3. The projected student enrollment in each dual  
57 enrollment program and early college program during the next  
58 school year.

59 4. Any barriers to entering into an agreement to establish  
60 one or more early college programs as provided in ss. 1007.271  
61 and 1007.273.

62 (b) By November 30, 2020, and annually thereafter, the  
63 Department of Education shall post on its website the status of  
64 early college programs, including, at a minimum, a summary of  
65 student enrollment and completion information provided pursuant  
66 to this subsection; barriers, if any, to establishing such  
67 programs; and recommendations for expanding access to such  
68 programs statewide.

69 Section 2. Subsections (4), (15), and (17) and paragraph  
70 (b) of subsection (24) of section 1007.271, Florida Statutes,  
71 are amended, and paragraph (p) is added to subsection (21) of  
72 that section, to read:

73 1007.271 Dual enrollment programs.—

74 (4) District school boards may not refuse to enter into a  
75 dual enrollment articulation agreement with a local Florida

76 College System institution if that Florida College System  
77 institution has the capacity to offer dual enrollment courses. A  
78 district school board or a Florida College System institution  
79 may not limit the number of students who enter dual enrollment  
80 programs, including early college acceleration programs under s.  
81 1007.273, unless the commissioner grants a request for a 1-year  
82 waiver due to capacity to offer a quality program. The request  
83 for a waiver must describe the existing capacity issues and  
84 specific courses or programs that cannot be offered and suggest  
85 solutions and a timeline for achieving the capacity needed to  
86 meet the demand.

87 (15) The Department of Education shall develop a statement  
88 on transfer guarantees to inform students and their parents,  
89 before ~~prior~~ to enrollment in a dual enrollment course, of the  
90 potential for the dual enrollment course to articulate as an  
91 elective or a general education course into a postsecondary  
92 education certificate or degree program. The statement shall  
93 include the English and mathematics courses that require a grade  
94 of "C" or higher to measure student achievement in college-level  
95 communication and computation skills, pursuant to state board  
96 rule. The statement shall be provided to each district school  
97 superintendent, who shall include the statement in the  
98 information provided to all secondary students and their parents  
99 as required pursuant to this subsection. The statement may also  
100 include additional information, including, but not limited to,

101 dual enrollment options, guarantees, privileges, and  
102 responsibilities.

103 (17) Instructional materials assigned for use within dual  
104 enrollment courses shall be made available to dual enrollment  
105 students from Florida public high schools, home education  
106 programs, and private schools free of charge. ~~This subsection~~  
107 ~~does not prohibit a Florida College System institution from~~  
108 ~~providing instructional materials at no cost to a home education~~  
109 ~~student or student from a private school.~~ Instructional  
110 materials purchased by a district school board or Florida  
111 College System institution board of trustees on behalf of dual  
112 enrollment students shall be the property of the board against  
113 which the purchase is charged.

114 (21) Each district school superintendent and each public  
115 postsecondary institution president shall develop a  
116 comprehensive dual enrollment articulation agreement for the  
117 respective school district and postsecondary institution. The  
118 superintendent and president shall establish an articulation  
119 committee for the purpose of developing the agreement. Each  
120 state university president may designate a university  
121 representative to participate in the development of a dual  
122 enrollment articulation agreement. A dual enrollment  
123 articulation agreement shall be completed and submitted annually  
124 by the postsecondary institution to the Department of Education  
125 on or before August 1. The agreement must include, but is not

126 limited to:

127 (p) For an agreement between a Florida College System  
128 institution and a school district, a provision to establish one  
129 or more early college programs pursuant to s. 1007.273 at a  
130 mutually agreed upon location or locations. If the Florida  
131 College System institution does not establish an early college  
132 program with a district school board in its designated service  
133 area, another Florida College System institution may establish  
134 an early college program with that district school board through  
135 an articulation agreement consistent with this section. The  
136 provision must:

137 1. Identify the grade levels to be included in the early  
138 college program.

139 2. Describe the early college program, including a list of  
140 the meta-major academic pathways approved pursuant to s.  
141 1008.30(4) that are available to participating students through  
142 the partner Florida College System institution or other eligible  
143 partner postsecondary institution participating pursuant to s.  
144 1007.273(3); the delineation of courses that must, at a minimum,  
145 include general education core requirements and common  
146 prerequisite courses pursuant to s. 1007.25; industry  
147 certifications offered, including online course availability;  
148 the high school and college credits earned for each  
149 postsecondary course completed and industry certification  
150 earned; student eligibility criteria; and the enrollment process

151 and relevant deadlines.

152 3. Describe the methods, medium, and process by which  
153 students and their parents are annually informed about the  
154 availability of the early college program, the return on  
155 investment associated with participation in the early college  
156 program, and the information described in subparagraphs 1. and  
157 2.

158 4. Identify the delivery methods for instruction and the  
159 instructors for all courses.

160 5. Identify student advising services and progress  
161 monitoring mechanisms.

162 6. Establish a program review and reporting mechanism  
163 regarding student performance outcomes.

164 7. Describe the terms of funding arrangements to implement  
165 the early college program pursuant to s. 1007.273(4).

166 (24)

167 (b) Each public postsecondary institution eligible to  
168 participate in the dual enrollment program pursuant to s.  
169 1011.62(1)(i) must enter into a private school articulation  
170 agreement with each eligible private school in its geographic  
171 service area seeking to offer dual enrollment courses to its  
172 students, including, but not limited to, students with  
173 disabilities. By August 1 of each year, the eligible  
174 postsecondary institution shall complete and submit the private  
175 school articulation agreement to the Department of Education.

176 The private school articulation agreement must include, at a  
177 minimum:

178 1. A delineation of courses and programs available to the  
179 private school student. The postsecondary institution may add,  
180 revise, or delete courses and programs at any time.

181 2. The initial and continued eligibility requirements for  
182 private school student participation, not to exceed those  
183 required of other dual enrollment students.

184 3. The student's responsibilities for providing his or her  
185 own ~~instructional materials and~~ transportation.

186 4. A provision clarifying that the private school will  
187 award appropriate credit toward high school completion for the  
188 postsecondary course under the dual enrollment program.

189 5. A provision expressing that costs associated with  
190 tuition and fees, including registration, and laboratory fees  
191 and instructional materials, will not be passed along to the  
192 student or the student's private school of enrollment.

193 Section 3. Section 1007.273, Florida Statutes, is amended  
194 to read:

195 1007.273 Early college acceleration programs ~~Collegiate~~  
196 ~~high school program.~~

197 ~~(1)~~ Each Florida College System institution shall work  
198 with each district school board in its designated service area  
199 to establish one or more early college programs consistent with  
200 the requirements of s. 1007.271(21)(p) ~~collegiate high school~~



201 ~~programs.~~

202 (1)~~(2)~~ PURPOSE.—At a minimum, early college ~~collegiate~~  
203 ~~high school~~ programs must include an option for public school  
204 students in grades ~~grade~~ 11 and ~~or grade~~ 12 participating in the  
205 early college program, for at least 2 ~~+~~ full school years ~~year~~,  
206 to earn CAPE industry certifications pursuant to s. 1008.44 and  
207 graduate from high school with an associate degree ~~to~~  
208 ~~successfully complete 30 credit hours~~ through the dual  
209 enrollment program under s. 1007.271. The early college program  
210 must prioritize dual enrollment courses applicable to the  
211 general education core requirements and common prerequisite  
212 courses under s. 1007.25 ~~toward the first year of college~~ for an  
213 associate degree or a baccalaureate degree ~~over elective courses~~  
214 ~~while enrolled in the program.~~ A district school board or  
215 Florida College System institution may not limit the number of  
216 eligible students who may enroll in an early college program.

217 ~~(3) Each district school board and its local Florida~~  
218 ~~College System institution shall execute a contract to establish~~  
219 ~~one or more collegiate high school programs at a mutually agreed~~  
220 ~~upon location or locations. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school~~  
221 ~~year, If the institution does not establish a program with a~~  
222 ~~district school board in its designated service area, another~~  
223 ~~Florida College System institution may execute a contract with~~  
224 ~~that district school board to establish the program. The~~  
225 ~~contract must be executed by January 1 of each school year for~~

226 ~~implementation of the program during the next school year. The~~  
227 ~~contract must:~~

228 ~~(a) Identify the grade levels to be included in the~~  
229 ~~collegiate high school program which must, at a minimum, include~~  
230 ~~grade 12.~~

231 ~~(b) Describe the collegiate high school program, including~~  
232 ~~the delineation of courses and industry certifications offered,~~  
233 ~~including online course availability; the high school and~~  
234 ~~college credits earned for each postsecondary course completed~~  
235 ~~and industry certification earned; student eligibility criteria;~~  
236 ~~and the enrollment process and relevant deadlines.~~

237 ~~(c) Describe the methods, medium, and process by which~~  
238 ~~students and their parents are annually informed about the~~  
239 ~~availability of the collegiate high school program, the return~~  
240 ~~on investment associated with participation in the program, and~~  
241 ~~the information described in paragraphs (a) and (b).~~

242 ~~(d) Identify the delivery methods for instruction and the~~  
243 ~~instructors for all courses.~~

244 ~~(e) Identify student advising services and progress~~  
245 ~~monitoring mechanisms.~~

246 ~~(f) Establish a program review and reporting mechanism~~  
247 ~~regarding student performance outcomes.~~

248 ~~(g) Describe the terms of funding arrangements to~~  
249 ~~implement the collegiate high school program.~~

250 (2)(4) STUDENT PERFORMANCE CONTRACT AND INFORMATION.-

251        (a) Each student participating in an early college a  
252 collegiate high school program must enter into a student  
253 performance contract which must be signed by the student, the  
254 parent, and a representative of the school district and the  
255 ~~applicable Florida College System institution, state university,~~  
256 or other eligible postsecondary institution participating  
257 pursuant to subsection (3)-(5). The performance contract must, at  
258 a minimum, specify ~~include~~ the schedule of courses, by semester,  
259 and industry certifications to be taken by the student, if any;  
260 student attendance requirements; ~~and~~ course grade requirements;  
261 and the applicability of such courses to an associate degree or  
262 a baccalaureate degree.

263        (b) By September 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, each  
264 district school board must post on its website at least the  
265 following:

266            1. The method for earning college credit through  
267 participation in the early college program. The information must  
268 link to the dual enrollment course equivalency list approved by  
269 the State Board of Education; the common degree program  
270 prerequisite requirements published by the Articulation  
271 Coordinating Committee pursuant to s. 1007.01(3)(f); the  
272 industry certification articulation agreements adopted by the  
273 State Board of Education in rule; and the approved meta-major  
274 academic pathways of the partner Florida College System  
275 institution or other eligible partner postsecondary institution

276 participating through an agreement consistent with subsection  
277 (3).

278 2. The estimated cost savings to students and their  
279 families resulting from students successfully completing 30  
280 credit hours and 60 credit hours applicable toward the general  
281 education core requirements and common prerequisite courses  
282 before graduating from high school versus the cost of students  
283 earning such credit hours after graduating from high school.

284 (3)-(5) AUTHORIZED EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM AGREEMENTS.~~In~~  
285 ~~addition to executing a contract with the local Florida College~~  
286 ~~System institution under this section,~~ A district school board  
287 may ~~execute a contract to~~ establish an early college a  
288 ~~collegiate high school~~ program with a state university or an  
289 institution that is eligible to participate in the William L.  
290 Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education Grant Program,  
291 that is a nonprofit independent college or university located  
292 and chartered in this state, and that is accredited by the  
293 Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges  
294 and Schools to grant baccalaureate degrees. The program must be  
295 established through an agreement that meets the requirements of  
296 this section and s. 1007.271(21)(p). A charter school or a  
297 private school may enter into an agreement with the local  
298 Florida College System institution or another institution  
299 consistent with this section and s. 1007.271(21)(p) to establish  
300 an early college program ~~Such university or institution must~~

301 ~~meet the requirements specified under subsections (3) and (4).~~  
302 (4)(6) FUNDING.—The early college ~~collegiate high school~~  
303 program shall be funded pursuant to ss. 1007.271 and 1011.62.  
304 The State Board of Education shall enforce compliance with s.  
305 1007.271(21)(p) and this section by withholding the transfer of  
306 funds for the school districts and the Florida College System  
307 institutions in accordance with s. 1008.32.  
308 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.