



**HB 577 High School Graduation Requirements  
(CH. 2018-XX, Laws of Florida)**

**Bill Sponsor:** Representative Silvers, Representative Duran

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2018

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**Executive Summary:**

The bill authorizes students to use credit earned upon completion of an apprenticeship or a preapprenticeship program to satisfy specified high school graduation requirements. It also requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to identify and approve registered apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs.

**Section 1.**

Amends s. 1002.4282, F.S., Requirements for a standard high school diploma, to:

- Allow students who earn credit upon completion of an apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program registered with the Department of Education under chapter 446 to use this credit to satisfy the high school graduation credit requirements in paragraph 3 (e) or paragraph 3 (g) of this statute.
- Require the SBE to approve and identify the apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs from which earned credit may be used.

**Section 2.**

- Provides an effective date of July 1, 2018.

**General Implementation Timeline:**

July 1, 2018                    The act becomes effective.

April 30, 2019                    Designate pre-apprenticeship courses as satisfying the fine or performing arts requirement in the Course Code Directory.