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**Representative Kristen Arrington and Senator Randolph Bracy Introduce Legislation to Improve Guidance Services**

**KISSISIMEE, Fla.** - Last week, **Representative Kristen Arrington (D- Kissimmee)** introduced **HB 1227**, an act to necessitate school boards to require guidance counselors to advise public high school students of all educational opportunities available to them to gain skills that are in demand in the labor market and how to prepare to obtain postsecondary degrees in technical fields. **Senator Randolph Bracy (D-Orlando)** filed the legislation in the Senate.

“School districts across the state have wonderful opportunities available to our students but information about these programs is not always made clear,” said **Representative Arrington**. “This legislation would ensure that all students be given knowledge about all educational opportunities available to them and about how to obtain the in demand skills and postsecondary degrees that our labor markets require. It also requires schools to provide these guidance sessions in their first language so students are completely aware of their options.”

“Students deserve to know about the practical skills demanded in the labor market and the opportunities that exist to gain them,” said **Senator Bracy**. “This legislation aims to create a stronger link between education and work readiness. While society often pressures high school students to pursue traditional, four-year universities, this bill opens more doors and creates more choice to a fulfilling career.”

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