

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci, Peluso, Johnson, Gaffney,
2 Jr., Clark-Murray and Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-302**

6 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE JACKSONVILLE CITY
7 COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING OR INCREASING
8 FUNDING FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)
9 AND ACCELERATED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, INCLUDING
10 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP), INTERNATIONAL
11 BACCALAUREATE (IB), CAMBRIDGE AICE, DUAL
12 ENROLLMENT, AND CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL
13 EDUCATION (CAPE) COURSES; DIRECTING THE
14 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO TRANSMIT COPIES
15 OF THIS RESOLUTION, ONCE ADOPTED, TO THE DUVAL
16 COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE SENATE
17 PRESIDENT, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE
18 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; REQUESTING
19 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
20 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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22 **WHEREAS,** the Jacksonville City Council is committed to the
23 economic vitality, workforce readiness, and long-term prosperity of
24 our city and region, and supports policies that strengthen
25 Jacksonville's talent pipeline and future employment opportunities;
26 and

27 **WHEREAS,** Career and Technical Education (CTE) and accelerated
28 academic programs, including Advanced Placement (AP), International
29 Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge AICE, Dual Enrollment, and Career and
30 Professional Education (CAPE) Academies are essential tools for
31 preparing students for college, career, and civic life; and

1 **WHEREAS,** these programs equip students with in-demand skills,
2 enhance postsecondary readiness, and ensure a highly trained, work-
3 ready talent pool that supports local industries and economic
4 development efforts; and

5 **WHEREAS,** accelerated learning opportunities reduce the time
6 and cost of completing a postsecondary credential or degree, helping
7 families manage rising education expenses while improving student
8 outcomes; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville values the contributions of
10 our public schools, colleges, and universities in driving local
11 prosperity, and recognizes the role of strong K-12-to-career pathways
12 in sustaining a competitive and inclusive economy; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the City Council works in close partnership with
14 education institutions, business leaders, and state and local
15 agencies to support programs that expand opportunity and reduce
16 barriers to student achievement; now therefore

17 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

18 **Section 1.** The Jacksonville City Council urges the Florida
19 Legislature to maintain or increase funding for Career and Technical
20 Education (CTE) and accelerated academic programs, including Advanced
21 Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge AICE,
22 Dual Enrollment, and Career and Professional Education (CAPE)
23 Academies, that benefit students in Duval County and across the State
24 of Florida. The City Council affirms its support for policies and
25 investments that prepare students for meaningful careers, strengthen
26 higher education access and attainment, and enhance Duval County's
27 long-term workforce competitiveness and economic health.

28 **Section 2. Direction to Legislative Services Division.**
29 The Legislative Services Division is hereby directed to provide a
30 copy of this Resolution, once adopted, to the Duval County Legislative
31 Delegation, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, and the

1 Governor of the State of Florida.

2 **Section 3. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
3 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
4 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of this
5 emergency is to provide sufficient notice of the City Council's
6 support of maintaining or increasing funding for accelerated academic
7 programs for students in Duval County and across the State of Florida
8 before the closure of the Regular Session of the Florida Legislature
9 on May 2, 2025.

10 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
11 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
12 without the Mayor's signature.

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14 Form Approved:

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16 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

17 Office of General Counsel

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