

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to career and adult education; amending s.  
 3           20.15, F.S.; renaming the Division of Workforce Education  
 4           within the Department of Education as the Division of  
 5           Career and Adult Education; amending s. 311.121, F.S.;  
 6           revising the membership of the Seaport Security Officer  
 7           Qualification, Training, and Standards Coordinating  
 8           Council by replacing the chancellor of the Community  
 9           College System with the Commissioner of Education;  
 10          amending s. 446.045, F.S.; revising definitions relating  
 11          to the State Apprenticeship Advisory Council; revising  
 12          membership of the council and certain reimbursement  
 13          provisions; authorizing meetings by teleconference and  
 14          other electronic means; amending s. 1003.4285, F.S.;  
 15          providing for a high school diploma designation reflecting  
 16          completion of industry certifications; conforming  
 17          provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
 18          1003.43, F.S.; providing an exception for students  
 19          enrolled in adult general education from a prerequisite  
 20          for high school graduation; repealing s. 1003.431, F.S.,  
 21          relating to career education certification; requiring the  
 22          Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
 23          Accountability to review and provide a report on workforce  
 24          education programs for occupations not included on  
 25          specified occupation lists and on funding options;  
 26          providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 20.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.15 Department of Education.--There is created a Department of Education.

(3) DIVISIONS.--The following divisions of the Department of Education are established:

(c) Division of Career and Adult Education ~~Workforce Education~~.

Section 2. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (3) of section 311.121, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

311.121 Qualifications, training, and certification of licensed security officers at Florida seaports.--

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(b)1. The executive director of the Department of Law Enforcement shall appoint 11 members to the council which shall include:

a. The seaport administrator of the Department of Law Enforcement.

b. The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee ~~chancellor of the Community College System~~.

c. The director of the Division of Licensing of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

d. The administrator of the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council.

e. Two seaport security directors from seaports designated under s. 311.09.

f. One director of a state law enforcement academy.

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- 57 | g. One representative of a local law enforcement agency.  
 58 | h. Two representatives of contract security services.  
 59 | i. One representative of the Division of Driver Licenses  
 60 | of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

61 | 2. In addition to the members designated in subparagraph  
 62 | 1., the executive director may invite a representative of the  
 63 | United States Coast Guard to attend and participate in council  
 64 | meetings as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the council.

65 | (d) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee  
 66 | ~~chancellor of the Community College System~~ shall serve as chair  
 67 | of the council.

68 | Section 3. Section 446.045, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 69 | to read:

70 | 446.045 State Apprenticeship Advisory Council.--

71 | (1) As used in this section, the term:

72 | (a) "Joint ~~employee~~ organization" means an apprenticeship  
 73 | sponsor who participates in a collective bargaining agreement  
 74 | ~~and represents employees.~~

75 | (b) "Nonjoint ~~employer~~ organization" means an  
 76 | apprenticeship sponsor who does not participate in a collective  
 77 | bargaining agreement ~~and who represents management.~~

78 | (2) (a) There is created a State Apprenticeship Advisory  
 79 | Council to be composed of 10 voting members appointed by the  
 80 | Governor and two ex officio nonvoting members. The purpose of  
 81 | the advisory council is to advise the department on matters  
 82 | relating to apprenticeship. The advisory council may not  
 83 | establish policy, adopt rules, or consider whether particular  
 84 | apprenticeship programs should be approved by the department.

85 (b) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's  
 86 designee shall serve ex officio as chair of the State  
 87 Apprenticeship Advisory Council, but may not vote. The state  
 88 director of the Office ~~Bureau~~ of Apprenticeship ~~and Training~~ of  
 89 the United States Department of Labor shall serve ex officio as  
 90 a nonvoting member of the council. The Governor shall appoint to  
 91 the council four ~~five~~ members representing sponsors of joint  
 92 ~~employee~~ organizations and four ~~five~~ members representing  
 93 sponsors of nonjoint ~~employer~~ organizations. Each of these eight  
 94 members member shall represent industries that have registered  
 95 apprenticeship programs. The Governor shall also appoint two  
 96 members who are knowledgeable about registered apprenticeship  
 97 and apprenticeable occupations, one of whom shall be recommended  
 98 by joint organizations and one of whom shall be recommended by  
 99 nonjoint organizations. Members shall be appointed for 4-year  
 100 staggered terms. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of  
 101 the unexpired term.

102 (c) The council shall meet at the call of the chair or at  
 103 the request of a majority of its membership, but at least twice  
 104 a year. A majority of the voting members shall constitute a  
 105 quorum, and the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum is  
 106 necessary to take action.

107 (d) The Governor may remove any member for cause.

108 (e) The council shall maintain minutes of each meeting.  
 109 The department shall keep on file the minutes of each meeting  
 110 and shall make the minutes available to any interested person.

111 (f) Members of the council shall serve without  
 112 compensation and, ~~but~~ are not entitled to receive reimbursement

113 for per diem and travel expenses under ~~as provided in~~ s.  
 114 112.061. Meetings may be held via teleconference or other  
 115 electronic means.

116 Section 4. Section 1003.4285, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 117 to read:

118 1003.4285 Standard high school diploma designations.--~~By~~  
 119 ~~the 2008-2009 school year,~~ Each standard high school diploma  
 120 shall include, as applicable:

121 (1) A designation of the student's major area of interest  
 122 pursuant to the student's completion of credits as provided in  
 123 s. 1003.428.

124 (2) A designation reflecting completion of four or more  
 125 accelerated college credit courses if the student is eligible  
 126 for college credit pursuant to s. 1007.27 or s. 1007.271 in  
 127 Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Advanced  
 128 International Certificate of Education, or dual enrollment  
 129 courses. The Commissioner of Education shall establish  
 130 guidelines for successful passage of examinations or coursework  
 131 in each of the accelerated college credit options for purposes  
 132 of this subsection.

133 (3) A designation reflecting attainment of one or more  
 134 industry certifications from the list approved by Workforce  
 135 Florida, Inc., under s. 1003.492 ~~career education certification~~  
 136 ~~in accordance with s. 1003.431.~~

137 (4) A designation reflecting a Florida Ready to Work  
 138 Credential in accordance with s. 1004.99.

139 Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section  
 140 1003.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

141 1003.43 General requirements for high school graduation.--

142 (6) The Legislature recognizes that adult learners are  
 143 unique in situation and needs. The following graduation  
 144 requirements are therefore instituted for students enrolled in  
 145 adult general education in accordance with s. 1004.93 in pursuit  
 146 of a high school diploma:

147 (c) Any course listed within the Department of Education  
 148 Course Code Directory in the areas of art, dance, drama, or  
 149 music may be undertaken by adult secondary education students.  
 150 ~~Enrollment and satisfactory completion of such a course shall~~  
 151 ~~satisfy~~ The one credit in performing fine arts required for high  
 152 school graduation pursuant to subsection (1) is not required for  
 153 graduation and shall be substituted with elective credit keeping  
 154 the total credits needed for graduation consistent with  
 155 subsection (1).

156 Section 6. Section 1003.431, Florida Statutes, is  
 157 repealed.

158 Section 7. By January 15, 2010, the Office of Program  
 159 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall submit a  
 160 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
 161 Speaker of the House of Representatives on workforce education  
 162 programs. The report shall:

163 (1) Review student outcomes in workforce education degree  
 164 and certificate programs offered by community colleges and  
 165 school districts that prepare students for occupations not  
 166 included on the locally targeted occupations lists developed by  
 167 Workforce Florida, Inc., or on the statewide occupational

168 forecasting list developed by the Workforce Estimating  
 169 Conference. This review shall include examination of:  
 170 (a) Successful program completion rates.  
 171 (b) Employment placement rates and wages earned according  
 172 to industry. Such examination shall:  
 173 1. Survey a sample of former students to determine the  
 174 rates at which students became employed, and the wages earned,  
 175 in the occupation for which the workforce education program  
 176 prepared the student.  
 177 2. Consider the effect that students who became self-  
 178 employed have on the employment rates determined under  
 179 subparagraph 1.  
 180 (2) Examine the cost-effectiveness of state funding for  
 181 the workforce education programs reviewed under subsection (1)  
 182 versus the provision of Access to Better Learning and Education  
 183 grants under s. 1009.891, Florida Statutes, to students for  
 184 attendance at independent institutions that offer such programs.  
 185 (3) Review the funding model used to determine funding for  
 186 school district workforce education programs and provide options  
 187 for modifying the funding system.  
 188 Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.