1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to higher education; amending s. 3 446.021, F.S.; revising definitions relating to state 4 apprenticeship and job-training programs; amending s. 5 446.032, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s. 6 446.045, F.S.; revising criteria for certain 7 appointments to the State Apprenticeship Advisory 8 Council; amending s. 446.081, F.S.; limiting 9 applicability of state apprenticeship and job-training 10 program requirements with respect to certain provisions for veterans, minority persons, and women; 11 12 amending s. 446.091, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s. 446.092, F.S.; revising criteria for 13 14 apprenticeship occupations; amending s. 1001.03, F.S.; 15 deleting an obsolete prohibition relating to the 16 approval of certain baccalaureate degree program 17 proposals; amending s. 1001.44, F.S.; revising requirements for the establishment and operation of 18 19 career centers; providing requirements for a career 20 center to be designated as a technical college; 21 amending s. 1002.34, F.S.; providing requirements for 2.2 a charter technical career center to be designated as 23 a charter technical college; amending s. 1002.345, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 24 25 1004.015, F.S.; revising the membership of the Higher 26 Education Coordinating Council; amending s. 1004.02,

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F.S.; revising definitions relating to public postsecondary education; renaming the applied technology diploma program as the college credit certificate program; amending s. 1004.92, F.S.; revising the program standards for career, adult, and community education programs; providing for rulemaking; amending ss. 1007.23 and 1007.25, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s. 1007.33, F.S.; deleting provisions authorizing St. Petersburg College to establish additional baccalaureate degree programs under certain circumstances; deleting an obsolete provision; amending s. 1008.30, F.S.; deleting a requirement for high schools to evaluate certain students using results from specified assessments; deleting requirements for the use of the evaluation results and required instruction based on certain evaluation results; deleting an exemption from the common placement assessment and required developmental education instruction; providing that certain students may enroll in a gateway course under certain circumstances; amending s. 1009.22, F.S.; revising tuition and fees for specific workforce education programs; amending ss. 1009.53, 1009.532, and 1009.536, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; conforming provisions; requiring school districts and Florida

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College System institutions to maintain certain records; revising operational and performance funding calculation and allocation for workforce education programs; deleting provisions relating to a program to assist in responding to the needs of new and expanding businesses; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (2), (4), and (9) of section 446.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

446.021 Definitions of terms used in ss. 446.011-446.092.—
As used in ss. 446.011-446.092, the term:

- who is engaged in learning a recognized skilled trade through actual work experience under the supervision of a journeyworker journeymen craftsmen, which training should be combined with properly coordinated studies of related technical and supplementary subjects, and who has entered into a written agreement, which may be cited as an apprentice agreement, with a registered apprenticeship sponsor who may be either an employer, an association of employers, or a local joint apprenticeship committee.
- (4) "Journeyworker Journeyman" means a worker who has attained a level of skill and the abilities and competencies recognized within an industry as having mastered the skills and

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mentor, technician, or specialist or other skilled worker who has documented sufficient skills and knowledge of an occupation, either through formal apprenticeship or through practical onthe-job experience and formal training person working in an apprenticeable occupation who has successfully completed a registered apprenticeship program or who has worked the number of years required by established industry practices for the particular trade or occupation.

- (9) "Related instruction" means an organized and systematic form of instruction designed to provide the apprentice with knowledge of the theoretical and technical subjects related to a specific trade or occupation. Such instruction may be given in a classroom, through occupational or industrial courses or correspondence courses of equivalent value, through electronic media, or through other forms of self-study approved by the department.
- Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 446.032, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 446.032 General duties of the department for apprenticeship training.—The department shall:
- (1) Establish uniform minimum standards and policies governing apprentice programs and agreements. The standards and policies shall govern the terms and conditions of the apprentice's employment and training, including the quality training of the apprentice for, but not limited to, such matters

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as ratios of apprentices to <u>journeyworkers</u> <del>journeymen</del>, safety, related instruction, and on-the-job training; but these standards and policies may not include rules, standards, or guidelines that require the use of apprentices and job trainees on state, county, or municipal contracts. The department may adopt rules necessary to administer the standards and policies.

Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 446.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

446.045 State Apprenticeship Advisory Council.-

(2)(b) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee shall serve ex officio as chair of the State Apprenticeship Advisory Council, but may not vote. The state director of the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor shall serve ex officio as a nonvoting member of the council. The Governor shall appoint to the council four members representing employee organizations and four members representing employer organizations. Each of these eight members shall represent industries that have registered apprenticeship programs. The Governor shall also appoint two public members who are knowledgeable about registered apprenticeship and apprenticeable occupations and who are independent of any joint or nonjoint organization, one of whom shall be recommended by joint organizations, and one of whom shall be recommended by nonjoint organizations. Members shall be appointed for 4-year staggered terms. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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131	Section 4. Subsection (4) is added to section 446.081,									
132	Florida Statutes, to read:									
133	446.081 Limitation.—									
134	(4) Nothing in ss. 446.011-446.092 or in any rules									
135	adopted, or in any apprentice agreement approved, under those									
136	sections shall operate to invalidate any special provision for									
137	veterans, minority persons, or women in the standards,									
138	apprentice qualifications, or operation of the program, which is									
139	not otherwise prohibited by law, executive order, or authorized									
140	regulation.									
141	Section 5. Section 446.091, Florida Statutes, is amended									
142	to read:									
143	446.091 On-the-job training program.—All provisions of ss.									
144	446.011-446.092 relating to apprenticeship and									
145	preapprenticeship, including, but not limited to, programs,									
146	agreements, standards, administration, procedures, definitions,									
147	expenditures, local committees, powers and duties, limitations,									
148	grievances, and ratios of apprentices and job trainees to									
149	journeyworkers journeymen on state, county, and municipal									
150	contracts, shall be appropriately adapted and made applicable to									
151	a program of on-the-job training authorized under those									
152	provisions for persons other than apprentices.									
153	Section 6. Section 446.092, Florida Statutes, is amended									
154	to read:									
155	446.092 Criteria for apprenticeship occupations.—An									
156	apprenticeable occupation is a skilled trade which possesses all									

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of the following characteristics:

- (1) It is customarily learned in a practical way through a structured, systematic program of on-the-job, supervised training.
- (2) It is <u>clearly identified and</u> commonly recognized throughout <u>an</u> the industry or recognized with a positive view towards changing technology.
- (3) It involves manual, mechanical, or technical skills and knowledge which, in accordance with the industry standards for the occupation, would require a minimum of 2,000 hours of on-the-job work and training, which hours are excluded from the time spent at related instruction.
- (4) It requires related instruction to supplement on-the-job training. Such instruction may be given in a classroom, through occupational or industrial courses or through correspondence courses of equivalent value, through electronic media, or through other forms of self-study approved by the department.
- (5) It involves the development of skill sufficiently broad to be applicable in like occupations throughout an industry, rather than of restricted application to the products or services of any one company.
  - (6) It does not fall into any of the following categories:
- (a) Selling, retailing, or similar occupations in the distributive field.
  - (b) Managerial occupations.

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183	(c) Professional and scientific vocations for which								
184	entrance requirements customarily require an academic degree.								
185	Section 7. Subsection (15) of section 1001.03, Florida								
186	Statutes, is amended to read:								
187	1001.03 Specific powers of State Board of Education								
188	(15) FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM INSTITUTION BACCALAUREATE								
189	DEGREE PROGRAMS.—The State Board of Education shall provide for								
190	the review and approval of proposals by Florida College System								
191	institutions to offer baccalaureate degree programs pursuant to								
192	s. 1007.33. A Florida College System institution, as defined in								
193	s. 1000.21, that is approved to offer baccalaureate degrees								
194	pursuant to s. 1007.33 remains under the authority of the State								
195	Board of Education and the Florida College System institution's								
196	board of trustees. The State Board of Education may not approve								
197	Florida College System institution baccalaureate degree program								
198	proposals from March 31, 2014, through May 31, 2015.								
199	Section 8. Section 1001.44, Florida Statutes, is amended								
200	to read:								
201	(Substantial rewording of section. See								
202	s. 1001.44, F.S., for present text.)								
203	1001.44 Career centers; designation as technical								
204	<u>colleges</u>								
205	(1) In order to provide additional career pathways, career								
206	centers shall support and enhance a competitive workforce by								
207	offering high-quality career and technical education programs								
208	that propage graduates for current and emerging careers								

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- (2) (a) A career center is an educational institution that offers postsecondary career and technical education programs and is under the control of the district school board of the school district in which the center is located. A district school board, after first obtaining the approval of the Commissioner of Education, may organize, establish, and operate a career center or acquire and operate a career center previously established. A career center that uses the "technical college" designation pursuant to subsection (3) remains under the control of the district school board of the school district in which the center is located.
- (b) The district school boards of two or more contiguous districts may, after first obtaining the approval of the commissioner, enter into an agreement to organize, establish, and operate, or acquire and operate, a career center under this section.
- (3) With the approval of its district school board, a career center may use the designation "technical college" only if it meets the following requirements:
- (a) Offers college credit certificate programs or technical certificate programs that are terminal in nature; and
- (b) Offers only career and technical education programs
  that are approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the
  United States Department of Education.
- (4) A career center shall maintain an academic transcript for each student enrolled in the center. A student's transcript

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shall	include	each c	ourse c	complete	ed, cı	redit	earned,	an	<u>ıd</u>	
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- (5) A career center shall annually, and upon the request of the state board, the Chancellor of Career and Adult

  Education, or the Legislature, report on the career center's status using the following performance and compliance indicators:
  - (a) Obtaining and maintaining appropriate accreditation.
- (b) Maintaining qualified faculty and institutional resources.
- (c) Maintaining enrollment in previously approved programs.
  - (d) Managing fiscal resources appropriately.
- (e) Measuring program success, including program completions, placements, licensures, and employer satisfaction with the job performance of graduates.

Section 9. Subsections (4) through (19) of section 1002.34, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) through (20), respectively, present subsection (4) and paragraphs (b) and (g) of present subsection (11) are amended, and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

259 1002.34 Charter technical career centers; designation as charter technical colleges.—

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- (4) PROGRAMS.—With the approval of its board of directors,
  a charter technical career center may use the designation
  "charter technical college" only if it meets the following
  requirements:
- (a) Offers college credit certificate programs or technical certificate programs that are terminal in nature; and
- (b) Offers only career and technical education programs
  that are approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the
  United States Department of Education.
- (5) (4) CHARTER.—A sponsor may designate centers as provided in this section. An application to establish a center may be submitted by a sponsor or another organization that is determined, by rule of the State Board of Education, to be appropriate. However, an independent school is not eligible for status as a center. The charter must be signed by the governing body of the center and the sponsor and must be approved by the district school board and Florida College System institution board of trustees in whose geographic region the facility is located. If a charter technical career center is established by the conversion to charter status of a public technical center formerly governed by a district school board, the charter status of that center takes precedence in any question of governance. The governance of the center or of any program within the center remains with its board of directors unless the board agrees to a change in governance or its charter is revoked as provided in subsection (16)  $\frac{(15)}{}$ . Such a conversion charter technical career

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center is not affected by a change in the governance of public technical centers or of programs within other centers that are or have been governed by district school boards. A charter technical career center, or any program within such a center, that was governed by a district school board and transferred to a Florida College System institution prior to the effective date of this act is not affected by this provision. An applicant who wishes to establish a center must submit to the district school board or Florida College System institution board of trustees, or a consortium of one or more of each, an application on a form developed by the Department of Education which includes:

- (a) The name of the proposed center.
- (b) The proposed structure of the center, including a list of proposed members of the board of directors or a description of the qualifications for and method of their appointment or election.
- (c) The workforce development goals of the center, the curriculum to be offered, and the outcomes and the methods of assessing the extent to which the outcomes are met.
- (d) The admissions policy and criteria for evaluating the admission of students.
- (e) A description of the staff responsibilities and the proposed qualifications of the teaching staff.
- (f) A description of the procedures to be implemented to ensure significant involvement of representatives of business and industry in the operation of the center.

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- (g) A method for determining whether a student has satisfied the requirements for graduation specified in s. 1002.3105(5), s. 1003.4281, or s. 1003.4282 and for completion of a postsecondary certificate or degree.
- (h) A method for granting secondary and postsecondary diplomas, certificates, and degrees.
- (i) A description of and address for the physical facility in which the center will be located.
- (j) A method for resolving conflicts between the governing body of the center and the sponsor and between consortium members, if applicable.
- (k) A method for reporting student data as required by law and rule.
- (1) A statement that the applicant has participated in the training provided by the Department of Education.
- (m) The identity of all relatives employed by the charter technical career center who are related to the center owner, president, chairperson of the governing board of directors, superintendent, governing board member, principal, assistant principal, or any other person employed by the center who has equivalent decisionmaking authority. As used in this paragraph, the term "relative" means father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half

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brother, or half sister.

(n) Other information required by the district school board or Florida College System institution board of trustees.

Students at a center must meet the same testing and academic performance standards as those established by law and rule for students at public schools and public technical centers. The students must also meet any additional assessment indicators that are included within the charter approved by the district school board or Florida College System institution board of trustees.

## $(12) \frac{(11)}{(11)}$ FUNDING.—

- (b) Each district school board and Florida College System institution that sponsors a charter technical career center shall pay directly to the center an amount stated in the charter. State funding shall be generated for the center for its student enrollment and program outcomes as provided in law. A center is eligible for funding from workforce education funds, the Florida Education Finance Program, and the Florida College System Program Fund, depending upon the programs offered conducted by the center, pursuant to s. 1011.80.
- (g) A center must <u>describe</u> <u>define</u> in the charter agreement the delivery system in which the instructional offering of educational services will be placed. The rules governing this delivery system must be applied to all of the center's students and must authorize all other sponsoring educational systems to

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report required enrollment and student data based solely on the rules of the offering institution. Each sponsor shall earn full-time equivalent membership for each student for funding and reporting purposes.

Section 10. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (1) and paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 1002.345, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1002.345 Determination of deteriorating financial conditions and financial emergencies for charter schools and charter technical career centers.—This section applies to charter schools operating pursuant to s. 1002.33 and to charter technical career centers operating pursuant to s. 1002.34.

- (1) EXPEDITED REVIEW; REQUIREMENTS.—
- (a) A charter school or a charter technical career center is subject to an expedited review by the sponsor if one of the following occurs:
  - Failure to provide for an audit required by s. 218.39.
- 2. Failure to comply with reporting requirements pursuant to s. 1002.33(9) or s.  $\underline{1002.34(12)(f)}$  or  $\underline{(15)}$   $\underline{1002.34(11)(f)}$  or  $\underline{(14)}$ .
- 3. A deteriorating financial condition identified through an annual audit pursuant to s. 218.39(5), a monthly financial statement pursuant to s. 1002.33(9)(g) or s.  $\underline{1002.34(12)(f)}$   $\underline{1002.34(11)(f)}$ , or a quarterly financial statement pursuant to s. 1002.331(2)(c). "Deteriorating financial condition" means a circumstance that significantly impairs the ability of a charter

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school or a charter technical career center to generate enough revenues to meet its expenditures without causing the occurrence of a condition described in s. 218.503(1).

- 4. Notification pursuant to s. 218.503(2) that one or more of the conditions specified in s. 218.503(1) have occurred or will occur if action is not taken to assist the charter school or charter technical career center.
- (d) The governing board shall include the corrective action plan and the status of its implementation in the annual progress report to the sponsor which is required pursuant to s. 1002.33(9) (k) or s. 1002.34(15) 1002.34(14).
  - (2) FINANCIAL EMERGENCY; REQUIREMENTS.-
- (b) The governing board shall include the financial recovery plan and the status of its implementation in the annual progress report to the sponsor which is required under s. 1002.33(9) (k) or s. 1002.34(15) 1002.34(14).

Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 1004.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.015 Higher Education Coordinating Council.-

- (2) Members of the council shall include:
- (a) One member of the Board of Governors, appointed by the chair of the Board of Governors.
  - (b) The Chancellor of the State University System.
  - (c) The Chancellor of the Florida College System.
  - (d) The Chancellor of Career and Adult Education.
  - (e) (d) One member of the State Board of Education,

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appointed by the chair of the State Board of Education.

- $\underline{\text{(f)}}_{\text{(e)}}$  The Executive Director of the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges.
- $\underline{\text{(g)}}$  (f) The president of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida.
- (h) (g) The president of Workforce Florida, Inc., or his or her designee.
- (i) (h) The president of Enterprise Florida, Inc., or a designated member of the Stakeholders Council appointed by the president.
- (j)(i) Three representatives of the business community, one appointed by the President of the Senate, one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one appointed by the Governor, who are committed to developing and enhancing world class workforce infrastructure necessary for Florida's citizens to compete and prosper in the ever-changing economy of the 21st century.
- Section 12. Subsections (7) and (25) of section 1004.02, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
  - 1004.02 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:
- (7) "College credit certificate Applied technology diploma program" means a course of study that is part of a technical degree program, is less than 60 credit hours, and leads to employment in a specific occupation. An applied technology diploma program may consist of either technical credit or college credit. A public school district may offer an applied

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technology diploma program only as technical credit, with college credit awarded to a student upon articulation to a Florida College System institution. Statewide articulation among public schools and Florida College System institutions is guaranteed by s.  $1007.23_{7}$  and is subject to guidelines and standards adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to ss. 1007.24 and 1007.25.

(25) "Workforce education" means adult general education or career education and may consist of a continuing workforce education course or a program of study leading to an occupational completion point, a career certificate, a college credit certificate an applied technology diploma, or a career degree.

Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 1004.92, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

1004.92 Purpose and responsibilities for career education.—

(2)

- (b) Department of Education accountability for career education includes, but is not limited to:
- 1. The provision of timely, accurate technical assistance to school districts and Florida College System institutions.
- 2. The provision of timely, accurate information to the State Board of Education, the Legislature, and the public.
  - 3. The development of policies, rules, and procedures that

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facilitate institutional attainment of the accountability standards and coordinate the efforts of all divisions within the department.

- 4. The development of program standards and industry-driven benchmarks for career, adult, and community education programs, which must be updated every 3 years. The standards must reflect the quality components of a career and technical education program and include career, academic, and workplace skills; viability of distance learning for instruction; and work/learn cycles that are responsive to business and industry.
- 5. Overseeing school district and Florida College System institution compliance with the provisions of this chapter.
- 6. Ensuring that the educational outcomes for the technical component of career programs are uniform and designed to provide a graduate who is capable of entering the workforce on an equally competitive basis regardless of the institution of choice.
- (4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to administer this section.

Section 14. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 1007.23, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1007.23 Statewide articulation agreement.

(1) The State Board of Education and the Board of Governors shall enter into a statewide articulation agreement which the State Board of Education shall adopt by rule. The agreement must preserve Florida's "2+2" system of articulation,

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facilitate the seamless articulation of student credit across and among Florida's educational entities, and reinforce the provisions of this chapter by governing:

- (a) Articulation between secondary and postsecondary education.  $\div$
- (b) Admission of associate in arts degree graduates from Florida College System institutions and state universities.  $\div$
- (c) Admission of <u>college credit certificate</u> applied technology diploma program graduates from Florida College System institutions or career centers.  $\div$
- (d) Admission of associate in science degree and associate in applied science degree graduates from Florida College System institutions.  $\div$
- (e) The use of acceleration mechanisms, including nationally standardized examinations through which students may earn credit.  $\div$
- (f) General education requirements and statewide course numbers as provided for in ss. 1007.24 and 1007.25.; and
  - (g) Articulation among programs in nursing.
- (4) The articulation agreement must guarantee the statewide articulation of appropriate workforce development programs and courses between school districts and Florida College System institutions and specifically provide that every college credit certificate applied technology diploma graduate must be granted the same amount of credit upon admission to an associate in science degree or associate in applied science

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degree program unless it is a limited access program. Preference for admission must be given to graduates who are residents of Florida.

Section 15. Subsections (2) and (11) of section 1007.25, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1007.25 General education courses; common prerequisites; other degree requirements.—

- (2) The department shall identify postsecondary career education programs offered by Florida College System institutions and district school boards. The department shall also identify career courses designated as college credit courses applicable toward a college credit certificate career education diploma or degree. Such courses must be identified within the statewide course numbering system.
- (11) The Commissioner of Education shall appoint faculty committees representing both Florida College System institution and public school faculties to recommend to the commissioner for approval by the State Board of Education a standard program length and appropriate occupational completion points for each postsecondary career certificate program, college credit certificate diploma, and degree offered by a school district or a Florida College System institution.

Section 16. Subsection (4) of section 1007.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1007.33 Site-determined baccalaureate degree access.-

(4) A Florida College System institution may:

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- (a) Offer specified baccalaureate degree programs through formal agreements between the Florida College System institution and other regionally accredited postsecondary educational institutions pursuant to s. 1007.22.
- (b) Offer baccalaureate degree programs that were authorized by law before prior to July 1, 2009.
- (c) Beginning July 1, 2009, establish a first or subsequent baccalaureate degree program for purposes of meeting district, regional, or statewide workforce needs if approved by the State Board of Education under this section.

Beginning July 1, 2009, the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College is authorized to establish one or more bachelor of applied science degree programs based on an analysis of workforce needs in Pinellas, Pasco, and Hernando Counties and other counties approved by the Department of Education. For each program selected, St. Petersburg College must offer a related associate in science or associate in applied science degree program, and the baccalaureate degree level program must be designed to articulate fully with at least one associate in science degree program. The college is encouraged to develop articulation agreements for enrollment of graduates of related associate in applied science degree programs. The Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College is authorized to establish additional baccalaureate degree programs if it determines a program is warranted and feasible based on each of the factors

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in paragraph (5) (d). However, the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College may not establish any new baccalaureate degree programs from March 31, 2014, through May 31, 2015. Prior to developing or proposing a new baccalaureate degree program, St. Petersburg College shall engage in need, demand, and impact discussions with the state university in its service district and other local and regional, accredited postsecondary providers in its region. Documentation, data, and other information from inter-institutional discussions regarding program need, demand, and impact shall be provided to the college's board of trustees to inform the program approval process. Employment at St. Petersburg College is governed by the same laws that govern Florida College System institutions, except that upper-division faculty are eligible for continuing contracts upon the completion of the fifth year of teaching. Employee records for all personnel shall be maintained as required by s. 1012.81. Section 17. Subsection (3) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (4) of section 1008.30, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1008.30 Common placement testing for public postsecondary education.-(3) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules that require high schools to evaluate before the beginning of grade 12 the college readiness of each student who scores Level 2 or Level 3 on grade 10 FCAT Reading or the English Language Arts

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assessment under s. 1008.22, as applicable, or Level 2, Level 3,

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or Level 4 on the Algebra I assessment under s. 1008.22. High schools shall perform this evaluation using results from the corresponding component of the common placement test prescribed in this section, or an alternative test identified by the State Board of Education. The high school shall use the results of the test to advise the students of any identified deficiencies and to provide 12th grade students, and require them to complete, appropriate postsecondary preparatory instruction before high school graduation. The curriculum provided under this subsection shall be identified in rule by the State Board of Education and encompass Florida's Postsecondary Readiness Competencies. Other elective courses may not be substituted for the selected postsecondary mathematics, reading, writing, or English Language Arts preparatory course unless the elective course covers the same competencies included in the postsecondary mathematics, reading, writing, or English Language Arts preparatory course.

(3)(4) By October 31, 2013, the State Board of Education shall establish by rule the test scores a student must achieve to demonstrate readiness to perform college-level work, and the rules must specify the following:

(a) A student who entered 9th grade in a Florida public school in the 2003-2004 school year, or any year thereafter, and earned a Florida standard high school diploma or a student who is serving as an active duty member of any branch of the United States Armed Services shall not be required to take the common placement test and shall not be required to enroll in

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developmental education instruction in a Florida College System institution. However, a student who is not required to take the common placement test and is not required to enroll in developmental education under this paragraph may opt to be assessed and to enroll in developmental education instruction, and the college shall provide such assessment and instruction upon the student's request.

(a) (b) A student who takes the common placement test and whose score on the common placement test indicates a need for developmental education must be advised of all the developmental education options offered at the institution and, after advisement, shall be allowed to enroll in a the developmental education option or gateway course, as defined in s. 1008.02, of his or her choice.

Section 18. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (3) of section 1009.22, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (e) and (f), respectively, paragraph (c) of that subsection is amended, and a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, to read:

1009.22 Workforce education postsecondary student fees.—
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(c) Effective July 1, 2014, for programs leading to a career certificate or an applied technology diploma, the standard tuition shall be \$2.33 per contact hour for residents and nonresidents and the out-of-state fee shall be \$6.99 per contact hour. For adult general education programs, a block

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tuition of \$45 per half year or \$30 per term shall be assessed. Each district school board and Florida College System institution board of trustees shall adopt policies and procedures for the collection of and accounting for the expenditure of the block tuition. All funds received from the block tuition shall be used only for adult general education programs. Students enrolled in adult general education programs may not be assessed the fees authorized in subsection (5), subsection (6), or subsection (7).

(d) Effective July 1, 2015, for programs leading to a college credit certificate, the standard tuition shall be \$71.98 per credit hour for residents and nonresidents and the out-of-state fee shall be \$215.94 per credit hour in addition to the standard credit hour rate of \$71.98.

Section 19. Subsection (1) of section 1009.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.-

(1) The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition of high academic achievement and who enrolls in a degree program, certificate program, or college credit certificate applied technology program at an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary education institution within 3 years after of graduation from high school.

Section 20. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section

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1009.532, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.—

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A student who is initially eligible in the 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter may receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete an associate degree program, a baccalaureate degree program, or a postsecondary career certificate program or, for a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, may receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours or equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the following at a Florida public or nonpublic education institution that offers these specific programs: for a college credit certificate an applied technology diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13), up to the number of hours required for a specific degree not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate program as defined in s. 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours required for a specific certificate not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours. A student who transfers from one of these program levels to another program level becomes eligible for the higher of the two credit hour limits.

Section 21. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section

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1009.536, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.—The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is created within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to recognize and reward academic achievement and career preparation by high school students who wish to continue their education.

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(c) A student who is initially eligible in the 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours or equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the following at a Florida public or nonpublic education institution that offers these specific programs: for a college credit certificate an applied technology diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13), up to the number of hours required for a specific degree not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate program as defined in s. 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours required for a specific certificate not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours.

Section 22. Section 1011.80, Florida Statutes, is reordered and amended to read:

1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education programs.—

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- (1) As used in this section, the terms "workforce education" and "workforce education program" include:
- Adult general education programs designed to improve the employability skills of the state's workforce as defined in s. 1004.02(3).
- Career certificate programs, as defined in s. 735 1004.02(20).
  - College credit certificate Applied technology diploma programs, as defined in s. 1004.02(7).
    - Continuing workforce education courses.
    - Degree career education programs.
  - Apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs as defined in s. 446.021.
  - A Any workforce education program may be conducted by a Florida College System institution or a school district, except that college credit in an associate in applied science or an associate in science degree may be awarded only by a Florida College System institution. However, if an associate in applied science or an associate in science degree program contains within it an occupational completion point that confers a college credit certificate or an applied technology diploma, that portion of the program may be offered conducted by a school district career center. Any Instruction designed to articulate to a degree program is subject to guidelines and standards adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to s. 1007.25.
    - Each school district and Florida College System

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education programs must maintain adequate and accurate records, including a system to record school district workforce education funding and expenditures, in order to maintain separation of postsecondary workforce education expenditures from secondary education expenditures. These records must be filed with the Department of Education in correct and proper form on or before the date due as provided by law or rule for each annual or periodic report that is required by rules of the State Board of Education.

(4)(9) School districts shall report full-time equivalent students by discipline category for the programs specified in subsection (1). There shall be an annual cost analysis for the school district workforce education programs that reports cost by discipline category consistent with the reporting for full-time equivalent students. The annual financial reports submitted by the school districts must accurately report on the student fee revenues by fee type according to the programs specified in subsection (1). The Department of Education shall develop a plan for comparable reporting of program, student, facility, personnel, and financial data between the Florida College System institutions and the school district workforce education programs.

(3) If a program for disabled adults pursuant to s.

1004.93 is a workforce program as defined in law, it must be funded as provided in this section.

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- (4) Funding for all workforce education programs must be based on cost categories, performance output measures, and performance outcome measures.
- (a) The cost categories must be calculated to identify high-cost programs, medium-cost programs, and low-cost programs. The cost analysis used to calculate and assign a program of study to a cost category must include at least both direct and indirect instructional costs, consumable supplies, equipment, and standard program length.
- (b) The performance output measure for an adult general education course of study is measurable improvement in student skills. This measure shall include improvement in literacy skills, grade level improvement as measured by an approved test, or attainment of a State of Florida diploma or an adult high school diploma.
- (c) The performance outcome measures for adult general education programs are associated with placement and retention of students after reaching a completion point or completing a program of study. These measures include placement or retention in employment. Continuing postsecondary education at a level that will further enhance employment is a performance outcome for adult general education programs.
- (5) State funding and student fees for workforce education instruction shall be established as follows:
- (a) Expenditures for the continuing workforce education programs provided by the Florida College System institutions or

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school districts must be fully supported by fees. Enrollments in continuing workforce education courses shall not be counted for purposes of funding full-time equivalent enrollment.

- (b) For all other workforce education programs, state funding shall be calculated based on weighted enrollment and program costs minus fee revenues generated to offset program operational costs equal 75 percent of the average cost of instruction with the remaining 25 percent made up from student fees. Fees for courses within a program shall not vary according to the cost of the individual program, but instead shall be as provided in s. 1009.22 based on a uniform fee calculated and set at the state level, as adopted by the State Board of Education, unless otherwise specified in the General Appropriations Act.
- (c) For fee-exempt students pursuant to s. 1009.25, unless otherwise provided for in law, state funding shall equal 100 percent of the average cost of instruction.
- (c) (d) For a public educational institution that has been fully funded by an external agency for direct instructional costs of any course or program, the FTE generated shall not be reported for state funding.
- (6)(a) A school district or a Florida College System institution that provides workforce education programs shall receive funds in accordance with distributions for base and performance funding established by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act. To ensure equitable funding for all school district workforce education programs and to recognize

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enrollment growth, the Department of Education shall use the funding model developed by the District Workforce Education Funding Steering Committee to determine each district's workforce education funding needs. To assist the Legislature in allocating workforce education funds in the General Appropriations Act, the funding model shall annually be provided to the legislative appropriations committees no later than March 1.

- (b) Operational funding shall be provided to school districts for workforce education programs based on weighted student enrollment and program costs determined by cost categories. The cost categories must be calculated to identify high-cost programs, medium-cost programs, and low-cost programs. The cost analysis used to calculate and assign a program of study to a cost category must include at least both direct and indirect instructional costs, consumable supplies, equipment, and standard program length.
- (7) Performance funding for workforce education programs shall be contingent upon specific appropriation in the General Appropriations Act. To assist the Legislature in determining performance funding allocations, the State Board of Education shall provide the Legislature with recommended formulas, criteria, timeframes, and mechanisms for distributing performance funds no later than March 1. These recommendations shall reward programs that:

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- (a) Prepare people to enter high-skill and high-wage occupations identified by the Workforce Estimating Conference pursuant to s. 216.136 and other programs as approved by Workforce Florida, Inc. At a minimum, performance incentives shall be calculated for adults who reach completion points or complete programs that lead to specified high-wage employment and to their placement in that employment.
- (b) Prepare adults who are eligible for public assistance, economically disadvantaged, disabled, not proficient in English, or dislocated workers, for high-wage occupations. At a minimum, performance incentives shall be calculated at an enhanced value for the completion by adults identified in this paragraph and the job placement of such adults upon completion. In addition, adjustments may be made in payments for job placements for areas of high unemployment.
- (c) Increase student achievement in adult general education courses by measuring performance output and outcome measures.
- 1. The performance output measure for an adult general education course of study is measurable improvement in student skills. This measure shall include improvement in literacy skills, grade-level improvement as measured by an approved test, or attainment of a Florida diploma or an adult high school diploma.
- 2. The performance outcome measures for adult general education programs are associated with placement and retention

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of students after reaching a completion point or completing a program of study. These measures include placement or retention in employment. Continuing postsecondary education at a level that will further enhance employment is a performance outcome for adult general education programs.

- (d) (b) Award industry certifications. Performance funding for industry certifications for school district workforce education programs is contingent upon specific appropriation in the General Appropriations Act and shall be determined as follows:
- 1. Occupational areas for which industry certifications may be earned, as established in the General Appropriations Act, are eligible for performance funding. Priority shall be given to the occupational areas emphasized in state, national, or corporate grants provided to Florida educational institutions.
- 2. The Chancellor of Career and Adult Education shall identify the industry certifications eligible for funding on the Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to s. 1008.44, based on the occupational areas specified in the General Appropriations Act.
- 3. Each school district shall be provided \$1,000 for each industry certification earned by a workforce education student. The maximum amount of funding appropriated for performance funding pursuant to this paragraph shall be limited to \$15

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million annually. If funds are insufficient to fully fund the calculated total award, such funds shall be prorated.

(c) A program is established to assist school districts and Florida College System institutions in responding to the needs of new and expanding businesses and thereby strengthening the state's workforce and economy. The program may be funded in the General Appropriations Act. The district or Florida College System institution shall use the program to provide customized training for businesses which satisfies the requirements of s. 288.047. Business firms whose employees receive the customized training must provide 50 percent of the cost of the training. Balances remaining in the program at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund, but shall be carried over for 1 additional year and used for the purpose of serving incumbent worker training needs of area businesses with fewer than 100 employees. Priority shall be given to businesses that must increase or upgrade their use of technology to remain competitive.

(8) (7) (a) A school district or Florida College System institution that receives workforce education funds must use the money to benefit the workforce education programs it provides. The money may be used for equipment upgrades, program expansions, or any other use that would result in workforce education program improvement. The district school board or Florida College System institution board of trustees may not

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withhold any portion of the performance funding for indirect costs.

- (b) State funds provided for the operation of postsecondary workforce programs may not be expended for the education of state or federal inmates.
- (8) The State Board of Education and Workforce Florida,
  Inc., shall provide the Legislature with recommended formulas,
  criteria, timeframes, and mechanisms for distributing
  performance funds. The commissioner shall consolidate the
  recommendations and develop a consensus proposal for funding.
  The Legislature shall adopt a formula and distribute the
  performance funds to the State Board of Education for Florida
  College System institutions and school districts through the
  General Appropriations Act. These recommendations shall be based
  on formulas that would discourage low-performing or low-demand
  programs and encourage through performance-funding awards:
- (a) Programs that prepare people to enter high-wage occupations identified by the Workforce Estimating Conference created by s. 216.136 and other programs as approved by Workforce Florida, Inc. At a minimum, performance incentives shall be calculated for adults who reach completion points or complete programs that lead to specified high-wage employment and to their placement in that employment.
- (b) Programs that successfully prepare adults who are eligible for public assistance, economically disadvantaged, disabled, not proficient in English, or dislocated workers for

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high-wage occupations. At a minimum, performance incentives shall be calculated at an enhanced value for the completion of adults identified in this paragraph and job placement of such adults upon completion. In addition, adjustments may be made in payments for job placements for areas of high unemployment.

- (c) Programs that are specifically designed to be consistent with the workforce needs of private enterprise and regional economic development strategies, as defined in guidelines set by Workforce Florida, Inc. Workforce Florida, Inc., shall develop guidelines to identify such needs and strategies based on localized research of private employers and economic development practitioners.
- (d) Programs identified by Workforce Florida, Inc., as increasing the effectiveness and cost efficiency of education.
- (9)(10) A high school student dually enrolled under s. 1007.271 in a workforce education program operated by a Florida College System institution or school district career center generates the amount calculated for workforce education funding, including any payment of performance funding, and the proportional share of full-time equivalent enrollment generated through the Florida Education Finance Program for the student's enrollment in a high school. If a high school student is dually enrolled in a Florida College System institution program, including a program conducted at a high school, the Florida College System institution earns the funds generated for workforce education funding, and the school district earns the

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proportional share of full-time equivalent funding from the Florida Education Finance Program. If a student is dually enrolled in a career center operated by the same district as the district in which the student attends high school, that district earns the funds generated for workforce education funding and also earns the proportional share of full-time equivalent funding from the Florida Education Finance Program. If a student is dually enrolled in a workforce education program provided by a career center operated by a different school district, the funds must be divided between the two school districts proportionally from the two funding sources. A student may not be reported for funding in a dual enrollment workforce education program unless the student has completed the basic skills assessment pursuant to s. 1004.91. A student who is coenrolled in a K-12 education program and an adult education program may be reported for purposes of funding in an adult education program. If a student is coenrolled in core curricula courses for credit recovery or dropout prevention purposes and does not have a pattern of excessive absenteeism or habitual truancy or a history of disruptive behavior in school, the student may be reported for funding for up to two courses per year. Such a student is exempt from the payment of the block tuition for adult general education programs provided in s. 1009.22(3)(c). The Department of Education shall develop a list of courses to be designated as core curricula courses for the purposes of coenrollment.

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Section 23. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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