

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

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28 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 446.021, Florida
 29 Statutes, is amended to read:

30 446.021 Definitions of terms used in ss. 446.011-446.092.—

31 As used in ss. 446.011-446.092, the term:

32 (4) "Journeyworker" means a person working in an
 33 apprenticeable occupation who has successfully completed a
 34 registered and state-approved apprenticeship program or who has
 35 worked the number of years required by established industry
 36 practices for the particular trade or occupation and, if
 37 required for the specific industry, has passed the appropriate
 38 state-approved industry test.

39 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 450.061, Florida
 40 Statutes, is amended to read:

41 450.061 Hazardous occupations prohibited; exemptions.—

42 (2) A ~~no~~ minor under 18 years of age, regardless of
 43 whether such person's disabilities of nonage have been removed,
 44 may not ~~shall~~ be employed or permitted or suffered to work in
 45 any of the following places of employment or in any of the
 46 following occupations, provided that ~~the provisions of~~
 47 paragraphs (b), (e), (g), (h), (j), (m), (o), and (q) do ~~shall~~
 48 not apply to the employment of student learners under the
 49 conditions prescribed in s. 450.161:

50 (a) In or around explosive or radioactive materials.

51 (b) On any scaffolding, roof, superstructure, residential
 52 or nonresidential building construction, or ladder above 6 feet.
 53 A minor 16 or 17 years of age may be employed on any residential
 54 building construction if:

55 1. The minor 16 or 17 years of age has earned his or her
 56 Occupational Safety and Health Administration 10 certification
 57 and is under the direct supervision of a person who:

58 a. Has earned his or her Occupational Safety and Health
 59 Administration 10 certification.

60 b. Is 21 years of age or older.

61 c. Has at least 2 years of work experience related to the
 62 work he or she is supervising.

63 2. The minor 16 or 17 years of age is not working on any
 64 scaffolding, roof, superstructure, or ladder above 6 feet.

65 3. The work being performed by the minor 16 or 17 years of
 66 age is not in violation of the federal Fair Labor Standards act
 67 of 1938, any Occupational Safety and Health Administration rule
 68 or any federal law related to minors in the workplace.

69 (c) In or around toxic substances or corrosives, including
 70 pesticides or herbicides, unless proper field entry time
 71 allowances have been followed.

72 (d) Any mining occupation.

73 (e) In the operation of power-driven woodworking machines.

74 (f) In the operation of power-driven hoisting apparatus.

75 (g) In the operation of power-driven metal forming,

76 | punching, or shearing machines.

77 | (h) Slaughtering, meat packing, processing, or rendering,
78 | except as provided in 29 C.F.R. s. 570.61(c).

79 | (i) In the operation of power-driven bakery machinery.

80 | (j) In the operation of power-driven paper products and
81 | printing machines.

82 | (k) Manufacturing brick, tile, and like products.

83 | (l) Wrecking or demolition.

84 | (m) Excavation operations.

85 | (n) Logging or sawmilling.

86 | (o) Working on electric apparatus or wiring.

87 | (p) Firefighting.

88 | (q) Operating or assisting to operate, including starting,
89 | stopping, connecting or disconnecting, feeding, or any other
90 | activity involving physical contact associated with operating, a
91 | tractor over 20 PTO horsepower, any trencher or earthmoving
92 | equipment, fork lift, or any harvesting, planting, or plowing
93 | machinery, or any moving machinery.

94 | Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
95 | 489.117, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

96 | 489.117 Registration; specialty contractors.—

97 | (4)(a)1. A person whose job scope does not substantially
98 | correspond to either the job scope of one of the contractor
99 | categories defined in s. 489.105(3)(a)-(o), or the job scope of
100 | one of the certified specialty contractor categories established

101 by board rule, is not required to register with the board. A
 102 local government, as defined in s. 163.211, may not require a
 103 person to obtain a license, issued by the local government or
 104 the state, for a job scope which does not substantially
 105 correspond to the job scope of one of the contractor categories
 106 defined in s. 489.105(3)(a)-(o) and (q) or authorized in s.
 107 489.1455 ~~s. 489.1455(1)~~, or the job scope of one of the
 108 certified specialty contractor categories established pursuant
 109 to s. 489.113(6). A local government may not require a state or
 110 local license to obtain a permit for such job scopes. For
 111 purposes of this section, job scopes for which a local
 112 government may not require a license include, but are not
 113 limited to, painting; flooring; cabinetry; interior remodeling
 114 when the scope of the project does not include a task for which
 115 a state license is required; driveway or tennis court
 116 installation; handyman services; decorative stone, tile, marble,
 117 granite, or terrazzo installation; plastering; pressure washing;
 118 stuccoing; caulking; and canvas awning and ornamental iron
 119 installation.

120 2. A county that includes an area designated as an area of
 121 critical state concern under s. 380.05 may offer a license for
 122 any job scope which requires a contractor license under this
 123 part if the county imposed such a licensing requirement before
 124 January 1, 2021.

125 3. A local government may continue to offer a license for

126 veneer, including aluminum or vinyl gutters, siding, soffit, or
 127 fascia; rooftop painting, coating, and cleaning above three
 128 stories in height; or fence installation and erection if the
 129 local government imposed such a licensing requirement before
 130 January 1, 2021.

131 4. A local government may not require a license as a
 132 prerequisite to submit a bid for public works projects if the
 133 work to be performed does not require a license under general
 134 law.

135 Section 4. Section 489.1455, Florida Statutes, is amended
 136 to read:

137 489.1455 Journeyman; reciprocity; standards.—

138 ~~(1)~~ Counties and municipalities must recognize a person as
 139 a journeyman ~~are authorized to issue journeyman licenses~~ in the
 140 plumbing, pipe fitting, mechanical, or HVAC trades if he or she
 141 meets the following requirements:—

142 ~~(2) An individual who holds a valid, active journeyman~~
 143 ~~license in the plumbing, pipe fitting, mechanical, or HVAC~~
 144 ~~trades issued by any county or municipality in this state may~~
 145 ~~work as a journeyman in the trade in which he or she is licensed~~
 146 ~~in any county or municipality of this state without taking an~~
 147 ~~additional examination or paying an additional license fee, if~~
 148 ~~he or she:~~

149 (1)(a) Has scored at least 70 percent, or after October 1,
 150 1997, at least 75 percent, on a proctored journeyman Block and

151 Associates examination or other proctored examination approved
 152 by the board for the trade in which he or she is licensed;

153 ~~(2)(b)~~ Has completed a registered and state-approved an
 154 apprenticeship program as defined in s. 446.021(6) or has at
 155 least 12,000 hours of on-the-job training in his or her specific
 156 trade registered with a registration agency defined in 29 C.F.R.
 157 s. 29.2 and demonstrates 4 years' verifiable practical
 158 experience in the trade for which he or she is licensed, or
 159 demonstrates 6 years' verifiable practical experience in the
 160 trade for which he or she is licensed; and

161 ~~(3)(e)~~ Has satisfactorily completed specialized and
 162 advanced module coursework approved by the Florida Building
 163 Commission, as part of the building code training program
 164 established in s. 553.841, specific to the discipline or,
 165 pursuant to authorization by the certifying authority, provides
 166 proof of completion of such coursework within 6 months after
 167 such certification.; ~~and~~

168 ~~(d)~~ ~~Has not had a license suspended or revoked within the~~
 169 ~~last 5 years.~~

170 ~~(3)~~ ~~A local government may charge a registration fee for~~
 171 ~~reciprocity, not to exceed \$25.~~

172 Section 5. Section 489.5335, Florida Statutes, is amended
 173 to read:

174 489.5335 Journeyman; reciprocity; standards.—

175 ~~(1)~~ Counties and municipalities must recognize a person as

176 ~~a journeyman are authorized to issue journeyman licenses~~ in the
177 electrical and alarm system trades if he or she meets the
178 following requirements:-

179 ~~(2) An individual who holds a valid, active journeyman~~
180 ~~license in the electrical or alarm system trade issued by any~~
181 ~~county or municipality in this state may work as a journeyman in~~
182 ~~the trade in which he or she is licensed in any other county or~~
183 ~~municipality of this state without taking an additional~~
184 ~~examination or paying an additional license fee, if he or she:~~

185 (1)(a) Has scored at least 70 percent, or after October 1,
186 1997, at least 75 percent, on a proctored journeyman Block and
187 Associates examination or other proctored examination approved
188 by the board for the trade in which he or she is licensed;

189 (2)(b) Has completed a registered and state-approved an
190 apprenticeship program as defined in s. 446.021(6) or has at
191 least 12,000 hours of on-the-job training in his or her specific
192 trade registered with a registration agency defined in 29 C.F.R.
193 s. 29.2 and demonstrates 4 years' verifiable practical
194 experience in the trade for which he or she is licensed, or
195 demonstrates 6 years' verifiable practical experience in the
196 trade for which he or she is licensed; and

197 (3)(e) Has satisfactorily completed specialized and
198 advanced module coursework approved by the Florida Building
199 Commission, as part of the building code training program
200 established in s. 553.841, specific to the discipline or,

201 pursuant to authorization by the certifying authority, provides
 202 proof of completion of such curriculum or coursework within 6
 203 months after such certification. ~~and~~

204 ~~(d) Has not had a license suspended or revoked within the~~
 205 ~~last 5 years.~~

206 ~~(3) A local government may charge a registration fee for~~
 207 ~~reciprocity, not to exceed \$25.~~

208 Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (14) of section
 209 1001.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

210 1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school
 211 board.—The district school board may exercise the following
 212 supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or
 213 State Board of Education rule.

214 (14) RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC AND CAREER ACHIEVEMENT.—

215 (c) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, each
 216 district school board shall require each high school within its
 217 jurisdiction to host an annual career fair during the school
 218 year and establish a process to provide students in grades 11
 219 and 12 the opportunity to meet or interview with potential
 220 employers during the career fair. The career fair must be held
 221 on the campus of the high school, except that a group of high
 222 schools in the district or a group of districts may hold a joint
 223 career fair at an alternative location to satisfy the
 224 requirement in this paragraph. A joint career fair must be held
 225 at a location located within reasonable driving distance for

226 students at all participating schools. The career fair must be
 227 held during the school day and may use Florida's online career
 228 planning and work-based learning system as part of the career
 229 fair activities. Alternatively, district school boards may
 230 consult with local workforce development boards, advisory
 231 committees, and business groups to determine free or cost-
 232 effective methods to provide other career and industry
 233 networking opportunities, during the school day, for secondary
 234 students and exposure for elementary and secondary students to a
 235 representative variety of industries, businesses, and careers.

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 237 District school board policies and procedures may include
 238 conducting assemblies or other appropriate public events in
 239 which students sign actual or ceremonial documents accepting
 240 scholarships or enrollment. The district school board may
 241 encourage holding such events in an assembly or gathering of the
 242 entire student body as a means of making academic and career
 243 success and recognition visible to all students.

244 Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 1003.41, Florida
 245 Statutes, is amended to read:

246 1003.41 State academic standards.—

247 (3) The Commissioner of Education shall, as deemed
 248 necessary ~~needed, shall~~ develop and submit proposed revisions to
 249 the standards for review and comment by Florida educators,
 250 school administrators, representatives of the Florida College

251 System institutions and state universities who have expertise in
252 the content knowledge and skills necessary to prepare a student
253 for postsecondary education and careers, a representative from
254 the Department of Commerce, business and industry leaders for
255 in-demand careers, and the public. The commissioner, after
256 considering reviews and comments, shall submit the proposed
257 revisions to the State Board of Education for adoption.

258 Section 8. Subsection (10) of section 1003.4282, Florida
259 Statutes, is amended to read:

260 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school
261 diploma.—

262 (10) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CREDIT.—The Department
263 of Education shall convene a workgroup, no later than December
264 1, 2024, to:

265 (a) Identify best practices in career and technical
266 education pathways from middle school to high school to aid
267 middle school students in career planning and facilitate their
268 transition to high school programs. The career pathway must be
269 linked to postsecondary programs.

270 (b) Establish three mathematics pathways for students
271 enrolled in secondary grades by aligning mathematics courses to
272 programs, postsecondary education, and careers. The workgroup
273 shall collaborate to identify the three mathematics pathways and
274 the mathematics course sequence within each pathway which align
275 to the mathematics skills needed for success in the

276 | corresponding academic programs, postsecondary education, and
277 | careers.

278 | Section 9. Subsection (3) of section 1004.91, Florida
279 | Statutes, is amended to read:

280 | 1004.91 Requirements for career education program basic
281 | skills.—

282 | (3)(a) The following students may be exempted from this
283 | section:

284 | 1. An adult student with a disability.

285 | 2. A student who possesses a high school diploma from a
286 | private school that is in compliance with s. 1002.42, or, for a
287 | student in a home education program or a personalized education
288 | program, a signed affidavit submitted by the student's parent or
289 | legal guardian attesting that the student has completed a home
290 | education program pursuant to the requirements of s. 1002.41 or
291 | a personalized education program pursuant to the requirements of
292 | s. 1002.395.

293 | Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.