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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Economic Affairs Committee
 2 Representative Smith offered the following:

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5 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

6 Section 1. Subsections (7) and (8) of section 250.10,
 7 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (9) is added to
 8 that section, to read:

9 250.10 Appointment and duties of the Adjutant General.—

10 (7) The Adjutant General shall develop an education
 11 assistance program for members in good standing of the Florida
 12 National Guard who enroll in an authorized course of study at a
 13 public or nonpublic postsecondary institution or technical
 14 center in this state ~~of higher learning in the state~~ which has
 15 been accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the United
 16 States Department of Education or licensed by the Commission for
 17 Independent Education. Education assistance also may be used for

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18 training to obtain industry certifications approved by the
19 Department of Education pursuant to s. 1008.44 and continuing
20 education to maintain license certifications. The education
21 assistance ~~This~~ program shall be known as the Educational
22 Dollars for Duty program (EDD).

23 (a) The program shall establish ~~set forth~~ application
24 requirements, including, but not limited to, requirements that
25 the applicant:

26 1. Be 17 years of age or older.

27 2. Be presently domiciled in the state.

28 3. Be an active drilling member and in good standing in
29 the Florida National Guard at the beginning of and throughout
30 the entire academic term for which benefits are received.

31 4. Maintain continuous satisfactory participation in the
32 Florida National Guard for any school term for which ~~exemption~~
33 benefits are received.

34 5. Upon enrollment in the program, complete a memorandum
35 of agreement to:

36 a. Comply with the rules of the program. ~~and~~

37 b. Serve in the Florida National Guard for the period
38 specified in the member's enlistment or reenlistment contract.

39 c. Authorize the release of information as provided in
40 subparagraph (d)6. by the postsecondary institution or technical
41 center to the Education Service Office within the Department of
42 Military Affairs, subject to applicable federal and state law.

43 (b) The program shall define those members of the Florida

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44 National Guard who are ineligible to participate in the program
45 and those courses of study which are not authorized for the
46 program.

47 1. Ineligible members include, but are not limited to, a
48 ~~any~~ member, commissioned officer, warrant officer, or enlisted
49 person who has obtained a master's degree using the program.

50 2. Inactive members of the Florida National Guard and
51 members of the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) are not eligible
52 to participate in the program.

53 3. Courses not authorized include noncredit courses,
54 courses that do not meet degree requirements, courses that do
55 not meet requirements for completion of career training, or
56 other courses as determined by program definitions.

57 ~~4.3. The program may not pay repeat course fees~~
58 ~~Developmental education courses are authorized for the program.~~

59 (c) The program may include, but is not limited to:

60 1. Courses at a public or nonpublic postsecondary
61 institution or technical center in the state which has been
62 accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the United
63 States Department of Education or licensed by the Commission for
64 Independent Education.

65 2. Training to obtain industry certifications, limited to
66 certifications approved by the Department of Education under s.
67 1008.44.

68 3. Continuing education to maintain a license or
69 certification. Notwithstanding subparagraph (b)1., members who

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70 have obtained a master's degree using the program are eligible
71 for funding under this subparagraph.

72 4. Licensing and industry certification examination fees.
73 Notwithstanding subparagraph (b)1., members who have obtained a
74 master's degree using the program are eligible for funding under
75 this subparagraph.

76 5. Developmental educational courses, notwithstanding
77 subparagraph (b)3.

78 (d) The Adjutant General shall adopt rules for the overall
79 policy, guidance, administration, implementation, and proper use
80 of the program. Such rules must include, but need not be limited
81 to:7

82 1. Guidelines for certification by the Adjutant General of
83 a guard member's eligibility.7

84 2. Procedures for notification to a postsecondary ~~an~~
85 institution or technical center of a guard member's termination
86 of eligibility.7 ~~and~~

87 3. Guidelines for approving courses of study that are
88 authorized for the program, including online courses, industry
89 certification training, and continuing education to maintain
90 license certifications.

91 4. Guidelines for approving the use of program funds for
92 licensing and industry certification examination fees.

93 5. Procedures for restitution when a guard member fails to
94 comply with the penalties described in this section.

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95 6. Procedures that require a public or nonpublic
96 postsecondary institution or technical center that receives
97 funding from the program to provide information regarding course
98 enrollment, course withdrawal, course cancellation, course
99 completion, course failure, and grade verification of enrolled
100 members to the Education Service Office within the Department of
101 Military Affairs.

102 7. Guidelines for the payment of tuition and fees not to
103 exceed the highest in-state tuition rate charged by a public
104 postsecondary institution in this state.

105 (8) Subject to appropriations, the Department of Military
106 Affairs may pay the full cost of tuition and fees for required
107 courses for current members of the Florida National Guard.
108 Members are eligible to use the program upon enlistment in the
109 Florida National Guard. If a member is enrolled in a nonpublic
110 postsecondary education institution or a nonpublic vocational-
111 technical program, the Department of Military Affairs shall pay
112 an amount that may not exceed the rate of the highest in-state
113 ~~equal to the amount that would be required to pay for the~~
114 ~~average~~ tuition and fees at a public postsecondary education
115 institution or public vocational-technical program.

116 (a) The Adjutant General shall give preferences and
117 priority to eligible members who have deployed on federal
118 military orders while a member of the Florida National Guard.

119 (b) The Department of Military Affairs may reimburse a
120 member for student textbook and instructional material costs in

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121 accordance with limits set each fiscal year based on funding
122 availability and regardless of the source of tuition funding,
123 but only after tuition and fees for all eligible members are
124 paid for that fiscal year.

125 ~~(a) A member may participate in the program if he or she~~
126 ~~maintains satisfactory participation in, and is an active~~
127 ~~drilling member of, the Florida National Guard. Inactive members~~
128 ~~of the Florida National Guard and members of the Individual~~
129 ~~Ready Reserve (IRR) are not eligible to participate in the~~
130 ~~program.~~

131 (c) ~~(b)~~ Penalties for noncompliance with program
132 requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

133 1. If a member of the Florida National Guard receives
134 payment of tuition and fees for an ~~any~~ academic term and fails
135 to maintain satisfactory participation in the Florida National
136 Guard during that academic term, the member shall reimburse the
137 Department of Military Affairs all tuition charges and student
138 fees for the academic term for which the member received
139 payment.

140 2. If a member of the Florida National Guard leaves the
141 Florida National Guard during the period specified in the
142 member's enlistment or reenlistment contract, the member shall
143 reimburse the Department of Military Affairs all tuition charges
144 and student fees for which the member received payments,
145 regardless of whether the obligation to reimburse the department
146 was incurred before, on, or after July 1, 2009, unless the

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147 Adjutant General finds that there are justifiable extenuating
148 circumstances.

149 3. If the service of a member of the Florida National
150 Guard is terminated or the member is placed on scholastic
151 probation while receiving payments, the member shall reimburse
152 the Department of Military Affairs all tuition charges and
153 student fees for the academic term for which the member received
154 payment.

155 4. If a member defaults on any reimbursement made under
156 this paragraph, the department may charge the member the maximum
157 interest rate authorized by law.

158 (9) For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of \$1.53
159 million in recurring funds is appropriated from the General
160 Revenue Fund to the Department of Military Affairs to supplement
161 the Educational Dollars for Duty program to ensure that Florida
162 National Guard members are rewarded for their service to the
163 country with the ability to pursue higher learning in the state
164 pursuant to provisions of subsections 250.10(7) and (8), Florida
165 Statutes.

166 Section 2. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of
167 \$250,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
168 Revenue Fund to the Department of Military Affairs for the
169 purpose of information technology upgrades to accommodate
170 administering and auditing the Educational Dollars for Duty
171 program.

172 Section 3. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 250.35,

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173 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

174 250.35 Courts-martial.—

175 (1) The Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 10 U.S.C.
176 ss. 801 et seq., and the Manual for Courts-Martial (2012 ~~2008~~
177 Edition) are adopted for use by the Florida National Guard,
178 except as otherwise provided by this chapter.

179 (2) Courts-martial may try a ~~any~~ member of the Florida
180 National Guard for any crime or offense made punishable by the
181 Uniform Code of Military Justice (2012 ~~2008~~ Edition), except
182 that a commissioned officer, warrant officer, or cadet may not
183 be tried by summary courts-martial.

184 Section 4. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section
185 265.0031, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

186 265.0031 Florida Veterans' Walk of Honor and Florida
187 Veterans' Memorial Garden.—

188 (1) To recognize and honor those military veterans who
189 have made significant contributions to the state through their
190 service to the United States, the Florida Veterans' Walk of
191 Honor and the Florida Veterans' Memorial Garden are established.

192 (2) The Florida Veterans' Walk of Honor and the Florida
193 Veterans' Memorial Garden shall be administered by the direct-
194 support organization of the Department of Veterans' Affairs
195 without funding from the state. However, donations made to the
196 Florida Veterans' Walk of Honor and the Florida Veterans'
197 Memorial Garden shall be credited to the direct-support
198 organization of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and used

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199 solely to support and maintain the Florida Veterans' Walk of
200 Honor, the Florida Veterans' Memorial Garden, and other efforts
201 of the direct-support organization.

202 (3) The Department of Management Services, in consultation
203 with the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the direct-support
204 organization of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, shall make
205 space available on the Capitol Complex grounds for the
206 construction of the Florida Veterans' Walk of Honor and the
207 Florida Veterans' Memorial Garden.

208 Section 5. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of
209 section 288.0001, Florida Statutes, to read:

210 288.0001 Economic Development Programs Evaluation.—The
211 Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of
212 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)
213 shall develop and present to the Governor, the President of the
214 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
215 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the Economic
216 Development Programs Evaluation.

217 (2) The Office of Economic and Demographic Research and
218 OPPAGA shall provide a detailed analysis of economic development
219 programs as provided in the following schedule:

220 (d) By January 1, 2019, and every 3 years thereafter, an
221 analysis of the grant and entrepreneur initiative programs
222 established under s. 295.21(3)(d) and (e).

223 Section 6. Section 295.065, Florida Statutes, is amended
224 to read:

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225 295.065 Legislative intent.—It is the intent of the
226 Legislature to provide preference and priority in the hiring
227 practices of this state as set forth in this chapter. ~~In~~ All
228 written job announcements and audio and video advertisements
229 used by employing agencies of the state and its political
230 subdivisions must include a notice stating, ~~there shall be a~~
231 ~~notation~~ that certain servicemembers, veterans, and spouses and
232 family members of veterans receive preference and priority in
233 employment by the state and are encouraged to apply for the
234 positions being filled.

235 Section 7. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 295.07,
236 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

237 295.07 Preference in appointment and retention.—

238 (1) The state and its political subdivisions ~~in the state~~
239 shall give preference in appointment and retention in positions
240 of employment to:

241 (a) Those disabled veterans:

242 1. Who have served on active duty in any branch of the
243 United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States,~~ have received
244 an honorable discharge ~~been separated therefrom under honorable~~
245 ~~conditions,~~ and have established the present existence of a
246 service-connected disability that ~~which~~ is compensable under
247 public laws administered by the United States ~~U.S.~~ Department of
248 Veterans ~~Veterans'~~ Affairs;; or

249 2. Who are receiving compensation, disability retirement
250 benefits, or pension by reason of public laws administered by

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251 the United States ~~U.S.~~ Department of Veterans ~~Veterans'~~ Affairs
252 and the United States Department of Defense.

253 (b) The spouse of a ~~any~~ person who has a total disability,
254 permanent in nature, resulting from a service-connected
255 disability and who, because of this disability, cannot qualify
256 for employment, and the spouse of a ~~any~~ person missing in
257 action, captured in line of duty by a hostile force, or forcibly
258 detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or
259 power.

260 (c) A wartime veteran ~~of any war~~ as defined in s.
261 1.01(14), who has. ~~The veteran must have served at least 1 day~~
262 ~~during a wartime period to be eligible for veterans' preference.~~
263 Active duty for training may shall not be allowed for
264 eligibility under this paragraph.

265 (d) The unremarried widow or widower of a veteran who died
266 of a service-connected disability.

267 (e) The mother, father, legal guardian, or unremarried
268 widow or widower of a member of the United States Armed Forces
269 who died in the line of duty under combat-related conditions, as
270 verified by the United States Department of Defense.

271 (f) A veteran as defined in s. 1.01(14). Active duty for
272 training may not be allowed for eligibility under this
273 paragraph.

274 (g) A current member of any reserve component of the
275 United States Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard.

276 (2) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall adopt rules

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277 to ensure that veterans are given special consideration in the
278 employing agency's selection and retention processes. The rules
279 must include the award of point values as articulated in s.
280 295.08, if applicable, or, where point values are not relevant,
281 must include procedures to ensure that veterans are given
282 special consideration at each step of the employment selection
283 process, unless the sponsoring governmental entity is a party to
284 a collective bargaining agreement, in which case the collective
285 bargaining agreement must comply within 90 days after ~~following~~
286 ratification of a successor collective bargaining agreement or
287 extension of an ~~any~~ existing collective bargaining agreement.

288 (3) Preference in employment and retention may be given
289 only to eligible persons who are described in subsection (1) ~~and~~
290 ~~who are residents of this state.~~

291 (4) The following positions are exempt from this section:

292 (a) Those positions that are exempt from the state Career
293 Service System under s. 110.205(2); however, all positions under
294 the University Support Personnel System of the State University
295 System as well as all Career Service System positions under the
296 Florida College System and the School for the Deaf and the
297 Blind, or the equivalent of such positions at state
298 universities, Florida College System institutions, or the School
299 for the Deaf and the Blind, are included.

300 (b) Positions in political subdivisions of the state which
301 are filled by officers elected by popular vote or persons
302 appointed to fill vacancies in such offices and the personal

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303 secretary of each such officer, members of boards and
304 commissions, persons employed on a temporary basis without
305 benefits, heads of departments, positions that require licensure
306 as a physician, licensure as an osteopathic physician, licensure
307 as a chiropractic physician, and positions that require that the
308 employee be a member of The Florida Bar.

309 Section 8. Section 295.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to
310 read:

311 295.08 Positions for which a numerically based selection
312 process is used.—For positions for which an examination is used
313 to determine the qualifications for entrance into employment
314 with the state or political subdivisions in the state, 15 points
315 shall be added to the earned ratings of a person included under
316 s. 295.07(1)(a) or (b), 10 points shall be added to the earned
317 ratings of a any person included under s. 295.07(1)(c), (d), or
318 (e) 295.07(1)(a) or (b), and 5 points shall be added to the
319 earned rating of a any person included under s. 295.07(1)(f) or
320 (g) 295.07(1)(c) and (d), if the person has obtained a
321 qualifying score on the examination for the position. The names
322 of persons eligible for preference shall be entered on an
323 appropriate register or list in accordance with their respective
324 augmented ratings. However, except for classes of positions with
325 Federal Government designations of professional or technician,
326 the names of all persons qualified to receive a 15-point ~~10-~~
327 ~~point~~ preference whose service-connected disabilities have been
328 rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its

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329 predecessor or the United States Department of Defense to be 30
330 percent or more shall be placed at the top of the appropriate
331 register or employment list, in accordance with their respective
332 augmented ratings. The respective augmented rating is the
333 examination score or evaluated score in addition to the
334 applicable veteran's preference points.

335 Section 9. Section 295.085, Florida Statutes, is amended
336 to read:

337 295.085 Positions for which a numerically based selection
338 process is not used.—In all positions in which the appointment
339 or employment of persons is not subject to a written
340 examination, with the exception of positions that are exempt
341 under s. 295.07(4), first preference in appointment, employment,
342 and retention shall be given by the state and political
343 subdivisions in the state to a person ~~persons~~ included under s.
344 295.07(1)(a) or (b) ~~295.07(1)(a) and (b)~~, and second preference
345 shall be given to a person ~~persons~~ included under s.
346 295.07(1)(c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) ~~295.07(1)(c) and (d)~~ who
347 possess the minimum qualifications necessary to discharge the
348 duties of the position involved.

349 Section 10. Section 295.188, Florida Statutes, is created
350 to read:

351 295.188 Private employment of veterans.—

352 (1) The Legislature intends to establish a permissive
353 preference in private employment for certain veterans.

354 (2) A private employer may adopt an employment policy that

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355 gives preference in hiring to an honorably discharged veteran,
356 as defined in s. 1.01(14), the spouse of a service-disabled
357 veteran, as described in s. 295.07(1)(b), or the unremarried
358 widow or widower of a veteran who died of a service-connected
359 disability, as described in s. 295.07(1)(d), or the unremarried
360 widow or widower of a member of the United States Armed Forces
361 who died in the line of duty under combat related conditions.
362 Such policy shall be applied uniformly to employment decisions
363 regarding hiring and promotion.

364 (3) These preferences are not considered violations of any
365 state or local equal employment opportunity law.

366 Section 11. Section 295.20, Florida Statutes, is created
367 to read:

368 295.20 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

369 (1) CREATION.—There is created within the Department of
370 Veterans' Affairs a nonprofit corporation, to be known as
371 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., which shall be registered,
372 incorporated, organized, and operated in compliance with chapter
373 617, and which is not a unit or entity of state government. As
374 used in this section and s. 295.21, unless the context indicates
375 otherwise, the term "corporation" means Florida Is For Veterans,
376 Inc. The corporation is a separate budget entity and is not
377 subject to the control, supervision, or direction of the
378 department in areas, including, but not limited to, personnel,
379 purchasing, transactions involving real or personal property, or
380 budgetary matters.

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381 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the corporation is to promote
382 Florida as a veteran-friendly state that seeks to equip veterans
383 for employment opportunities and that promotes the hiring of
384 veterans by the business community. The corporation should
385 encourage retired and recently separated military personnel to
386 keep or make Florida their permanent residence. The corporation
387 shall promote the value of military skill sets to Florida
388 businesses, assist in tailoring the training of veterans to
389 match the needs of the employment marketplace, and enhance the
390 entrepreneurial skills of veterans.

391 (3) DUTIES.—The corporation shall:

392 (a) Conduct research to identify the target market and the
393 educational and employment needs of those in the target market.
394 The corporation shall contract with one or more entities in
395 accordance with competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057
396 and the provisions of s. 295.187 to perform the research. Such
397 entity must have experience conducting market research on the
398 veteran demographic. The corporation shall seek input from the
399 Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation on the scope, process,
400 and focus of such research.

401 (b) Advise the Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation,
402 pursuant to s. 295.22, on:

- 403 1. The target market as identified in paragraph (a).
404 2. Development and implementation of a marketing campaign to
405 encourage members of the target market to remain in Florida or
406 to make Florida their permanent residence; and

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407 3. Methods for disseminating information to the target market
408 that target such information to the interests and needs of
409 veterans of all ages and facilitates veterans' knowledge of and
410 access to benefits.

411 (c) Promote and enhance the value of military skill sets
412 to businesses.

413 (d) Implement the Veterans Employment and Training
414 Services Program established by s. 295.21.

415 (e) Responsibly and prudently manage all funds received,
416 and ensure that the use of such funds is in accordance with all
417 applicable laws, bylaws, or contractual requirements.

418 (f) Administer the programs created in this section and s.
419 295.21.

420 (4) GOVERNANCE.—

421 (a) The corporation shall be governed by a 9-member board
422 of directors. The Governor, the President of the Senate, and
423 the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint
424 three members to the board. In making appointments, the
425 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
426 House of Representatives must consider representation by active
427 or retired military personnel and their spouses representing a
428 range of ages and persons with expertise in business, education,
429 marketing, and information management.

430 (b) The board of directors shall annually elect a
431 chairperson from among the board's members.

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432 (c) Each member of the board of directors shall be
433 appointed for a term of 4 years, except that, to achieve
434 staggered terms, the initial appointees of the Governor shall be
435 appointed to terms of 2 years. A member is ineligible for
436 reappointment to the board except that any member appointed to a
437 term of 2 years or less may be reappointed for an additional
438 term of 4 years. The initial appointments to the board must be
439 made by July 15, 2014. Vacancies on the board of directors shall
440 be filled by the officer who originally appointed the member. A
441 vacancy that occurs before the scheduled expiration of the term
442 of the member shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired
443 term.

444 (d) The Legislature finds that it is in the public
445 interest for the members of the board of directors to be subject
446 to the requirements of ss. 112.313, 112.3135, and 112.3143,
447 notwithstanding the fact that they are not public officers or
448 employees. For purposes of those sections, board members shall
449 be considered to be public officers or employees. In addition to
450 the postemployment restrictions of s. 112.313(9), a person
451 appointed to the board of directors may not have direct interest
452 in a contract, franchise, privilege, project, program, or other
453 benefit arising from an award by the corporation during the
454 appointment term and for 2 years after the termination of such
455 appointment. It is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable
456 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for a person to accept
457 appointment to the board of directors in violation of this

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458 subsection or to accept a direct interest in any contract,
459 franchise, privilege, project, program, or other benefit granted
460 by the corporation to an awardee within 2 years after the
461 termination of his or her service on the board. Further, each
462 member of the board of directors who is not otherwise required
463 to file financial disclosure under s. 8, Art. II of the State
464 Constitution or s. 112.3144 shall file a statement of financial
465 interests under s. 112.3145.

466 (e) Each member of the board of directors shall serve
467 without compensation, but shall receive reimbursement for travel
468 and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061 while performing
469 his or her duties.

470 (f) Each member of the board of directors is accountable
471 for the proper performance of the duties of office and owes a
472 fiduciary duty to the people of this state to ensure that awards
473 provided are disbursed and used as prescribed by law and
474 contract. An appointed member of the board of directors may be
475 removed by the officer who appointed the member for malfeasance,
476 misfeasance, neglect of duty, incompetence, permanent inability
477 to perform official duties, unexcused absence from three
478 consecutive board meetings, arrest, or indictment for a crime
479 that is a felony or a misdemeanor involving theft or a crime of
480 dishonesty, or pleading nolo contendere to or being found guilty
481 of any crime.

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482 (g) A majority of the members of the board of directors
483 constitutes a quorum. Council meetings may be held via
484 teleconference or other electronic means.

485 (5) POWERS.—In addition to the powers and duties
486 prescribed in chapter 617 and the articles and bylaws adopted
487 thereunder, the board of directors may:

488 (a) Make and enter into contracts and other instruments
489 necessary or convenient for the exercise of its powers and
490 functions. However, notwithstanding s. 617.0302, the corporation
491 may not issue bonds.

492 (b) Make expenditures, including any necessary
493 administrative expenditure.

494 (c) Adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws, consistent with the
495 powers granted to it under this section or the articles of
496 incorporation, for the administration of the activities of the
497 corporation, and the exercise of its corporate powers.

498 (d) Accept funding for its programs and activities from
499 federal, state, local, and private sources.

500 (e) Adopt and register a fictitious name for use in its
501 marketing activities.

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503 The credit of the State of Florida may not be pledged on behalf
504 of the corporation.

505 (6) APPLICABILITY OF PUBLIC RECORDS AND MEETINGS LAWS.—The
506 corporation is subject to the provisions of chapters 119 and 286
507 relating to public records and meetings, respectively.

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(7) STAFFING AND ASSISTANCE.—

(a) The corporation is authorized to hire or contract for all staff necessary for the proper execution of its powers and duties. All employees of the corporation shall comply with the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees under part III of chapter 112. Corporation staff must agree to refrain from having any direct interest in any contract, franchise, privilege, project, program, or other benefit arising from an award by the corporation during the term of their appointment and for 2 years after the termination of such appointment.

(b) All agencies of the state are authorized and directed to provide such technical assistance as the corporation may require to identify programs within each agency which provide assistance or benefits to veterans who are located in this state or who are considering relocation to this state.

(c) The Department of Veterans' Affairs may authorize the corporation's use of the department's property, facilities, and personnel services, subject to this section. The department may prescribe by contract any condition with which the corporation must comply in order to use the department's property, facilities, or personnel services.

(d) The department may not authorize the use of its property, facilities, or personnel services if the corporation does not provide equal employment opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin.

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534 (8) REPORTS.—The corporation shall submit an annual
535 progress report and work plan by each December 1 to the
536 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
537 House of Representatives. The report must include:

538 (a) Status and summary of findings regarding the target
539 market, veteran benefits, and any identified gaps in services.

540 (b) Status of the marketing campaign, delivery systems of
541 the marketing campaign, and outreach to the target market.

542 (c) Status of the Veterans Employment and Training
543 Services Program administered under s. 295.21.

544 (d) Proposed revisions or additions to performance
545 measurements for the programs administered by the corporation.

546 (e) Identification of contracts that the corporation has
547 entered into to carry out its duties.

548 (f) An annual compliance and financial audit of accounts
549 and records for the previous fiscal year prepared by an
550 independent certified public accountant in accordance with rules
551 adopted by the Auditor General.

552 (9) Any and all moneys and property held by the
553 corporation shall revert to the state if the corporation ceases
554 to exist.

555 Section 12. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of
556 \$56,768 in recurring and \$4,258 in nonrecurring funds are
557 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of
558 Veterans' Affairs and 1 full-time equivalent position and
559 associated salary rate of 36,350 is authorized to assist Florida

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560 Is For Veterans, Inc., in performing state financial activities.
561 The funds appropriated in this section shall be released in
562 accordance with the provisions of section 216.192, Florida
563 Statutes.

564 Section 13. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of
565 \$344,106 in recurring funds and \$14,391 in nonrecurring funds
566 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Department
567 of Veterans' Affairs for the purpose of funding the costs for
568 start-up, staffing and general operations of the Florida Is For
569 Veterans, Inc. The funds appropriated in this section shall be
570 released in accordance with the provisions of section 216.192,
571 Florida Statutes.

572 Section 14. By February 1, 2018, the Office of Program
573 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall conduct a
574 performance audit of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc. The audit
575 shall assess the implementation and outcomes of activities under
576 ss. 295.20 and 295.21, Florida Statutes, and evaluate the
577 corporation's accomplishments and progress toward making Florida
578 a veteran-friendly state. The audit must provide recommendations
579 for any necessary improvements. The report of the audit's
580 findings shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and
581 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

582 Section 15. Section 295.21, Florida Statutes, is created
583 to read:

584 295.21 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.-

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585 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—The Legislature finds
586 that this state has a compelling interest in ensuring that each
587 veteran who is a resident of this state finds employment that
588 meets his or her professional goals and receives the training or
589 education necessary to meet those goals. The Legislature also
590 finds that connecting dedicated, well-trained veterans with
591 businesses that need a dedicated, well-trained workforce is of
592 paramount importance. The Legislature recognizes that veterans
593 may not currently have the skills to meet the workforce needs of
594 Florida employers and may require assistance in obtaining
595 additional workforce training or in transitioning their skills
596 to meet the demands of the marketplace. It is the intent of the
597 Legislature that the Veterans Employment and Training Services
598 Program coordinate and meet the needs of veterans and the
599 business community to enhance the economy of this state.

600 (2) CREATION.—The Veterans Employment and Training
601 Services Program is created within the Department of Veterans'
602 Affairs to assist in linking veterans in search of employment
603 with businesses seeking to hire dedicated, well-trained workers.
604 The purpose of the program is to meet the workforce demands of
605 Florida businesses by facilitating access to training and
606 education in high-demand fields for veterans.

607 (3) ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall
608 administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program
609 and perform all of the following functions:

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610 (a) Conduct marketing and recruiting efforts directed at
611 veterans who reside in or who have an interest in relocating to
612 this state and who are seeking employment. Marketing must
613 include information related to how a veteran's military
614 experience can be valuable to a business. Such efforts may
615 include attending veteran job fairs and events, hosting events
616 for veterans or the business community, and using digital and
617 social media and direct mail campaigns. The corporation shall
618 also include such marketing as part of its main marketing
619 campaign.

620 (b) Assist veterans who reside in or relocate to this
621 state and who are seeking employment. The corporation shall
622 offer skills assessments to veterans and assist them in
623 establishing employment goals and applying for and achieving
624 gainful employment.

625 1. Assessment may include skill match information, skill
626 gap analysis, resume creation, translation of military skills
627 into civilian workforce skills, and translation of military
628 achievements and experience to generally understood civilian
629 workforce skills.

630 2. Assistance may include providing the veteran with
631 information on current workforce demand by industry or
632 geographic region, creating employment goals, and aiding or
633 teaching general knowledge related to completing applications.
634 The corporation may provide information related to industry
635 certifications approved by the Department of Education under s.

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636 1008.44 as well as information related to earning academic
637 college credit at public postsecondary educational institutions
638 for college-level training and education acquired in the
639 military under s. 1004.096.

640 3. The corporation shall encourage veterans to register
641 with the state's job bank system and may refer veterans to local
642 one-stop career centers for further services. The corporation
643 shall provide each veteran with information about state
644 workforce programs and shall consolidate information about all
645 available resources on one website that, if possible, includes a
646 hyperlink to each resource's website and contact information, if
647 available. If appropriate, a veteran shall be encouraged to
648 participate in the Complete Florida Degree Program established
649 under s. 1006.735.

650 4. Assessment and assistance may be in person or by
651 electronic means, as determined by the corporation to be most
652 efficient and best meet the needs of veterans.

653 (c) Assist Florida businesses in recruiting and hiring
654 veterans. The corporation shall provide services to Florida
655 businesses to meet their hiring needs by connecting businesses
656 with suitable veteran applicants for employment. Suitable
657 applicants include veterans who have appropriate job skills or
658 may need additional training to meet a business's specific
659 needs. The corporation shall also provide information about the
660 state and federal benefits of hiring veterans.

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661 (d) Create a grant program to provide funding to assist
662 veterans in meeting the workforce-skill needs of businesses
663 seeking to hire veterans, establish criteria for approval of
664 requests for funding, and maximize the use of funding for this
665 program. Grant funds may be used only in the absence of
666 available veteran-specific federally funded programs. Grants may
667 fund specialized training specific to a particular business.

668 1. Grant funds may be allocated to any training provider
669 selected by the business, including a career center, a Florida
670 College System institution, a state university, or an in-house
671 training provider of the business. If grant funds are used to
672 provide a technical certificate, a licensure, or a degree, funds
673 may be allocated only upon a review that includes, but is not
674 limited to, accreditation and licensure documentation.
675 Instruction funded through the program must terminate when
676 participants demonstrate competence at the level specified in
677 the request; however, the grant term may not exceed 48 months.
678 Preference shall be given to target industry businesses, as
679 defined in s. 288.106, and to businesses in the defense supply,
680 cloud virtualization, or commercial aviation manufacturing
681 industries.

682 2. Costs and expenditures for the grant program must be
683 documented and separated from those incurred by the training
684 provider. Costs and expenditures shall be limited to \$8,000 per
685 veteran trainee. Eligible costs and expenditures include:

686 a. Tuition and fees;

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- 687 b. Curriculum development;
688 c. Books and classroom materials;
689 d. Rental fees for facilities at public colleges and
690 universities, including virtual training labs; and
691 e. Overhead or indirect costs not to exceed 5 percent of
692 the grant amount.
- 693 3. Before funds are allocated for a request pursuant to
694 this section, the corporation shall prepare a grant agreement
695 between the business requesting funds, the educational
696 institution or training provider receiving funding through the
697 program, and the corporation. Such agreement must include, but
698 need not be limited to:
- 699 a. Identification of the personnel necessary to conduct
700 the instructional program, the qualifications of such personnel,
701 and the respective responsibilities of the parties for paying
702 costs associated with the employment of such personnel.
- 703 b. Identification of the match provided by the business,
704 including cash and in-kind contributions, equal to at least 50
705 percent of the total grant amount.
- 706 c. Identification of the estimated duration of the
707 instructional program.
- 708 d. Identification of all direct, training-related costs.
709 e. Identification of special program requirements that are
710 not otherwise addressed in the agreement.
- 711 f. Permission to access aggregate information specific to
712 the wages and performance of participants upon the completion of

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713 instruction for evaluation purposes. The agreement must specify
714 that any evaluation published subsequent to the instruction may
715 not identify the employer or any individual participant.

716 4. A business may receive a grant under the Quick-Response
717 Training Program created under s. 288.047 and a grant under this
718 section for the same veteran trainee. If a business receives
719 funds under both programs, one grant agreement may be entered
720 into with Workforce Florida, Inc., as the grant administrator.

721 (e) Contract with one or more entities to administer an
722 entrepreneur initiative program for veterans in this state which
723 connects Florida's business leaders with veterans seeking to
724 become entrepreneurs.

725 1. The corporation shall award each contract in accordance
726 with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 to one
727 or more public or private universities that:

728 a. Demonstrate the ability to implement the program and
729 the commitment of university resources, including financial
730 resources, to such programs;

731 b. Have a military and veteran resource center;

732 c. Have a regional small business development center in
733 the Florida Small Business Development Center Network; and

734 d. As determined by the corporation, have been nationally
735 recognized for commitment to the military and veterans.

736 2. Each contract must include performance metrics,
737 including a focus on employment and business creation. Each
738 university must coordinate with any entrepreneurship center

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739 located at the university. The university may also work with an
740 entity offering related programs to refer veterans or to provide
741 services. The entrepreneur initiative program may include
742 activities and assistance such as peer-to-peer learning
743 sessions, mentoring, technical assistance, business roundtables,
744 networking opportunities, support of student organizations,
745 speaker series, or other tools within a virtual environment.

746 (4) Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall submit a report
747 to the Legislative Budget Commission, through the Florida
748 Department of Veterans' Affairs, in accordance with the
749 provisions of section 216.177, Florida Statutes, that provides a
750 plan for the general operations of the corporation, including
751 the fulfillment of the corporation's purpose, duties, and goals
752 as provided in this Act. The report shall include specific
753 performance measures by which the corporation and its functions
754 shall be evaluated. The report shall include details of the
755 corporation's existing expenditures and obligations, as well as
756 a budget and timelines for expected expenditures related both to
757 general operations and to products, services, and grants to be
758 provided under programs the corporation is charged with
759 administering. The Legislative Budget Commission approval of
760 measures is required prior to expending any funds for the duties
761 required under this section. The report shall be submitted to
762 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
763 Representatives, and the chair and vice chair of the Legislative
764 Budget Commission by August 15, 2014.

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765 (5) DUTIES OF ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, INC.—Enterprise Florida,
766 Inc., shall provide information about the corporation and its
767 services to prospective, new, expanding, and relocating
768 businesses seeking to conduct business in this state. Enterprise
769 Florida, Inc., shall, to the greatest extent possible,
770 collaborate with the corporation to meet the employment needs,
771 including meeting job creation requirements, of any business
772 receiving assistance or services from Enterprise Florida, Inc.

773 Section 16. Section 295.22, Florida Statutes, is created
774 to read:

775 295.22 Veterans Research and Marketing Campaign -

776 (1) The Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation shall:

777 (a) Provide input to Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., on
778 research to identify the target market and the educational and
779 employment needs of those in the target market.

780 (b) Develop and conduct a marketing campaign to encourage
781 retired and recently separated military personnel to remain in
782 Florida or to make Florida their permanent residence.

783 (c) Develop a process for the dissemination of information
784 to the target market and targeting that information to the
785 interests and needs of veterans of all ages, and which
786 facilitates veterans' knowledge of and access to benefits.

787 (2) The Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation shall seek
788 advice from Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., on the scope, process
789 and focus of the marketing campaign. Input must be received
790 prior to any invitations to bid, requests for proposals, or

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791 invitations to negotiate for contracted services. Florida Is For
792 Veterans, Inc., shall be kept informed at each stage of the
793 marketing campaign and may provide recommendations to the
794 Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation to ensure that the effort
795 effectively reaches veterans.

796 (3) For the purposes of this section, the Tourism Industry
797 Marketing Corporation shall expend \$1,000,000 annually on
798 marketing Florida to veterans as a permanent home and on
799 information dissemination to improve veterans' knowledge of and
800 access to benefits through a combination of existing funds
801 appropriated to the Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation by
802 the Legislature and private funds. For Fiscal Year 2014-2015,
803 the Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation shall provide Florida
804 Is For Veterans, Inc., \$300,000 to conduct market research
805 pursuant to 295.20(3)(a).

806 (4) The Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation and Florida
807 Is For Veterans, Inc., shall jointly develop, and submit to the
808 Legislative Budget Commission, through the Department of
809 Economic Opportunity and in accordance with the provisions of s.
810 216.177, specific performance measures by which the research and
811 marketing campaign shall be evaluated. The Tourism Industry
812 Marketing Corporation and Florida Is For Veterans, Inc. shall
813 jointly submit, through the Department of Economic Opportunity,
814 the report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
815 House of Representatives, and the chair and vice chair of the
816 Legislative Budget Commission by August 15, 2014. The

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817 Legislative Budget Commission approval of measures is required
818 prior to expending any funds for the duties required under this
819 section.

820 Section 17. By February 2, 2016, Florida Is For Veterans,
821 Inc., shall submit a report to the Governor, the President of
822 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
823 identifying existing gaps in veteran resources and recommending
824 best practices that may be employed in assisting veterans and
825 improvements to current or new resources and programs.

826 Section 18. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
827 296.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

828 296.06 State policy; eligibility requirements.-

829 (2) To be eligible for residency in the home, a veteran
830 must:

831 (b) ~~Have been a resident of the state for 1 year~~
832 ~~immediately preceding application and~~ Be a resident of the state
833 at the time of application.

834 Section 19. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
835 296.36, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

836 296.36 Eligibility and priority of admittance.-

837 (1) To be eligible for admittance to the home, the person
838 must be a veteran as provided in s. 1.01(14) or have eligible
839 peacetime service as defined in s. 296.02 and must:

840 (b) Be ~~Have been~~ a resident of the state ~~for 1 year~~
841 ~~immediately preceding, and~~ at the time of application for
842 admission to the home.

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843 Section 20. Section 322.031, Florida Statutes, is amended
844 to read:

845 322.031 Nonresident; when license required.—

846 (1) In each ~~every~~ case in which a nonresident, except a
847 nonresident migrant or seasonal farm worker as defined in s.
848 316.003(61), accepts employment or engages in any trade,
849 profession, or occupation in this state or enters his or her
850 children to be educated in the public schools of this state,
851 such nonresident shall, within 30 days after beginning ~~the~~
852 ~~commencement~~ of such employment or education, be required to
853 obtain a Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license if such nonresident
854 operates a motor vehicle on the highways of this state. The
855 spouse or dependent child of such nonresident shall also be
856 required to obtain a Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license within that
857 30-day period before ~~prior to~~ operating a motor vehicle on the
858 highways of this state.

859 (2) A member of the United States Armed Forces on active
860 duty in this state, his or her spouse, or a dependent residing
861 with him or her, is shall not be required to obtain or display a
862 Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license if he or she is in possession of
863 a valid military identification card and either a valid driver
864 license or learner's permit issued by another state, or a valid
865 military driving permit. Such a person is not required to obtain
866 or display a Florida driver license under this section solely
867 because he or she enters his or her children to be educated in
868 the public schools of this state or because he or she accepts

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869 employment or engages in a trade, profession, or occupation in
870 this state ~~if he or she has a valid military driving permit or a~~
871 ~~valid driver's license issued by another state.~~

872 (3) A nonresident who is domiciled in another state and
873 who commutes into this state in order to work is ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~
874 required to obtain a Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license under this
875 section solely because he or she has accepted employment or
876 engages in a ~~any~~ trade, profession, or occupation in this state
877 if he or she has a valid driver ~~driver's~~ license issued by
878 another state. Further, a ~~any~~ person who is enrolled as a
879 student in a college or university and who is a nonresident but
880 is in this state for a period of up to 6 months engaged in a
881 work-study program for which academic credits are earned from a
882 college whose credits or degrees are accepted for credit by at
883 least three accredited institutions of higher learning, as
884 defined in s. 1005.02, is ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~ required to obtain a
885 Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license for the duration of the work-
886 study program if such person has a valid driver ~~driver's~~ license
887 issued by another state. A ~~Any~~ nonresident who is enrolled as a
888 full-time student in ~~any~~ such institution of higher learning is
889 also exempt from the requirement of obtaining a Florida driver
890 ~~driver's~~ license for the duration of such enrollment.

891 (4) A nonresident who is at least 21 years of age and who
892 has in his or her immediate possession a valid commercial driver
893 ~~driver's~~ license issued in substantial compliance with the
894 Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 may operate a motor

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895 vehicle of the type permitted by his or her license to be
896 operated in this state.

897 Section 21. Subsection (5) of section 322.121, Florida
898 Statutes, is amended to read:

899 322.121 Periodic reexamination of all drivers.-

900 (5) A member ~~Members~~ of the United States Armed Forces,
901 his or her spouse, or a dependent ~~their dependents~~ residing with
902 him or her ~~them~~, shall be granted an automatic extension for the
903 expiration of his or her ~~their~~ Class E license ~~licenses~~ without
904 reexamination while the member of the United States Armed Forces
905 is serving on active duty outside this state. This extension is
906 valid for 90 days after the member of the United States Armed
907 Forces is either discharged or returns to this state to live.

908 Section 22. Subsection (12) of section 455.213, Florida
909 Statutes, is amended to read:

910 455.213 General licensing provisions.-

911 (12) The department shall waive the initial licensing fee,
912 the initial application fee, and the initial unlicensed activity
913 fee for a military veteran or his or her spouse at the time of
914 discharge, if he or she ~~who~~ applies to the department for a
915 license, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 ~~24~~
916 months after the veteran is discharged ~~discharge~~ from any branch
917 of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for this waiver,
918 the veteran must have been honorably discharged.

919 Section 23. Subsection (13) of section 456.013, Florida
920 Statutes, is amended to read:

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921 456.013 Department; general licensing provisions.—

922 (13) The department shall waive the initial licensing fee,
923 the initial application fee, and the initial unlicensed activity
924 fee for a military veteran or his or her spouse at the time of
925 discharge, if he or she ~~who~~ applies to the department for an
926 initial license within 60 ~~24~~ months after the veteran is being
927 honorably discharged from any branch of the United States Armed
928 Forces. The applicant must apply for the fee waiver using a form
929 prescribed by the department and must submit supporting
930 documentation as required by the department.

931 Section 24. Subsection (3) of section 456.024, Florida
932 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (4), respectively, and
933 subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

934 456.024 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with
935 administrative boards or the department; spouses; licensure.—

936 (3) A person who serves or has served as a health care
937 practitioner in the United States Armed Forces, including its
938 Reserve and National Guard components, and a person who serves
939 or has served on active duty with the United States Armed Forces
940 as a health care practitioner in the United States Public Health
941 Service, is eligible for licensure in this state. The department
942 shall develop an application form and each board, or the
943 department if there is no board, shall waive the application
944 fee, licensure fee, and unlicensed activity fee for such
945 applicants. For purposes of this subsection, "health care
946 practitioner" means a health care practitioner as defined in s.

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947 456.001, and any person licensed under part III of chapter 401
948 or part IV of chapter 468.

949 (a) The board, or department if there is no board, shall
950 issue a license to practice in this state to any person who:

951 1. Submits a complete application;

952 2. Received or will receive an honorable discharge within 6
953 months of the date of submission;

954 3. Holds an active, unencumbered license issued by another
955 state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of
956 the United States, and no disciplinary action has been taken
957 against the license in the 5 years prior to submission;

958 4. Attests that the applicant is not, at the time of
959 submission, the subject of a disciplinary proceeding in any
960 jurisdiction in which the applicant holds a license, or by the
961 Department of Defense, for reasons related to the practice of
962 the profession for which the applicant is applying;

963 5. Actively practiced the profession for which the
964 applicant is applying for the 3 years prior to the date of
965 submission;

966 6. Submits a set of fingerprints for use as defined in s.
967 456.0135, if required for the profession for which the applicant
968 is applying.

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970 The department shall verify information submitted by the
971 applicant under this subsection using the National Practitioner
972 Data Bank.

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973 (b) Each applicant who meets the requirements of this
974 subsection shall be licensed with all rights and
975 responsibilities as defined by law. The applicable board, or
976 department if there is no board, may deny an application if the
977 applicant has been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to,
978 regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to
979 the practice of a health care profession regulated by this
980 state.

981 (c) An applicant for initial licensure under this
982 subsection must submit the information required by s. 456.039(1)
983 and 456.0391(1) no later than one year after the license is
984 issued.

985 Section 25. Subsections (3) through (5) of section
986 458.315, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2)
987 through (4), respectively, and subsections (1) and (2) of that
988 section, are amended to read:

989 458.315 Temporary certificate for practice in areas of
990 critical need.—

991 ~~(1) A certificate issued pursuant to this section may be~~
992 ~~eited as the "Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., Temporary~~
993 ~~Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need."~~

994 (1)(2) Any physician who:

995 ~~(a) Is licensed to practice in any jurisdiction in the~~
996 ~~United States and whose license is currently valid; or~~

997 ~~(b) Has served as a physician in the United States Armed~~
998 ~~Forces for at least 10 years and received an honorable discharge~~

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999 ~~from the military;~~

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1001 and who pays an application fee of \$300 may be issued a
1002 temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need.

1003 Section 26. Section 458.3151, Florida Statutes, is created
1004 to read:

1005 458.3151 Temporary certificate for active duty military
1006 and veterans practicing in areas of critical need.—

1007 (1) A certificate issued pursuant to this section may be
1008 cited as the "Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., Temporary
1009 Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need."

1010 (2) The board may issue a temporary certificate to a
1011 physician who complies with subsection (3) and who will:

1012 (a) Practice in an area of critical need;

1013 (b) Be employed by or practice in a county health
1014 department; correctional facility; Department of Veterans'
1015 Affairs clinic; community health center funded by s. 329, s.
1016 330, or s. 340 of the United States Public Health Services Act;
1017 or other agency or institution that is approved by the State
1018 Surgeon General and provides health care to meet the needs of
1019 underserved populations in this state; or

1020 (c) Practice for a limited time to address critical
1021 physician-specialty, demographic, or geographic needs for this
1022 state's physician workforce as determined by the State Surgeon
1023 General.

1024 (3) To be eligible for a temporary certificate, a

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1025 physician must submit to the board:

1026 (a) A complete application.

1027 (b) Proof of an active and valid license to practice in a
1028 jurisdiction in the United States.

1029 (c) If on active duty, a letter from the physician's
1030 military command authorizing the physician to practice medicine
1031 at an approved entity in an area of critical need.

1032 (d) Documentation demonstrating the physician is serving
1033 on active duty in the United States Armed Forces as a
1034 commissioned medical officer or has served as a commissioned
1035 medical officer in the United States Armed Forces for at least
1036 10 years and received an honorable discharge from the military.

1037 (4) The board shall use a simplified application for a
1038 temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need to
1039 reduce administrative impediments and maximize participation.

1040 (5) The application fee and all licensure fees, including
1041 neurological injury compensation assessments, shall be waived
1042 for an applicant obtaining a temporary certificate to practice
1043 in areas of critical need for the purpose of providing
1044 volunteer, uncompensated care for low-income residents. The
1045 applicant must submit an affidavit from the employing agency or
1046 institution stating that the physician will not receive any
1047 compensation for any service involving the practice of medicine.

1048 (6) (a) Within 60 days after receipt of a complete
1049 application for a temporary certificate, the board shall review
1050 the application and associated documentation and:

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1051 1. Issue the temporary certificate;

1052 2. Deny the temporary certificate; or

1053 3. Require the applicant to complete additional
1054 assessment, training, education, or other requirements as a
1055 condition of certification. The board shall issue a temporary
1056 certificate upon receipt of documentation demonstrating that the
1057 requirements of the board have been met.

1058 (b) If an applicant has not actively practiced medicine
1059 during the prior 3 years and the board determines the applicant
1060 may lack clinical competency, possess diminished or inadequate
1061 skills, lack necessary medical knowledge, or exhibit patterns of
1062 deficits in clinical decisionmaking, the board may, within 10
1063 days after receipt of a complete application:

1064 1. Deny the application;

1065 2. Issue a temporary certificate having reasonable
1066 restrictions, including, but not limited to, a requirement that
1067 the applicant practice under the supervision of a physician
1068 approved by the board; or

1069 3. Issue a temporary certificate upon receipt of
1070 documentation confirming that the applicant has met any
1071 reasonable conditions of the board, including, but not limited
1072 to, completing continuing education or undergoing an assessment
1073 of skills and training.

1074 (c) The board may not issue a temporary certificate for
1075 practice in areas of critical need to a physician who is under
1076 investigation in any jurisdiction in the United States for an

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1077 act that would constitute a violation of this chapter until such
1078 time as the investigation is complete, at which time the
1079 provisions of s. 458.331 apply.

1080 (7) The recipient of a temporary certificate for practice
1081 in areas of critical need shall, within 30 days after accepting
1082 employment, notify the board of all approved institutions in
1083 which the licensee practices and of all approved institutions
1084 where practice privileges have been denied. A physician holding
1085 a temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need
1086 may enter into a contract to provide volunteer health care
1087 services pursuant to s. 766.1115.

1088 (8) A temporary certificate issued under this section is
1089 valid only so long as the State Surgeon General determines that
1090 the reason for which it was issued remains a critical need to
1091 the state. The board shall review each temporary
1092 certificateholder at least annually to ascertain compliance with
1093 the minimum requirements of this section and with this chapter
1094 and its adopted rules. If it is determined that such minimum
1095 requirements are not being met, the board shall revoke such
1096 certificate or shall impose restrictions or conditions, or both,
1097 as a condition of continued practice under the certificate.

1098 Section 27. Subsections (3) through (5) of section
1099 459.0076, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2)
1100 through (4), respectively, and subsections (1) and (2) of that
1101 section are, amended to read:

1102 459.0076 Temporary certificate for practice in areas of

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1103 critical need.-

1104 ~~(1) A certificate issued pursuant to this section may be~~
1105 ~~cited as the "Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., Temporary~~
1106 ~~Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need."~~

1107 (1)(2) Any physician who:

1108 ~~(a) Is licensed to practice in any jurisdiction in the~~
1109 ~~United States and whose license is currently valid; or~~

1110 ~~(b) Has served as a physician in the United States Armed~~
1111 ~~Forces for at least 10 years and received an honorable discharge~~
1112 ~~from the military;~~

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1114 and who pays an application fee of \$300 may be issued a
1115 temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need.

1116 Section 28. Section 459.00761, Florida Statutes, is
1117 created to read:

1118 459.00761 Temporary certificate for active duty military
1119 and veterans practicing in areas of critical need.-

1120 (1) A certificate issued pursuant to this section may be
1121 cited as the "Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., Temporary
1122 Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need."

1123 (2) The board may issue a temporary certificate to a
1124 physician who complies with subsection (3) and who will:

1125 (a) Practice in an area of critical need;

1126 (b) Be employed by or practice in a county health
1127 department; correctional facility; Department of Veterans'
1128 Affairs clinic; community health center funded by s. 329, s.

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1129 330, or s. 340 of the United States Public Health Services Act;
1130 or other agency or institution that is approved by the State
1131 Surgeon General and provides health care to meet the needs of
1132 underserved populations in this state; or

1133 (c) Practice for a limited time to address critical
1134 physician-specialty, demographic, or geographic needs for this
1135 state's physician workforce as determined by the State Surgeon
1136 General.

1137 (3) To be eligible for a temporary certificate, a
1138 physician must submit to the board:

1139 (a) A complete application.

1140 (b) Proof of an active and valid license to practice in
1141 any jurisdiction in the United States.

1142 (c) If on active duty, a letter from the physician's
1143 military command authorizing the physician to practice medicine
1144 at an approved entity in an area of critical need.

1145 (d) Documentation demonstrating the physician is serving
1146 on active duty in the United States Armed Forces as a
1147 commissioned medical officer or has served as a commissioned
1148 medical officer in the United States Armed Forces for at least
1149 10 years and received an honorable discharge from the military.

1150 (4) The board shall use a simplified application for a
1151 temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need to
1152 reduce administrative impediments and maximize participation.

1153 (5) The application fee and all licensure fees, including
1154 neurological injury compensation assessments, shall be waived

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1155 for an applicant obtaining a temporary certificate to practice
1156 in areas of critical need for the purpose of providing
1157 volunteer, uncompensated care for low-income residents. The
1158 applicant must submit an affidavit from the employing agency or
1159 institution stating that the physician will not receive any
1160 compensation for any service involving the practice of medicine.

1161 (6) (a) Within 60 days after receipt of a complete
1162 application for a temporary certificate, the board shall review
1163 the application and associated documentation and:

1164 1. Issue the temporary certificate;
1165 2. Deny the temporary certificate; or
1166 3. Require the applicant to complete additional
1167 assessment, training, education, or other requirements as a
1168 condition of certification. The board shall issue a temporary
1169 certificate upon receipt of documentation demonstrating that the
1170 requirements of the board have been met.

1171 (b) If an applicant has not actively practiced medicine
1172 during the prior 3 years and the board determines the applicant
1173 may lack clinical competency, possess diminished or inadequate
1174 skills, lack necessary medical knowledge, or exhibit patterns of
1175 deficits in clinical decisionmaking, the board may, within 10
1176 days after receipt of a complete application:

1177 1. Deny the application;
1178 2. Issue a temporary certificate having reasonable
1179 restrictions, including, but not limited to, a requirement that
1180 the applicant practice under the supervision of a physician

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1181 approved by the board; or

1182 3. Issue a temporary certificate upon receipt of
1183 documentation confirming that the applicant has met any
1184 reasonable conditions of the board, including, but not limited
1185 to, completing continuing education or undergoing an assessment
1186 of skills and training.

1187 (c) The board may not issue a temporary certificate for
1188 practice in areas of critical need to a physician who is under
1189 investigation in any jurisdiction in the United States for an
1190 act that would constitute a violation of this chapter until such
1191 time as the investigation is complete, at which time the
1192 provisions of s. 459.015 apply.

1193 (7) The recipient of a temporary certificate for practice
1194 in areas of critical need shall, within 30 days after accepting
1195 employment, notify the board of all approved institutions in
1196 which the licensee practices and of all approved institutions
1197 where practice privileges have been denied. A physician holding
1198 a temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need
1199 may enter into a contract to provide volunteer health care
1200 services pursuant to s. 766.1115.

1201 (8) A temporary certificate issued under this section is
1202 valid as long as the State Surgeon General determines that the
1203 reason for which it was issued remains a critical need to the
1204 state. The board shall review each temporary certificateholder
1205 at least annually to ascertain compliance with the minimum
1206 requirements of this section and with this chapter and its

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1207 adopted rules. If it is determined that such minimum
1208 requirements are not being met, the board shall revoke such
1209 certificate or shall impose restrictions or conditions, or both,
1210 as a condition of continued practice under the certificate.

1211 Section 29. Subsection (1) of section 468.304, Florida
1212 Statutes, is amended to read:

1213 468.304 Certification.—The department shall certify any
1214 applicant who meets the following criteria:

1215 (1) Pays to the department a nonrefundable fee that may
1216 not exceed \$100, plus the actual per-applicant cost to the
1217 department for purchasing the examination from a national
1218 organization. The department shall waive the initial application
1219 fee for a military veteran or his or her spouse at the time of
1220 discharge, if he or she ~~who~~ applies to the department for an
1221 initial certification within 60 ~~24~~ months after the veteran is
1222 ~~being~~ honorably discharged from any branch of the United States
1223 Armed Forces. The applicant must apply for the fee waiver using
1224 a form prescribed by the department and must submit supporting
1225 documentation as required by the department. This waiver does
1226 not include the fee for purchasing the examination from a
1227 national organization.

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1229 The department may not certify any applicant who has committed
1230 an offense that would constitute a violation of any of the
1231 provisions of s. 468.3101 or applicable rules if the applicant
1232 had been certified by the department at the time of the offense.

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1233 An application for a limited computed tomography certificate may
1234 not be accepted. A person holding a valid computed tomography
1235 certificate as of October 1, 1984, is subject to s. 468.309.

1236 Section 30. Paragraph (b) of subsection (16) of section
1237 499.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1238 499.012 Permit application requirements.—

1239 (16)

1240 (b) To be certified as a designated representative, a
1241 natural person must:

1242 1. Submit an application on a form furnished by the
1243 department and pay the appropriate fees.†

1244 2. Be at least 18 years of age.†

1245 3. Have at least ~~not less than~~ 2 years of verifiable full-
1246 time:

1247 a. Work experience in a pharmacy licensed in this state or
1248 another state, where the person's responsibilities included, but
1249 were not limited to, recordkeeping for prescription drugs; ~~†, or~~
1250 ~~have not less than 2 years of verifiable full-time~~

1251 b. Managerial experience with a prescription drug
1252 wholesale distributor licensed in this state or in another
1253 state; or

1254 c. Managerial experience with the United States Armed
1255 Forces, where the person's responsibilities included, but were
1256 not limited to, recordkeeping, warehousing, distribution, or
1257 other logistics services pertaining to prescription drugs.†

1258 4. Receive a passing score of at least 75 percent on an

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1259 examination given by the department regarding federal laws
1260 governing distribution of prescription drugs and this part and
1261 the rules adopted by the department governing the wholesale
1262 distribution of prescription drugs. This requirement shall be
1263 effective 1 year after the results of the initial examination
1264 are mailed to the persons that took the examination. The
1265 department shall offer such examinations at least four times
1266 each calendar year. ~~and~~

1267 5. Provide the department with a personal information
1268 statement and fingerprints pursuant to subsection (9).

1269 Section 31. Subsections (1) through (27) of section
1270 1002.33, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as Subsections (3)
1271 through (29) respectively, and new Subsections (1) and (2) are
1272 added to that section, to read:

1273 1002.33 Charter schools.-

1274 (1) FINDINGS.-- The Legislature finds that:

1275 (a) Military families face unique challenges due to the
1276 highly mobile nature of military service.

1277 (b) Among the many challenges military families face is
1278 providing a high-quality education for their children without
1279 disruption.

1280 (c) The state has a compelling interest in assisting the
1281 development and enhancement of learning opportunities for
1282 military children and addressing their unique needs.

1283 (2) INTENT.-- It is the intent of the Legislature that:

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1284 (a) There be established a framework to address the needs
1285 of military children who, along with their families, face unique
1286 challenges due to the highly mobile nature of military service.

1287 (b) In establishing this framework, the Legislature finds
1288 it necessary to encourage military installation commanders to
1289 collaboratively work with the Commissioner of Education to
1290 increase military family student achievement, which may include
1291 the establishment of charter schools on military installations.

1292 (c) While the State Board of Education, through the
1293 Commissioner of Education, shall supervise this collaboration,
1294 the applicable school district shall operate and maintain
1295 control over any school that is established on the military
1296 installation.

1297 Section 32. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
1298 made by this act to section 295.07, Florida Statutes, in a
1299 reference thereto, paragraph (f) of subsection (4) of section
1300 1002.36, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

1301 1002.36 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind.—

1302 (4) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—

1303 (f) The board of trustees shall:

1304 1. Prepare and submit legislative budget requests for
1305 operations and fixed capital outlay, in accordance with chapter
1306 216 and ss. 1011.56 and 1013.60, to the Department of Education
1307 for review and approval. The department must analyze the amount
1308 requested for fixed capital outlay to determine if the request
1309 is consistent with the school's campus master plan, educational

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1310 | plant survey, and facilities master plan. Projections of
1311 | facility space needs may exceed the norm space and occupant
1312 | design criteria established in the State Requirements for
1313 | Educational Facilities.

1314 | 2. Approve and administer an annual operating budget in
1315 | accordance with ss. 1011.56 and 1011.57.

1316 | 3. Require all funds received other than gifts, donations,
1317 | bequests, funds raised by or belonging to student clubs or
1318 | student organizations, and funds held for specific students or
1319 | in accounts for individual students to be deposited in the State
1320 | Treasury and expended as authorized in the General
1321 | Appropriations Act.

1322 | 4. Require all purchases to be in accordance with the
1323 | provisions of chapter 287 except for purchases made with funds
1324 | received as gifts, donations, or bequests; funds raised by or
1325 | belonging to student clubs or student organizations; or funds
1326 | held for specific students or in accounts for individual
1327 | students.

1328 | 5. Administer and maintain personnel programs for all
1329 | employees of the board of trustees and the Florida School for
1330 | the Deaf and the Blind who shall be state employees, including
1331 | the personnel classification and pay plan established in
1332 | accordance with ss. 110.205(2)(d) and 216.251(2)(a)2. for
1333 | academic and academic administrative personnel, the provisions
1334 | of chapter 110, and the provisions of law that grant authority

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1335 to the Department of Management Services over such programs for
1336 state employees.

1337 6. Give preference in appointment and retention in
1338 positions of employment as provided within s. 295.07(1).

1339 7. Ensure that the Florida School for the Deaf and the
1340 Blind complies with s. 1013.351 concerning the coordination of
1341 planning between the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
1342 and local governing bodies.

1343 8. Ensure that the Florida School for the Deaf and the
1344 Blind complies with s. 112.061 concerning per diem and travel
1345 expenses of public officers, employees, and authorized persons
1346 with respect to all funds other than funds received as gifts,
1347 donations, or bequests; funds raised by or belonging to student
1348 clubs or student organizations; or funds held for specific
1349 students or in accounts for individual students.

1350 9. Adopt a master plan which specifies the mission and
1351 objectives of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. The
1352 plan shall include, but not be limited to, procedures for
1353 systematically measuring the school's progress toward meeting
1354 its objectives, analyzing changes in the student population, and
1355 modifying school programs and services to respond to such
1356 changes. The plan shall be for a period of 5 years and shall be
1357 reviewed for needed modifications every 2 years. The board of
1358 trustees shall submit the initial plan and subsequent
1359 modifications to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
1360 the President of the Senate.

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1361 10. Designate a portion of the school as "The Verle Allyn
1362 Pope Complex for the Deaf," in tribute to the late Senator Verle
1363 Allyn Pope.

1364 Section 33. Subsection (12) is added to section 1009.26,
1365 Florida Statutes, to read:

1366 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

1367 (12) (a) There is established the Congressman C. W. Bill
1368 Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program. A state university or
1369 Florida College System institution shall waive out-of-state fees
1370 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1371 Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard
1372 who physically resides in this state while enrolled in the
1373 institution. Tuition and fees charged to a veteran who qualifies
1374 for the out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection may not
1375 exceed the tuition and fees charged to a resident student. The
1376 waiver is applicable for 110 percent of the required credit
1377 hours of the degree or certificate program for which the student
1378 is enrolled. Each state university and Florida College System
1379 institution shall report to the Board of Governors and the State
1380 Board of Education, respectively, the number and value of all
1381 fee waivers granted annually under this subsection.

1382 (b) This subsection may be cited as the "Congressman C.W.
1383 Bill Young Tuition Waiver Act."

1384 Section 34. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of
1385 \$12.5 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the
1386 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Military Affairs for

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1387 the purpose of continuing renovations to state readiness centers
1388 to meet state and federal building codes.

1389 Section 35. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of
1390 \$7,489,975 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from
1391 the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Environmental
1392 Protection to allow the Board of Trustees of the Internal
1393 Improvement Trust Fund to acquire, pursuant to s. 288.980,
1394 Florida Statutes, nonconservation land adjacent to the following
1395 installations for the purpose of securing and protecting the
1396 installations against encroachment:

- 1397 (1) MacDill Air Force Base.
1398 (2) Naval Support Activity Panama City.
1399 (3) Naval Station Mayport

1400 Section 36. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
1401 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
1402 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,
1403 2014.
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