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Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Rojas offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (243299)

On page 1, between lines 17 & 18,

insert:

Section 1. Section 288.9958, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

288.9958 PRIDE Job Placement Incentive Program.--

(1) The Legislature recognizes that the location of some correctional facilities has been determined by the desire to provide employment opportunities for residents of communities that have not experienced the economic growth of other portions of the state. The Legislature further recognizes that the corporation authorized by chapter 946 to manage correctional work programs can provide expertise and assistance in the areas of on-the-job training and employment assistance. Partnerships between the state and the corporation authorized by chapter 946 to manage correctional work programs may result in increased employment opportunities for local citizens. To assist the corporation authorized by chapter 946

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1 in economic development initiatives that specifically enhance
2 the employment opportunities for WAGES participants, the PRIDE
3 Job Placement Incentive Program is created. The Legislature
4 hereby permits the corporation authorized by chapter 946 to
5 participate in the PRIDE Job Training Placement Incentive
6 Program.

7 (2) The PRIDE Job Placement Incentive Program is
8 created to encourage the use of the corporation's expertise
9 and resources, including correctional facilities, in job
10 training and employment assistance in the economic development
11 of the state. The program shall be administered by the
12 Workforce Development Board of Enterprise Florida, Inc. The
13 Workforce Development Board shall adopt guidelines for the
14 administration of this program. Awarding of grants is
15 dependent upon legislative appropriation.

16 (a) The Workforce Development Board may authorize a
17 grant of \$1,000 to the corporation authorized by chapter 946,
18 or a business working in association with such corporation,
19 for full-time employment of a WAGES participant in those
20 workforce development regions and two sites identified by the
21 Workforce Development Board pursuant to subsection (3). The
22 incentive payment shall be paid incrementally, with a payment
23 of \$250 upon initial employment, \$250 at an employment
24 duration of 6 months, and \$500 at an employment duration of 1
25 year. Such grants are provided to off-set the costs of
26 business location and training the local workforce.

27 (b) The Workforce Development Board may authorize a
28 grant of \$2,400 to the corporation authorized by chapter 946,
29 or a business working in association with such corporation for
30 full-time employment of a WAGES participant and when the
31 corporation provides on-the-job training to the WAGES

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1 participant.

2 (c) Grants may not be issued for the employment of
3 individuals who have participated in a prison rehabilitative
4 industry program longer than 6 months in the 2 years prior to
5 employment.

6 (d) WAGES participants eligible for employment in the
7 PRIDE Job Placement Incentive Program must be referred by
8 local WAGES coalitions to the corporation authorized by
9 chapter 946.

10 (3) The Workforce Development Board shall identify
11 five workforce development regions in the state which have the
12 least employment opportunities per WAGES participant and, if
13 approved by the Workforce Development Board, two sites where
14 the corporation authorized by chapter 946 has facilities or
15 resources. The five workforce development regions and two
16 sites, if applicable, designated by the Workforce Development
17 Board as having the fewest employment opportunities per WAGES
18 participant are those in which the corporation authorized by
19 chapter 946 or businesses working in association with such
20 corporation may be eligible for job placement incentives.

21 (4) Businesses that have accepted a job placement
22 incentive pursuant to this section may also be eligible to
23 apply for any tax credits, wage supplementation, wage subsidy,
24 or employer payment for that employee which are authorized in
25 law or by agreement with the employer.

26 (5) If approved by the Department of Corrections,
27 WAGES participants may be employed by the corporation
28 authorized by chapter 946 in those facilities not operated
29 within the secured perimeters of the prison grounds that are
30 managed by such corporation, and in other areas, as approved
31 by the Department of Corrections. A safety plan for all WAGES

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1 participants in this program must be completed by the
2 corporation in cooperation with the Department of Corrections.

3 (6) In carrying out the provisions of this section,
4 the corporation shall be entitled to all the privileges and
5 immunities as set forth in part II of chapter 946.

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