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Senators Kirkpatrick, Bronson, Clary, Gutman, Hargrett, Harris, Holzendorf, and McKay moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 28, between lines 5 and 6,

insert:

Section 9. Section 414.80, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

414.80 Short title.--Sections 414.80-414.860 may be cited as the "WAGES Emergency Response Act."

Section 10. Section 414.810, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

414.810 Legislative findings and intent.--

(1) The Legislature finds that the success of the Work and Gain Economic Self-sufficiency (WAGES) Program depends upon the existence of sufficient employment opportunities compatible with the education and skill levels of participants in the WAGES Program.

(2) The Legislature finds that in several identifiable regions of the state there is an alarmingly inadequate supply

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1 of entry-level jobs in relation to the number of WAGES Program
2 participants who are exhausting statutory limitations on the
3 receipt of temporary cash assistance under the WAGES Program.

4 (3) The Legislature finds that the disparity between
5 employment opportunities and the number of WAGES Program
6 participants in these areas of critical state economic concern
7 constitutes an economic development emergency with significant
8 fiscal and social implications for these areas and for the
9 state as a whole.

10 (4) The Legislature finds that there is an immediate
11 need to facilitate the location and expansion of businesses
12 and the creation of jobs in these areas of critical state
13 economic concern, but that such activities may be hampered by
14 existing budgetary, statutory, regulatory, or programmatic
15 requirements.

16 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide for
17 a WAGES Emergency Response Program in order to ensure that the
18 resources of state and local government are marshaled in a
19 coordinated, effective, and timely manner to promote economic
20 development and job creation integral to the success of the
21 WAGES Program.

22 Section 11. Section 414.811, Florida Statutes, is
23 created to read:

24 414.811 Policy and purpose.--

25 (1) Because the Legislature has determined that the
26 state must take extraordinary measures to meet the employment
27 needs of its residents who are transitioning from dependence
28 on welfare to self-reliance through employment and to ensure
29 that adequate employment opportunities exist for such
30 residents, it is hereby found and declared necessary:

31 (a) To create a State WAGES Emergency Response Team to

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1 be composed of a state director and appointed agency WAGES
2 Emergency Response Team Coordinators.

3 1. The state director shall be appointed by the
4 Governor, and for administrative purposes, shall be housed in
5 the Executive Office of the Governor.

6 2. Staffing for the State WAGES Emergency Response
7 Team shall be provided by the Department of Community Affairs.
8 The department shall coordinate the use of state facilities
9 and resources in ensuring the successful completion of the
10 team's objectives.

11 (b) To empower the State WAGES Emergency Response Team
12 to facilitate the creation of employment opportunities in
13 areas of critical state economic concern.

14 (c) To provide for coordination with local government
15 of state designated projects.

16 Section 12. Section 414.812, Florida Statutes, is
17 created to read:

18 414.812 Limitations.--

19 (1) The existence of the State WAGES Emergency
20 Response Team is not designed to disrupt the orderly economic
21 development of the state. Rather, it is created to coordinate
22 state resources and rapidly eliminate barriers that prevent
23 the creation of employment opportunities in designated regions
24 and communities of the state.

25 (2) Nothing in ss. 414.80-414.860 shall be construed
26 to:

27 (a) Interfere with the responsibilities of the
28 Division of Community Affairs relative to the State Emergency
29 Management Act under chapter 252;

30 (b) Interfere with military and defense obligations of
31 the Florida National Guard; or

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1 (c) Authorize the destruction of wetlands or other
2 ecologically or environmentally sensitive lands.

3 Section 13. Section 414.813, Florida Statutes, is
4 created to read:

5 414.813 Liberal construction.--Sections 414.80-414.860
6 shall be construed liberally in order to effectuate their
7 purposes.

8 Section 14. Section 414.820, Florida Statutes, is
9 created to read:

10 414.820 Designation of Areas of Critical State
11 Economic Concern.--

12 (1) The Legislature declares the following Workforce
13 Development Regions to be areas of critical state economic
14 concern:

15 (a) Region 5--Gadsden, Leon, and Wakulla counties;

16 (b) Region 6--Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison,
17 Suwannee, and Taylor counties;

18 (c) Region 7--Baker, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, and
19 Union counties;

20 (d) Region 19--DeSoto, Hardee, and Highlands counties;
21 and

22 (e) Region 23--Dade and Monroe counties.

23 (2) By Executive Order, the Governor shall declare no
24 more than 4 additional areas of the state as areas of critical
25 state economic concern based upon the following criteria:

26 (a) Areas with a high proportion of families who had
27 already received cash assistance in three or of the previous
28 five years at the time their time limit was established;

29 (b) Areas with a high proportion of families subject
30 to the WAGES time limit headed by a parent who was under age
31 24 at the time the time limit was established and who lacked

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1 high school or GED completion;

2 (c) Areas with a high proportion of families subject
3 to the time limit who have used all of the available months of
4 cash assistance since October 1996;

5 (d) Areas with a low ratio of new jobs per WAGES
6 client;

7 (e) Areas with a low ration of job openings requiring
8 less than a high school degree per WAGES client;

9 (f) Areas with a high proportion of families subject
10 to the time limit who are either within six months of the time
11 limit or are receiving cash assistance under a period of
12 hardship extension to the time limit;

13 (g) Areas with unusually high unemployment; and

14 (h) Areas identified as labor surplus areas using the
15 criteria established by the U.S. Department of Labor
16 Employment and Training Administration.

17 (3) Subcounty areas determined to have the greatest
18 need for job creation as determined by the Workforce
19 Development Board of Enterprise Florida, Inc., based upon the
20 criteria in subsection (2) shall qualify for designation by
21 the Governor under the authority provided by this section.

22 Section 15. Section 414.830, Florida Statutes, is
23 created to read:

24 414.830 WAGES Emergency Response Program.--

25 (1)(a) By July 1, 1998, the heads of the Departments
26 of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Labor and Employment
27 Security, Community Affairs, Children and Family Services,
28 Revenue, Business and Professional Regulation, Management
29 Services, Military Affairs, Transportation, and Environmental
30 Protection shall select from within each such department a
31 person to be designated as the WAGES Emergency Response

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1 Coordinator for the department and a person to serve as an
2 alternate.

3 (b) By July 1, 1998, the Comptroller; the Auditor
4 General; the executive director of each water management
5 district; and the heads of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
6 Economic Development, Enterprise Florida, Inc., State WAGES
7 Board of Directors, Institute of Food and Agricultural
8 Science, Florida Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Home
9 Builders Association, the State Board of Community Colleges,
10 Division of Workforce Development of the Department of
11 Education, State University System, Florida Ports Council, and
12 the Office of Planning and Budgeting shall select from within
13 such organizations a person to be designated as the WAGES
14 Emergency Response Coordinator for the organization and a
15 person to serve as an alternate.

16 (c) By designation, the WAGES Emergency Response
17 Coordinators are empowered to commit and coordinate those
18 resources applicable to the organization that the coordinator
19 represents. The WAGES Emergency Response Coordinators together
20 with the state director comprise the WAGES Emergency Response
21 Team, and are responsible for providing various resources
22 dictated by need as determined by project teams.

23 (d) The head of each organization identified in
24 paragraphs (a) and (b) shall notify the Governor and the state
25 director in writing of the person initially designated as the
26 WAGES Emergency Response Coordinator for such organization and
27 his or her alternate and of any changes in persons so
28 designated thereafter. The Governor may add individuals to the
29 WAGES Emergency Response Team as deemed necessary.

30 (2) The State WAGES Emergency Response Team shall
31 encourage state and local agencies to cooperatively solve all

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1 barriers for attracting and committing potential employers to
2 locate in areas of critical state economic concern and to
3 facilitate expansion of existing businesses in those areas.
4 Once a local project leader or regional response team has
5 identified a barrier that cannot be overcome through
6 traditional means, the State WAGES Emergency Response Team
7 may:

8 (a) By contract with the potential employer, waive any
9 criteria, requirement or similar provision of any economic
10 development incentive. Such incentives shall include, but not
11 be limited to: the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund
12 Program under s. 288.106, the Quick-Response Training Program
13 under s. 288.047, the WAGES Quick-Response Training Program,
14 contracts for transportation projects under s. 288.063, the
15 Qualified Defense contractor Tax Refund Program under s.
16 288.1045, the brownfield redevelopment bonus refunds under s.
17 288.107, the urban high-crime area and rural job tax credit
18 programs under ss. 212.097, 212.098, and 220.1895;

19 (b) By contract with the potential employer, provide
20 training and educational opportunities for new employees,
21 develop training programs, and pay tuition or training
22 expenses for employees;

23 (c) Contract with any Florida based provider of
24 employment training services or educational services for the
25 provision of services related to the team's responsibilities;

26 (d) Contract with potential employers to provide any
27 service or product over which the team has control;

28 (e) Recommend emergency issues to the Governor for his
29 consideration as matters requiring an executive order;

30 (f) Waive transportation provider preferences and
31 exclusions provided to the Transportation Disadvantage

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1 Commission and associated providers; and
2 (g) Authorize the use of funds appropriated for the
3 WAGES Emergency Response Program for the staffing expenses of
4 the Department of Community Affairs.

5 (3) The State WAGES Emergency Response Team shall meet
6 at a minimum on a monthly basis.

7 (4) In order to accomplish the goals of the State
8 WAGES Emergency Response Team, the Governor may, by executive
9 order:

10 (a) Exercise any power enumerated under s. 252.36; and

11 (b) Require, at the recommendation of the State WAGES
12 Emergency Response Team, minimum hiring requirements of
13 participants of the WAGES Program for contracts entered into
14 by the Florida Department of Transportation or any school
15 district entering into contract for capital construction.

16 (5) The State WAGES Emergency Response Team is
17 directed to use local resources and financing whenever
18 possible and to petition the Governor to use the powers
19 granted in this act to finance local projects.

20 Section 16. Section 414.840, Florida Statutes, is
21 created to read:

22 414.840 Regional WAGES Emergency Response Teams.--

23 (1) Enterprise Florida, Inc., in cooperation with the
24 Department of Community Affairs, is responsible for initial
25 organization of the regional response teams. Regional response
26 teams shall be composed of representatives of cities and
27 counties that have governing responsibilities for a given
28 area. In addition to representatives of local government, a
29 representative from the local WAGES coalition, the regional
30 workforce development board, local economic development
31 councils, and a representative of the local school board shall

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1 also be included on the regional response team. The team
2 leader shall be selected by the team members.

3 (2)(a) Regional response teams shall assess businesses
4 located in the region to identify potential expansion projects
5 that may require the assistance of the state response team.
6 The teams shall also identify underutilized local resources.

7 (b) Regional response teams shall be responsible for
8 coordinating the efforts of local government and local
9 agencies to attract potential new employers and shall work in
10 conjunction with local economic development councils.

11 Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall assist the regional response
12 teams by providing research and advice in fulfilling their
13 charge.

14 (c) A regional response team may propose any local
15 opportunity for the expansion of an existing business or for
16 the relocation to the region of an existing employer to the
17 State WAGES Emergency Response Team to exercise the powers
18 vested in the state team.

19 (d) It is the desire of the Legislature that local
20 resources and local solutions shall be used first as the
21 economic development resulting from the efforts of the teams
22 will be felt greatest by local communities.

23 Section 17. Section 414.845, Florida Statutes, is
24 created to read:

25 414.845 Local Project Teams.--

26 (1) Recognizing that significant job creation efforts
27 often focus on development of specific sites and may include
28 multiple employers, not more than 10 local project districts
29 may be designated by the State WAGES Emergency Response Team.
30 Not more than 3 of the local project districts may be created
31 in Dade County. Not more than 7 may be located in

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1 legislatively designated areas of critical state economic
2 concern, including those designated in Dade County. Such sites
3 must be contiguous and capable of supporting businesses
4 creating a total of 500 jobs or more.

5 (2) Upon designation of a local project district, a
6 local project team shall be assembled and approved by the
7 State WAGES Emergency Response Team, after consultation with
8 the regional response team. Local project leaders should look
9 first to the regional response teams for assistance, but may
10 directly appeal to the State WAGES Emergency Response Team for
11 assistance.

12 (3) Local project teams shall have the following
13 powers and responsibilities:

14 (a) Local project teams are to aggressively solicit
15 potential businesses for site specific projects;

16 (b) Local project teams shall assist potential
17 employers in identifying and applying for all relevant
18 incentives and permits;

19 (c) Local project teams, with permission of the State
20 WAGES Emergency Response Team, may negotiate specific terms of
21 agreement with potential employers; and

22 (d) Local project teams shall identify and assist in
23 the elimination of local barriers to the location or expansion
24 of a business at the site.

25 (4) In selecting potential projects, the State WAGES
26 Emergency Response Team shall consider all projects submitted,
27 and shall pay particular attention to projects which include
28 elements relating to transportation distribution centers,
29 warehousing facilities, agricultural processing and packaging,
30 and the aquaculture industry. While traditional economic
31 development does not usually focus on retail establishments,

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1 the team may consider projects which provide retail employment
2 opportunities and select retail projects if they provide
3 significant employment opportunities.

4 Section 18. Section 414.850, Florida Statutes, is
5 created to read:

6 414.850 Expiration and review of WAGES Emergency
7 Response Program.--Sections 414.80-414.860, expire June 30,
8 2002, and shall be reviewed by the Legislature and Enterprise
9 Florida, Inc., prior to that date. In its review, the
10 Legislature shall determine if the continued use of the WAGES
11 Emergency Response Program fulfills a state need. Enterprise
12 Florida, Inc., shall assess the usefulness and applicability
13 of the WAGES Emergency Response Program for economic
14 development projects.

15 Section 19. Section 414.860, Florida Statutes, is
16 created to read:

17 414.860 Legislative oversight.--The President of the
18 Senate shall appoint 2 members of the Senate and the Speaker
19 of the House of Representatives shall appoint 2 members of the
20 House of Representatives to serve as a legislative oversight
21 committee to monitor and advise the State WAGES Emergency
22 Response Team.

23 Section 20. The State WAGES Emergency Response Team
24 shall, from funds appropriated for the use of the team,
25 contract with the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
26 for job creation and training activities related to the
27 institute's Job Start, Care Giver Education, Aquaculture of
28 High Value Species, and New Technologies in Plasticulture for
29 Vegetable Producers programs.

30 Section 21. Paragraph (h) of subsection (5) of section
31 212.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1 212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution,
2 and storage tax; specified exemptions.--The sale at retail,
3 the rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and
4 the storage to be used or consumed in this state of the
5 following are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed
6 by this chapter.

7 (5) EXEMPTIONS; ACCOUNT OF USE.--

8 (h) Business property used in an enterprise zone.--

9 1. Beginning July 1, 1995, business property purchased
10 for use by businesses located in an enterprise zone which is
11 subsequently used in an enterprise zone shall be exempt from
12 the tax imposed by this chapter. This exemption inures to the
13 business only through a refund of previously paid taxes. A
14 refund shall be authorized upon an affirmative showing by the
15 taxpayer to the satisfaction of the department that the
16 requirements of this paragraph have been met.

17 2. To receive a refund, the business must file under
18 oath with the governing body or enterprise zone development
19 agency having jurisdiction over the enterprise zone where the
20 business is located, as applicable, an application which
21 includes:

22 a. The name and address of the business claiming the
23 refund.

24 b. The identifying number assigned pursuant to s.
25 290.0065 to the enterprise zone in which the business is
26 located.

27 c. A specific description of the property for which a
28 refund is sought, including its serial number or other
29 permanent identification number.

30 d. The location of the property.

31 e. The sales invoice or other proof of purchase of the

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1 property, showing the amount of sales tax paid, the date of
2 purchase, and the name and address of the sales tax dealer
3 from whom the property was purchased.

4 f. Whether the business is a small business as defined
5 by s. 288.703(1).

6 g. If applicable, the name and address of each
7 permanent employee of the business, including, for each
8 employee who is a resident of an enterprise zone, the
9 identifying number assigned pursuant to s. 290.0065 to the
10 enterprise zone in which the employee resides.

11 3. Within 10 working days after receipt of an
12 application, the governing body or enterprise zone development
13 agency shall review the application to determine if it
14 contains all the information required pursuant to subparagraph
15 2. and meets the criteria set out in this paragraph. The
16 governing body or agency shall certify all applications that
17 contain the information required pursuant to subparagraph 2.
18 and meet the criteria set out in this paragraph as eligible to
19 receive a refund. If applicable, the governing body or agency
20 shall also certify if 20 percent of the employees of the
21 business are residents of an enterprise zone, excluding
22 temporary and part-time employees. The certification shall be
23 in writing, and a copy of the certification shall be
24 transmitted to the executive director of the Department of
25 Revenue. The business shall be responsible for forwarding a
26 certified application to the department within the time
27 specified in subparagraph 4.

28 4. An application for a refund pursuant to this
29 paragraph must be submitted to the department within 6 months
30 after the business property is purchased.

31 5. The provisions of s. 212.095 do not apply to any

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1 refund application made pursuant to this paragraph. The amount
2 refunded on purchases of business property under this
3 paragraph shall be the lesser of 97 percent of the sales tax
4 paid on such business property or \$5,000, or, if no less than
5 20 percent of the employees of the business are residents of
6 an enterprise zone, excluding temporary and part-time
7 employees, the amount refunded on purchases of business
8 property under this paragraph shall be the lesser of 97
9 percent of the sales tax paid on such business property or
10 \$10,000. A refund approved pursuant to this paragraph shall be
11 made within 30 days of formal approval by the department of
12 the application for the refund. No refund shall be granted
13 under this paragraph unless the amount to be refunded exceeds
14 \$100 in sales tax paid on purchases made within a 60-day time
15 period.

16 6. The department shall adopt rules governing the
17 manner and form of refund applications and may establish
18 guidelines as to the requisites for an affirmative showing of
19 qualification for exemption under this paragraph.

20 7. If the department determines that the business
21 property is used outside an enterprise zone within 3 years
22 from the date of purchase, the amount of taxes refunded to the
23 business purchasing such business property shall immediately
24 be due and payable to the department by the business, together
25 with the appropriate interest and penalty, computed from the
26 date of purchase, in the manner provided by this chapter.

27 Notwithstanding this subparagraph, in order to provide greater
28 employment opportunities in areas of critical state economic
29 concern, business property used exclusively in:

- 30 a. Licensed commercial fishing vessels,
31 b. Fishing guide boats, or

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1 c. Ecotourism guide boats
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3 that leave and return to a fixed location within an area
4 designated under s. 370.28 are eligible for the exemption
5 provided under this paragraph if all requirements of this
6 paragraph are met. Such vessels and boats must be owned by a
7 business that is eligible to receive the exemption provided
8 under this paragraph. This exemption does not apply to the
9 purchase of a vessel or boat.

10 8. The department shall deduct an amount equal to 10
11 percent of each refund granted under the provisions of this
12 paragraph from the amount transferred into the Local
13 Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund pursuant to
14 s. 212.20 for the county area in which the business property
15 is located and shall transfer that amount to the General
16 Revenue Fund.

17 9. For the purposes of this exemption, "business
18 property" means new or used property defined as "recovery
19 property" in s. 168(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,
20 as amended, except:

21 a. Property classified as 3-year property under s.
22 168(c)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended;

23 b. Industrial machinery and equipment as defined in
24 sub-subparagraph (b)6.a. and eligible for exemption under
25 paragraph (b); and

26 c. Building materials as defined in sub-subparagraph
27 (g)8.a.

28 10. The provisions of this paragraph shall expire and
29 be void on December 31, 2005.

30 Section 22. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of
31 subsection (3) of section 212.096, Florida Statutes, are

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1 amended to read:

2 212.096 Sales, rental, storage, use tax; enterprise
3 zone jobs credit against sales tax.--

4 (1) For the purposes of the credit provided in this
5 section:

6 (a) "Eligible business" means any sole proprietorship,
7 firm, partnership, corporation, bank, savings association,
8 estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, or other
9 group or combination, or successor business, located in an
10 enterprise zone. An eligible business does not include any
11 business which has claimed the credit permitted under s.
12 220.181 for any new business employee first beginning
13 employment with the business after July 1, 1995.

14 (b) "Month" means either a calendar month or the time
15 period from any day of any month to the corresponding day of
16 the next succeeding month or, if there is no corresponding day
17 in the next succeeding month, the last day of the succeeding
18 month.

19 (c) "New employee" means a person residing in an
20 enterprise zone, a qualified Job Training Partnership Act
21 classroom training participant, or a WAGES Program participant
22 who begins employment with an eligible business after July 1,
23 1995, and who has not been previously employed within the
24 preceding 12 months by the eligible business, or a successor
25 eligible business, claiming the credit allowed by this
26 section.

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28 A person shall be deemed to be employed if the person performs
29 duties in connection with the operations of the business on a
30 regular, full-time basis, provided the person is performing
31 such duties for an average of at least 36 hours per week each

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1 month, or a part-time basis, provided the person is performing
2 such duties for an average of at least 20 hours per week each
3 month throughout the year. The person must be performing such
4 duties at a business site located in the enterprise zone.

5 (3) In order to claim this credit, an eligible
6 business must file under oath with the governing body or
7 enterprise zone development agency having jurisdiction over
8 the enterprise zone where the business is located, as
9 applicable, a statement which includes:

10 (a) For each new employee for whom this credit is
11 claimed, the employee's name and place of residence, including
12 the identifying number assigned pursuant to s. 290.0065 to the
13 enterprise zone in which the employee resides if the new
14 employee is a person residing in an enterprise zone, and, if
15 applicable, documentation that the employee is a qualified Job
16 Training Partnership Act classroom training participant or a
17 WAGES Program participant.

18 Section 23. Paragraph (q) of subsection (1) of section
19 220.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20 220.03 Definitions.--

21 (1) SPECIFIC TERMS.--When used in this code, and when
22 not otherwise distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible
23 with the intent thereof, the following terms shall have the
24 following meanings:

25 (q) "New employee," for the purposes of the enterprise
26 zone jobs credit, means a person residing in an enterprise
27 zone, a qualified Job Training Partnership Act classroom
28 training participant, or a WAGES Program participant employed
29 at a business located in an enterprise zone who begins
30 employment in the operations of the business after July 1,
31 1995, and who has not been previously employed within the

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1 preceding 12 months by the business or a successor business
2 claiming the credit pursuant to s. 220.181. A person shall be
3 deemed to be employed by such a business if the person
4 performs duties in connection with the operations of the
5 business on a full-time basis, provided she or he is
6 performing such duties for an average of at least 36 hours per
7 week each month, or a part-time basis, provided she or he is
8 performing such duties for an average of at least 20 hours per
9 week each month throughout the year. The person must be
10 performing such duties at a business site located in an
11 enterprise zone. The provisions of this paragraph shall expire
12 and be void on June 30, 2005.

13 Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
14 220.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 220.181 Enterprise zone jobs credit.--

16 (2) When filing for an enterprise zone jobs credit, a
17 business must file under oath with the governing body or
18 enterprise zone development agency having jurisdiction over
19 the enterprise zone where the business is located, as
20 applicable, a statement which includes:

21 (a) For each new employee for whom this credit is
22 claimed, the employee's name and place of residence during the
23 taxable year, including the identifying number assigned
24 pursuant to s. 290.0065 to the enterprise zone in which the
25 new employee resides if the new employee is a person residing
26 in an enterprise zone, and, if applicable, documentation that
27 the employee is a qualified Job Training Partnership Act
28 classroom training participant or a WAGES Program participant.

29 Section 25. Subsection (10) is added to section
30 288.047, Florida Statutes, to read:

31 288.047 Quick-response training for economic

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1 development.--

2 (10) There is created a Quick-response Training
3 Program for Work and Gain Economic Self-sufficiency (WAGES)
4 participants. Enterprise Florida, Inc., may, at the discretion
5 of the State WAGES Emergency Response Team, award
6 quick-response training grants and develop applicable
7 guidelines for the training of participants in the WAGES
8 Program. In addition to a local economic development
9 organization, grants must be endorsed by the applicable local
10 WAGES coalition and regional workforce development board.

11 (a) Training funded pursuant to this subsection may
12 not exceed 12 months, and may be provided by the local
13 community college, school district, regional workforce
14 development board, or the business employing the participant,
15 including on-the-job training. Training will provide
16 entry-level skills to new workers, including those employed in
17 retail, who are participants in the WAGES Program.

18 (b) WAGES participants trained pursuant to this
19 subsection must be employed at a wage not less than \$6.00 per
20 hour.

21 (c) Funds made available pursuant to this subsection
22 may be expended in connection with the relocation of a
23 business from one community to another community if approved
24 by the State WAGES Emergency Response Team.

25 Section 26. Subsection (4) of section 370.28, Florida
26 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that
27 section to read:

28 370.28 Enterprise zone designation; communities
29 adversely impacted by net limitations.--

30 (4) Notwithstanding the enterprise zone residency
31 requirements set out in ss. 212.096(1)(c) and 220.03(1)(q),

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1 businesses located in enterprise zones designated pursuant to
2 this section may receive the credit provided under s. 212.096
3 or s. 220.181 for hiring any person within the jurisdiction of
4 the county within which nominating community of such
5 enterprise zone is located. All other provisions of ss.
6 212.096, 220.03(1)(q), and 220.181 apply to such businesses.
7 To increase employment opportunities for WAGES clients and
8 prevent other persons from reliance on WAGES benefits,
9 notwithstanding the requirement specified in ss.
10 212.08(5)(q)5. and (h)5. and (15)(a) and 220.182(1)(b) that no
11 less than 20 percent of a business's employees, excluding
12 temporary and part-time employees, must be residents of an
13 enterprise zone for the business to qualify for the maximum
14 exemption or credit provided in ss. 212.08(5)(q) and (h) and
15 (15) and 220.182, a business that is located in an enterprise
16 zone designated pursuant to this section shall be qualified
17 for those maximum exemptions or credits if no less than 20
18 percent of such employees of the business are residents of the
19 jurisdiction of the county within which the enterprise zone is
20 located. All other provisions of ss. 212.08(5)(q) and (h) and
21 (15) and 220.182 apply to such business.

22 (5) Notwithstanding the time limitations contained in
23 chapters 212 and 220, a business eligible to receive tax
24 credits under this section from January 1, 1997, to June 1,
25 1998, must submit an application for the tax credits by
26 December 1, 1998. All other requirements of the enterprise
27 zone program apply to such a business.

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29 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 On page 2, line 20, after the semicolon

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5 and insert:

6 creating s. 414.80, F.S.; designating specified
7 sections as the "WAGES Emergency Response Act";
8 creating 414.810, F.S.; providing legislative
9 findings and intent; creating 414.811, F.S.;
10 providing for policy and purposes relating to
11 the WAGES Emergency Response Program; creating
12 s. 414.812, F.S.; limiting authority of the
13 State WAGES Emergency Response Team; creating
14 414.813, F.S.; providing for liberal
15 construction; creating 414.820, F.S.;
16 designating areas of critical state economic
17 concern; creating 414.830, F.S.; providing for
18 WAGES Emergency Response Team Coordinators;
19 providing team authorities; providing for
20 gubernatorial authorities; creating 414.840,
21 F.S.; creating Regional WAGES Emergency
22 Response Teams; providing for responsibilities;
23 creating s. 414.845, F.S.; creating local
24 project teams; providing for powers and
25 responsibilities for such teams; creating
26 414.850, F.S.; providing for expiration and
27 review of the WAGES Emergency Response Program;
28 creating 414.860, F.S.; providing for a
29 legislative oversight committee; requiring a
30 contract related to job creation and training
31 activities; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; exempting

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1 certain property based in enterprise zones from
2 the sales tax under certain circumstances;
3 amending s. 212.096, F.S.; expanding enterprise
4 zone sales tax credit to JTPA or WAGES Program
5 participants not residing in an enterprise
6 zone; requiring documentation; amending s.
7 220.03, F.S.; expanding enterprise zone
8 corporate tax credit to JTPA or WAGES Program
9 participants not residing in an enterprise
10 zone; amending s. 220.181, F.S.; requiring
11 documentation; amending s. 288.047, F.S.;
12 creating a Quick-response Training Program for
13 WAGES participants; providing requirements;
14 amending s. 370.28, F.S.; providing that a
15 business located in an enterprise zone in a
16 community impacted by net limitations is
17 eligible for the maximum sales tax exemption
18 for building materials used in the
19 rehabilitation of real property in an
20 enterprise zone, for business property used in
21 an enterprise zone, and for electrical energy
22 used in an enterprise zone, and the maximum
23 enterprise zone property tax credit against the
24 corporate income tax, if a specified percentage
25 of its employees are residents of the
26 jurisdiction of the county, rather than of the
27 enterprise zone; requiring businesses eligible
28 to receive certain tax credits to apply for
29 such credits by a time certain;
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