

By Representatives Wise and Casey

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to adult workforce development  
3           education; creating s. 239.214, F.S.; creating  
4           the "Workforce Development Education  
5           Unification Act of 2000"; providing legislative  
6           intent; providing for the transfer of all  
7           public adult workforce development programs and  
8           area technical centers from school districts to  
9           community colleges; providing for the transfer  
10          of educational plants and related equipment;  
11          providing for the transfer of staff; providing  
12          an effective date.

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

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16           Section 1.   Section 239.214, Florida Statutes, is  
17   created to read:

18           239.214 Workforce development education.--

19           (1) This act may be cited as the "Workforce  
20 Development Education Unification Act of 2000."

21           (2) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--It is the intent of the  
22 Legislature to unify and consolidate the delivery of adult  
23 workforce development education programs to accomplish the  
24 following state-level priorities:

25           (a) Focus public schools on the mission of educating  
26 K-12 students.

27           (b) Strengthen secondary vocational education programs  
28 that prepare students for postsecondary workforce development  
29 education opportunities.

30           (c) Eliminate duplicative adult workforce development  
31 education programs and services.

1       (d) Reduce administrative costs associated with the  
2 delivery of adult workforce development education.

3       (e) Identify single points of entry for businesses and  
4 students for workforce development certificate, adult  
5 education, and continuing workforce education.

6       (f) Provide one point of accountability relating to  
7 return on the investment of public dollars.

8       (g) Minimize waste by maximizing the transfer of  
9 credit hours without jeopardizing institutional accreditation.

10       (h) Unify facilities' planning, funding, and  
11 construction.

12       (3) TRANSFER OF EXISTING ADULT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
13 PROGRAMS.--All public adult workforce development programs and  
14 all area technical centers shall be transferred to community  
15 colleges effective July 1, 2001, at which time:

16       (a) Responsibility for the provision of all public  
17 adult workforce development education will be shifted from the  
18 school district to the community college in whose service area  
19 the adult workforce development education program is located.

20       (b) School districts will be responsible for the  
21 provision of secondary vocational education and community  
22 colleges will be responsible for the provision of public adult  
23 workforce development education.

24       (c) The certification and accreditation status of an  
25 adult workforce development education program shall be  
26 unaffected by the transfer of the program to the respective  
27 community college, which shall maintain all standards  
28 necessary to continue to meet requirements for certification  
29 and accreditation.

30       (d) Area technical center and adult vocational program  
31 educational facilities or educational plants, as defined in s.

1 235.011(6) and (7), and related equipment, which are owned by  
2 the state and paid for with only state funds, shall be  
3 transferred to the community college in whose service area the  
4 area technical center is located. If a facility or educational  
5 plant is used for purposes in addition to adult vocational  
6 education, the State Board of Education shall mediate the  
7 transfer or the development and implementation of a suitable  
8 and equitable multiuse arrangement between the local district  
9 school board and the community college board of trustees.

10 (e) Area technical center and adult vocational program  
11 educational facilities or educational plants, as defined in s.  
12 235.011(6) and (7), and related equipment, which are owned by  
13 the school district and paid for in whole or in part with  
14 local tax funds shall be leased to the community college in  
15 whose service area the area technical center is located.  
16 However, if such adult vocational program facility or  
17 educational plant, or part of such facility or plant, is used  
18 for other purposes in addition to adult vocational education,  
19 the State Board of Education shall mediate a suitable and  
20 equitable lease agreement between the local school board and  
21 the community college board of trustees. If a school district  
22 and a community college cannot agree on the terms and  
23 conditions of the lease agreement, the State Board of  
24 Education shall finalize the agreement and report its decision  
25 to the Legislature.

26 (f) The community college board of trustees may  
27 provide for school district area technical center or adult  
28 vocational center staff employed in full-time budgeted  
29 positions to be transferred into the community college  
30 personnel system at the same rate of salary. Retirement and  
31 leave provisions shall be transferred according to law. In

1 transferring staff from school districts to the community  
2 college, the community college shall make every effort  
3 possible to place current school district adult vocational  
4 center staff in the community college and to assist such staff  
5 in acquiring training and certification necessary to be  
6 employed in the community college's adult vocational education  
7 programs.

8 (4) ANALYSIS.--By December 31, 2000, the Bureau of  
9 Educational Facilities of the Department of Education, in  
10 collaboration with the Department of Management Services,  
11 shall conduct an analysis to determine the amount of local tax  
12 contribution used in the construction of a  
13 school-district-owned area technical center, other adult  
14 vocational center, or other educational plant affected by the  
15 transfer. The local community college district board of  
16 trustees may make a legislative budget request through the  
17 State Board of Community Colleges to purchase the area  
18 technical center facility or educational plant, or the  
19 community college may continue to lease the facility from the  
20 local school district.

21 Section 2. No later than January 1, 2001, the Division  
22 of Community Colleges shall submit to the President of the  
23 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
24 chairs of the appropriate substantive committees recommended  
25 statutory revisions necessary to carry out the provisions of  
26 this act.

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.  
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Creates the "Workforce Development Education Unification Act of 2000." Transfers adult workforce development programs and area technical centers to community colleges.