

By the Committee on Community Colleges & Career Prep and
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 a short
6 title; providing legislative intent; requiring
7 a formal agreement and implementation plan
8 between community colleges and district school
9 boards; establishing an independent panel;
10 providing for the transfer of all public adult
11 workforce development programs and area
12 technical centers from school districts to
13 community colleges; providing for the transfer
14 of educational plants and related equipment;
15 providing for the transfer of staff; requiring
16 an analysis; requiring the Division of
17 Community Colleges to recommend necessary
18 statutory revisions to the Legislature;
19 providing an effective date.

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

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23 Section 1. Section 239.214, Florida Statutes, is
24 created to read:

25 239.214 Workforce development education.--

26 (1) SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the
27 "Workforce Development Education Unification Act of 2000."

28 (2) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--It is the intent of the
29 Legislature to unify and consolidate the delivery of adult
30 workforce development education programs to accomplish the
31 following state-level priorities:

- 1 (a) Focus public schools on the mission of educating
2 K-12 students.
- 3 (b) Strengthen secondary vocational education programs
4 that prepare students for postsecondary workforce development
5 education opportunities.
- 6 (c) Eliminate duplicative adult workforce development
7 education programs and services.
- 8 (d) Reduce administrative costs associated with the
9 delivery of adult workforce development education.
- 10 (e) Identify single points of entry for businesses and
11 students for workforce development certificate, adult
12 education, and continuing workforce education.
- 13 (f) Provide one point of accountability relating to
14 return on the investment of public dollars.
- 15 (g) Minimize waste by maximizing the transfer of
16 credit hours without jeopardizing institutional accreditation.
- 17 (h) Unify facilities' planning, funding, and
18 construction.
- 19 (3) FORMAL AGREEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN;
20 INDEPENDENT PANEL.--By July 1, 2002, a formal agreement and
21 implementation plan must exist between every local community
22 college board of trustees and affected school board that
23 defines the governance and delivery of workforce development
24 programs. If such an agreement is not formally adopted by July
25 1, 2002, an independent panel shall convene to develop and
26 implement an agreement. The panel shall be comprised of a
27 school board member, a district school superintendent, a
28 member of a community college board of trustees, and a member
29 of the Florida Chamber of Commerce. The respective statewide
30 organizations shall make the appointments within 60 days after
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1 the implementation of this law. These four members shall then
2 select a fifth member to serve on the panel.
3 (4) TRANSFER OF EXISTING ADULT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
4 PROGRAMS.--All public adult workforce development programs and
5 all area technical centers shall be transferred to community
6 colleges effective July 1, 2002, at which time:
7 (a) Responsibility for the provision of all public
8 adult workforce development education will be shifted from the
9 school district to the community college in whose service area
10 the adult workforce development education program is located.
11 (b) School districts will be responsible for the
12 provision of secondary vocational education and community
13 colleges will be responsible for the provision of public adult
14 workforce development education.
15 (c) The community college shall be responsible for
16 maintaining all standards necessary to continue current
17 certification and accreditation of transferred adult workforce
18 development education programs until such time as the programs
19 are discontinued.
20 (d) Area technical center and adult vocational program
21 educational facilities or educational plants, as defined in s.
22 235.011(6) and (7), and related equipment, which are owned by
23 the state and paid for with only state funds, shall be
24 transferred to the community college in whose service area the
25 area technical center is located. If a facility or educational
26 plant is used for purposes in addition to adult vocational
27 education, an independent panel shall mediate the transfer or
28 the development and implementation of a suitable and equitable
29 multiuse arrangement between the local district school board
30 and the community college board of trustees.
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1 (e) Area technical center and adult vocational program
2 educational facilities or educational plants, as defined in s.
3 235.011(6) and (7), and related equipment, which are owned by
4 the school district and paid for in whole or in part with
5 local tax funds shall be leased to the community college in
6 whose service area the area technical center is located.
7 However, if such adult vocational program facility or
8 educational plant, or part of such facility or plant, is used
9 for other purposes in addition to adult vocational education,
10 an independent panel shall mediate a suitable and equitable
11 lease agreement between the local school board and the
12 community college board of trustees. If a school district and
13 a community college cannot agree on the terms and conditions
14 of the lease agreement, an independent panel shall finalize
15 the agreement and report its decision to the Legislature.

16 (f) Notwithstanding s. 240.335, the community college
17 board of trustees shall provide for school district area
18 technical center or adult vocational center staff employed in
19 full-time budgeted positions to be transferred into the
20 community college personnel system at the same rate of salary.
21 Retirement provisions shall be transferred according to law.
22 In transferring staff from school districts to the community
23 college, the community college shall make every effort
24 possible to place current school district adult vocational
25 center staff in the community college and to assist such staff
26 in acquiring training and certification necessary to be
27 employed in the community college's adult vocational education
28 programs.

29 (5) ANALYSIS.--By December 31, 2000, the Bureau of
30 Educational Facilities of the Department of Education, in
31 collaboration with the Department of Management Services,

1 shall conduct an analysis to determine the amount of local tax
2 contribution used in the construction of a
3 school-district-owned area technical center, other adult
4 vocational center, or other educational plant affected by the
5 transfer. The local community college district board of
6 trustees may make a legislative budget request through the
7 State Board of Community Colleges to purchase the area
8 technical center facility or educational plant, or the
9 community college may continue to lease the facility from the
10 local school district.

11 Section 2. No later than January 1, 2001, the Division
12 of Community Colleges shall submit to the President of the
13 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
14 chairs of the appropriate substantive committees recommended
15 statutory revisions necessary to carry out the provisions of
16 this act.

17 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.
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