

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/SB 2050 [S2050.HMS]
SPONSOR: Senator King, et al
SUBJECT: Workforce Innovation
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Fiscal Policy
DATE: May 3, 2000

I. Amendments Contained in Message

1. (632043) Delete everything after the enacting clause.

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

This amendment makes significant changes to the Senate's Workforce Innovation Act of 2000 that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Administrative attaches Workforce Florida, Inc. (WFI), to the Agency for Workforce Innovation, in a similar relationship to that between the Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation;
- Requires that the President of Workforce Florida, Inc., serve at the pleasure of the Governor rather than at the pleasure of the board of WFI;
- Provides that all members of the Legislature may make unlimited nominations to the Governor for members of the Workforce Florida, Inc., board rather than having the presiding officers make nominations on behalf of their members;
- Adds representatives of nonpublic schools and colleges to the board of WFI, and limits to two the number of labor representatives on the board;
- Adds labor representatives to all regional workforce boards;
- Revises the vendor payment structure by replacing the 50/25/25 payment schedule with language that authorizes the payment of bonuses to vendors who exceed performance expectations;
- Eliminates language that requires a fair and competitive process for the selection of administrative entities for regional workforce boards;
- Requires that transition services for TANF recipients be provided based on presumptive eligibility, and that regional workforce boards will be required to pay the costs of services delivered, even if the recipients are later found to be ineligible;
- Transfers the Bureau of Apprenticeship to the Department of Education by Type 2 transfer.
- Transfers the WAGES Program contracting unit in the Department of Management Services to the Agency for Workforce Innovation;
- Changes the date on which an application for welfare becomes effective from the date of approval (current law) to the date of application;
- Creates a time limit "earnback" program for welfare recipients who require and comply with treatment for mental illness or substance abuse;
- Replaces provision for time limit exemption of up to 20 percent of the average monthly caseload due to specific circumstances or disabilities with hardship-related time limit extensions;

- Provides that the Agency for Workforce Innovation will submit the budget for WFI;
- Creates a new Office in the Agency for Workforce Innovation to be responsible for services to the remaining 32,000 TANF recipients;
- Changes from 3 years to one year the residency requirement for the Careers for Florida's Future Incentive Grant Program;
- Transfers staff and functions associated with the Unemployment Compensation program to the Agency for Workforce Innovation, with the provision that the agency may contract with the Department of Revenue for collection of unemployment compensation revenues from employers;
- Creates the Digital Media Education Coordination Group, and provides that the Agency for Workforce Innovation may use incumbent worker training funds for the digital media industry;
- Provides that income received from employment in connection with the decennial census will not be counted as income for purposes of TANF benefits;
- Creates a Commission on Basic Research for the Future of Florida to increase the amount of federal dollars allocated to the State of Florida; and
- Eliminates all appropriations for the act.