

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to workforce development;  
3           amending s. 445.004, F.S.; specifying an  
4           additional member of the board of directors of  
5           Workforce Florida, Inc.; requiring certain  
6           funds to be expended for after-school care  
7           programs; prohibiting certain uses of such  
8           funds; amending s. 445.007, F.S.; providing  
9           legislative intent relating to involving  
10          certain persons in board activities; providing  
11          an effective date.

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

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15           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and  
16          paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section 445.004, Florida  
17          Statutes, are amended to read:

18           445.004 Workforce Florida, Inc.; creation; purpose;  
19          membership; duties and powers.--

20           (3)(a) Workforce Florida, Inc., shall be governed by a  
21          board of directors, the number of directors to be determined  
22          by the Governor, whose membership and appointment must be  
23          consistent with Pub. L. No. 105-220, Title I, s. 111(b), and  
24          contain one member representing the licensed nonpublic  
25          postsecondary educational institutions authorized as  
26          individual training account providers, one member from the  
27          staffing service industry, at least one member who is a  
28          current or former recipient of welfare transition services as  
29          defined in s. 445.002(3) or workforce services as provided in  
30          s. 445.009(1), and five representatives of organized labor who  
31          shall be appointed by the Governor. Notwithstanding s.

1 114.05(1)(f), the Governor may appoint remaining members to  
2 Workforce Florida, Inc., from the current Workforce  
3 Development Board and the WAGES Program State Board of  
4 Directors, established pursuant to chapter 96-175, Laws of  
5 Florida, to serve on the reconstituted board. By July 1, 2000,  
6 the Workforce Development Board will provide to the Governor a  
7 transition plan to incorporate the changes required by this  
8 act and Pub. L. No. 105-220, specifying the manner of changes  
9 to the board. This plan shall govern the transition, unless  
10 otherwise notified by the Governor. The importance of  
11 minority, gender, and geographic representation shall be  
12 considered when making appointments to the board.

13 (10) The workforce development strategy for the state  
14 shall be designed by Workforce Florida, Inc., and shall be  
15 centered around the strategies of First Jobs/First Wages,  
16 Better Jobs/Better Wages, and High Skills/High Wages.

17 (a) First Jobs/First Wages is the state's strategy to  
18 promote successful entry into the workforce through education  
19 and workplace experience that lead to self-sufficiency and  
20 career advancement. The components of the strategy include  
21 efforts that enlist business, education, and community support  
22 for students to achieve long-term career goals, ensuring that  
23 young people have the academic and occupational skills  
24 required to succeed in the workplace. A minimum of 15 percent  
25 of all Workforce Investment Act youth services funds shall be  
26 expended for after-school care programs, through contracts  
27 with qualified community-based organizations and faith-based  
28 organizations, on an equal basis with other private  
29 organizations, to provide after-school care programs to  
30 eligible children 14 through 18 years of age. These programs  
31 shall include academic tutoring, mentoring, and other

1 appropriate services. Similar services may be provided for  
2 eligible children 6 through 13 years of age using Temporary  
3 Assistance for Needy Families funds. Funds expended under this  
4 paragraph may not be used for religious or sectarian purposes.

5 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 445.007, Florida  
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 445.007 Regional workforce boards.--

8 (1) One regional workforce board shall be appointed in  
9 each designated service delivery area and shall serve as the  
10 local workforce investment board pursuant to Pub. L. No.  
11 105-220. The membership of the board shall be consistent with  
12 Pub. L. No. 105-220, Title I, s. 117(b), and contain one  
13 representative from a nonpublic postsecondary educational  
14 institution that is an authorized individual training account  
15 provider within the region and confers certificates and  
16 diplomas, one representative from a nonpublic postsecondary  
17 educational institution that is an authorized individual  
18 training account provider within the region and confers  
19 degrees, and three representatives of organized labor.  
20 Individuals serving as members of regional workforce  
21 development boards or local WAGES coalitions, as of June 30,  
22 2000, are eligible for appointment to regional workforce  
23 boards, pursuant to this section. It is the intent of the  
24 Legislature that, whenever possible and to the greatest extent  
25 practicable, membership of a regional workforce board include  
26 persons who are current or former recipients of welfare  
27 transition assistance as defined in s. 445.002(3) or workforce  
28 services as provided in s. 445.009(1), or that such persons be  
29 included as ex officio members of the board or of committees  
30 organized by the board.The importance of minority and gender  
31 representation shall be considered when making appointments to

1 the board. If the regional workforce board enters into a  
2 contract with an organization or individual represented on the  
3 board of directors, the contract must be approved by a  
4 two-thirds vote of the entire board, and the board member who  
5 could benefit financially from the transaction must abstain  
6 from voting on the contract. A board member must disclose any  
7 such conflict in a manner that is consistent with the  
8 procedures outlined in s. 112.3143.

9           Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
10 law.

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