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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.; amending s. 445.007,
6 F.S.; providing legislative intent relating to
7 involving certain persons in board activities;
8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
13 445.004, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 445.004 Workforce Florida, Inc.; creation; purpose;
15 membership; duties and powers.--

16 (3)(a) Workforce Florida, Inc., shall be governed by a
17 board of directors, the number of directors to be determined
18 by the Governor, whose membership and appointment must be
19 consistent with Pub. L. No. 105-220, Title I, s. 111(b), and
20 contain one member representing the licensed nonpublic
21 postsecondary educational institutions authorized as
22 individual training account providers, one member from the
23 staffing service industry, at least one member who is a
24 current or former recipient of state financial assistance, and
25 five representatives of organized labor who shall be appointed
26 by the Governor. Notwithstanding s. 114.05(1)(f), the Governor
27 may appoint remaining members to Workforce Florida, Inc., from
28 the current Workforce Development Board and the WAGES Program
29 State Board of Directors, established pursuant to chapter
30 96-175, Laws of Florida, to serve on the reconstituted board.
31 By July 1, 2000, the Workforce Development Board will provide

1 to the Governor a transition plan to incorporate the changes
2 required by this act and Pub. L. No. 105-220, specifying the
3 manner of changes to the board. This plan shall govern the
4 transition, unless otherwise notified by the Governor. The
5 importance of minority, gender, and geographic representation
6 shall be considered when making appointments to the board.

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

9 445.007 Regional workforce boards.--

10 (1) One regional workforce board shall be appointed in
11 each designated service delivery area and shall serve as the
12 local workforce investment board pursuant to Pub. L. No.
13 105-220. The membership of the board shall be consistent with
14 Pub. L. No. 105-220, Title I, s. 117(b), and contain one
15 representative from a nonpublic postsecondary educational
16 institution that is an authorized individual training account
17 provider within the region and confers certificates and
18 diplomas, one representative from a nonpublic postsecondary
19 educational institution that is an authorized individual
20 training account provider within the region and confers
21 degrees, and three representatives of organized labor.

22 Individuals serving as members of regional workforce
23 development boards or local WAGES coalitions, as of June 30,
24 2000, are eligible for appointment to regional workforce
25 boards, pursuant to this section. It is the intent of the
26 Legislature that, whenever possible and to the greatest extent
27 practicable, membership of a regional workforce board include
28 persons who are current or former recipients of state
29 financial assistance or that such persons be included as ex
30 officio members of the board or of committees organized by the
31 board.The importance of minority and gender representation

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

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

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13 HOUSE SUMMARY

14 Requires that an additional member of the board of
15 directors of Workforce Florida, Inc., be a current or
16 former recipient of state financial assistance. Provides
17 legislative intent encouraging regional workforce boards
18 to include current or former recipients of state
19 financial assistance as ex officio board members or to
include such persons on committees organized by the board
whenever possible and to the greatest extent possible.

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