

By Senator King

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to workforce development;  
3           amending s. 239.514, F.S., relating to the  
4           Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive  
5           Grant Program; providing additional purposes  
6           for a grant awarded under the program;  
7           authorizing the use of program funds to upgrade  
8           and expand workforce development programs to  
9           meet provisions required by law; authorizing  
10          use of grant funds for recurring instructional  
11          costs upon approval of the Postsecondary  
12          Education Planning Commission; providing an  
13          effective date.

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

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17           Section 1. Section 239.514, Florida Statutes, is  
18 amended to read:

19           239.514 Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive  
20 Grant Program.--The Legislature recognizes that the need for  
21 school districts and community colleges to be able to respond  
22 to emerging local or statewide economic development needs is  
23 critical to the workforce development system. The Workforce  
24 Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program is created  
25 to provide grants to school districts and community colleges  
26 on a competitive basis to fund some or all of the costs  
27 associated with bringing workforce development programs into  
28 conformance with industry standards and the creation or  
29 expansion of workforce development programs that serve  
30 specific employment workforce needs.

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1 (1) Funds awarded for a workforce development  
2 capitalization incentive grant may be used for instructional  
3 equipment, laboratory equipment, supplies, personnel, student  
4 services, or other expenses associated with:

5 (a) Upgrading workforce development programs to meet  
6 the program standards specified in s. 239.229(2)(c)4., and  
7 developed as a result of the 3-year review cycle specified in  
8 s. 240.312. Grant funds may not be used for recurring  
9 instructional costs or for indirect costs of an institution.

10 (b) Creating or expanding the workforce development  
11 program identified by the High Skills/High Wages committee of  
12 the regional workforce board as being critical to business  
13 retention, expansion, and recruitment as specified in s.  
14 445.007(7).~~the creation or expansion of a workforce~~  
15 ~~development program.~~Expansion of a program may include either  
16 the expansion of enrollments in a program or expansion into  
17 new areas of specialization within a program. ~~No~~ Grant funds  
18 may not be used for ~~recurring instructional costs~~ or for  
19 institutions' indirect costs. Grant funds may be used for  
20 recurring instructional costs if approved by the Postsecondary  
21 Education Planning Commission.

22 (2) The Postsecondary Education Planning Commission  
23 shall accept applications from school districts or community  
24 colleges for workforce development capitalization incentive  
25 grants. Applications from school districts or community  
26 colleges shall contain projected enrollments and projected  
27 costs for the new or expanded workforce development program.  
28 The Postsecondary Education Planning Commission, in  
29 consultation with the Jobs and Education Partnership, the  
30 Department of Education, and the State Board of Community  
31 Colleges, shall review and rank each application for a grant

1 according to subsection (3) and shall submit to the  
2 Legislature a list in priority order of applications  
3 recommended for a grant award.

4 (3) The commission shall give highest priority to  
5 programs that train people to enter high-skill, high-wage  
6 occupations identified by the Workforce Estimating Conference  
7 and other programs approved by Workforce Florida, Inc. ;  
8 programs that train people to enter occupations under the  
9 welfare transition program; or programs that train for the  
10 workforce adults who are eligible for public assistance,  
11 economically disadvantaged, disabled, not proficient in  
12 English, or dislocated workers. The commission shall consider  
13 the statewide geographic dispersion of grant funds in ranking  
14 the applications and shall give priority to applications from  
15 education agencies that are making maximum use of their  
16 workforce development funding by offering high-performing,  
17 high-demand programs.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
19 law.

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22 SENATE SUMMARY

23 Revises requirements of the Workforce Development  
24 Capitalization Incentive Grant Program to authorize the  
25 use of program funds to upgrade and expand specified  
26 workforce development programs. Authorizes the use of  
27 grant funds for recurring instructional costs if approved  
28 by the Postsecondary Education Planning Commission.  
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