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An act relating to a state work opportunity tax credit; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; revising legislative intent relating to application of certain corporate income tax credits; creating s. 220.1893, F.S.; providing an additional credit against the corporate income tax for certain businesses hiring certain persons under certain circumstances; providing requirements and limitations; providing for the Department of Revenue and the Agency for Workforce Innovation to adopt certain rules and establish certain guidelines; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 220.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17 220.02 Legislative intent. --

> It is the intent of the Legislature that credits against either the corporate income tax or the franchise tax be applied in the following order: those enumerated in s. 631.828, those enumerated in s. 220.191, those enumerated in s. 220.181, those enumerated in s. 220.183, those enumerated in s. 220.182, those enumerated in s. 220.1895, those enumerated in s. 221.02, those enumerated in s. 220.184, those enumerated in s. 220.186, those enumerated in s. 220.1845, those enumerated in s. 220.19, those enumerated in s. 220.185, and those enumerated in s.

220.187, and those enumerated in s. 220.1893.

Section 2. Section 220.1893, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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220.1893 State work opportunity tax credit.--

- (1)(a) Beginning January 1, 2005, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter to any business that hires a person who has been convicted of a felony and such hiring is within 3 years after that person's release from a state prison or to any business that hires a person who has been convicted of a felony and is on community control or probation, as defined by s. 948.001(2) and (5), for the commission of a felony.
- (b)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., the credit shall be computed as 40 percent of the wages paid to such employee during each taxable period. The credit may be claimed for a maximum of five eligible employees per taxable period and may not exceed \$2,400 per eligible employee.
- 2. For a small business, as defined in s. 288.703(1), or a minority business enterprise, as defined in s. 288.703(2), the credit shall be computed as 50 percent of the wages paid to such employee during each taxable period. The credit may be claimed for a maximum of five eligible employees per taxable period and may not exceed \$3,000 per eligible employee.
- (2) When filing for a credit under this section, a business must apply for and receive certification from the Agency for Workforce Innovation that the employee for whom this credit is claimed is a person as described in paragraph (1)(a).
- (3) The department and the agency shall adopt rules governing the manner and form of applications for the credit and may establish guidelines concerning the requisites for an affirmative showing of qualification for the credit under this section.

HB 1011 2004 59 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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