

By Senator Geller

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to military personnel on duty;  
3           creating the Citizen Soldier Matching Grant  
4           Program within the Agency for Workforce  
5           Innovation; providing for matching grants to be  
6           awarded to private sector employers that  
7           provide wages to employees serving in the  
8           United States Armed Forces Reserves or the  
9           Florida National Guard while those employees  
10          are on federal active duty; providing  
11          eligibility requirements for grant recipients;  
12          directing the Agency for Workforce Innovation  
13          to develop a plan to administer the application  
14          and payment procedures for the matching grants;  
15          providing for the grant program to be funded by  
16          legislative appropriations; providing an  
17          effective date.

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

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21           Section 1. Citizen Soldier Matching Grants  
22 Program.--The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall establish  
23 a matching grant program to award matching grants to private  
24 sector employers in this state which provide wages to  
25 employees serving in the United States Armed Forces Reserves  
26 or the Florida National Guard while those employees are on  
27 federal active duty. Grants shall be awarded for monthly wages  
28 paid to employees who are residents of this state for the  
29 actual period of federal active duty. Grants may not be  
30 provided for federal active duty served prior to January 1,  
31 2004. The monthly grant per employee may not exceed one-half

1 of the monthly wages paid by the employer to the employee at  
2 the level paid prior to the date the employee was called to  
3 federal active duty, minus the amount of the employee's active  
4 duty base pay and benefit package. The agency shall develop a  
5 plan, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures  
6 of section 216.177, Florida Statutes, to administer the  
7 application and payment procedures for the matching grant  
8 program. The matching grant program shall be funded by  
9 legislative appropriations.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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12 SENATE SUMMARY

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14 Establishes the Citizen Soldier Matching Grant Program  
15 within the Agency for Workforce Innovation to provide  
16 grants to private sector employers that provide wages to  
17 employees serving in the United States Armed Forces  
18 Reserves or the Florida National Guard. Directs the  
19 agency to develop a plan to administer the application  
20 and payment of the grants. Requires that the grant  
21 program be funded by legislative appropriations.  
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