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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Economic Development, Trade & Banking Committee recommends  
2 the following:

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4 **Council/Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to the Florida Youth Summer Jobs Pilot  
8 Program; creating the Florida Youth Summer Jobs Pilot  
9 Program; providing eligibility requirements for program  
10 participants and public employers; requiring the program  
11 to be administered by a regional workforce board in  
12 consultation with Workforce Florida, Inc.; providing  
13 employment and educational requirements; requiring the  
14 regional workforce board to make an annual report;  
15 providing certain uses for program funds; providing an  
16 effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Florida Youth Summer Jobs Pilot Program.--

21 (1) CREATION.--There is created the Florida Youth Summer  
22 Jobs Pilot Program within workforce development district 22  
23 served by the Broward Workforce Development Board. The board

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24 shall, in consultation with Workforce Florida, Inc., provide a  
 25 program offering at-risk and disadvantaged children summer jobs  
 26 in partnership with local communities and public employers.

27 (2) ELIGIBILITY.--

28 (a) Children at least 14 but not more than 18 years of age  
 29 are eligible to participate in the program if they are:

30 1. At risk of welfare dependency, including economically  
 31 disadvantaged children, children of participants in the welfare  
 32 transition program, children of migrant farmworkers, and  
 33 children of teen parents. For purposes of this section,  
 34 "economically disadvantaged children" are those whose family  
 35 income is below 150 percent of the federal poverty level;

36 2. Children of working families whose family income does  
 37 not exceed 150 percent of the federal poverty level;

38 3. Juvenile offenders;

39 4. Children in foster care; or

40 5. Children with disabilities.

41 (b) Employers are eligible to participate in the program  
 42 under the following conditions:

43 1. The employer shall meet the program requirements of  
 44 subsection (3).

45 2. The employer shall pay the state minimum wage to a  
 46 program participant hired under the program.

47 3. The maximum hours required of a program participant per  
 48 week shall not exceed 30 hours.

49 4. The employer shall comply with state and federal child  
 50 labor and antidiscrimination laws.

51 (3) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.--

52           (a) The program shall:  
 53           1. Provide the program participant a work experience that  
 54 will teach personal responsibility and reinforce the obligations  
 55 and rewards of holding a job.  
 56           2. Allow for an academic enrichment component that will  
 57 assist the program participant in remaining in or returning to  
 58 school.  
 59           3. Provide documented learning experiences relevant to the  
 60 type of work performed and tailored to the needs of the program  
 61 participant.  
 62           4. Allow for the provision of life skills training by the  
 63 local community or a third-party provider contracted by the  
 64 local community if such skills training takes up no more than 10  
 65 percent of the program participant's work time.  
 66           (b) The program may begin on the day after the end of the  
 67 regular school year in the local community and shall end before  
 68 the first regular day of school in the local community.  
 69           (4) GOVERNANCE.--  
 70           (a) The pilot program shall be administered by the  
 71 regional workforce board in consultation with Workforce Florida,  
 72 Inc.  
 73           (b) The regional workforce board shall report to Workforce  
 74 Florida, Inc., the number of at-risk and disadvantaged children  
 75 who enter the program, the types of work activities they  
 76 participate in, and the number of children who return to school,  
 77 go on to postsecondary school, or enter the workforce full time  
 78 at the end of the program. Workforce Florida, Inc., shall report

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79 | to the Legislature by November 1 of each year on the performance  
80 | of the program.

81 | (5) FUNDING.--

82 | (a) The regional workforce board shall, consistent with  
83 | state and federal laws, use funds appropriated specifically for  
84 | the pilot program to provide youth wage payments and educational  
85 | enrichment activities. The regional workforce board and local  
86 | communities may obtain private or state and federal grants or  
87 | other sources of funds in addition to any appropriated funds.

88 | (b) Program funds shall be used as follows:

89 | 1. No less than 85 percent of the funds shall be used for  
90 | youth wage payments or educational enrichment activities. These  
91 | funds shall be matched on a one-to-one basis by each local  
92 | community that participates in the program.

93 | 2. No more than 2 percent of the funds may be used for  
94 | administrative purposes.

95 | 3. The remainder of the funds may be used for  
96 | transportation assistance, childcare assistance, or other  
97 | assistance to enable a program participant to enter or remain in  
98 | the program.

99 | (c) The regional workforce board shall pay a participating  
100 | employer an amount equal to one-half of the wages paid to a  
101 | youth participating in the program. Payments shall be made  
102 | monthly for the duration that the youth participant is employed  
103 | as documented by the employer and confirmed by the regional  
104 | workforce board.

105 | Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2005.