

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations
2 Committee recommends 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 for
16 the program to be funded by specific legislative
17 appropriations; providing an 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. Florida Youth Summer Jobs Pilot Program.--

22 (1) CREATION.--There is created the Florida Youth Summer
23 Jobs Pilot Program within workforce development district 22

24 | served by the Broward Workforce Development Board. The board
 25 | shall, in consultation with Workforce Florida, Inc., provide a
 26 | program offering at-risk and disadvantaged children summer jobs
 27 | in partnership with local communities and public employers.

28 | (2) ELIGIBILITY.--

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

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

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

39 | 3. Juvenile offenders;

40 | 4. Children in foster care; or

41 | 5. Children with disabilities.

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

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

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

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

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

52 | (3) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.--

53 | (a) The program shall:

54 | 1. Provide the program participant a work experience that
 55 | will teach personal responsibility and reinforce the obligations
 56 | and rewards of holding a job.

57 | 2. Allow for an academic enrichment component that will
 58 | assist the program participant in remaining in or returning to
 59 | school.

60 | 3. Provide documented learning experiences relevant to the
 61 | type of work performed and tailored to the needs of the program
 62 | participant.

63 | 4. Allow for the provision of life skills training by the
 64 | local community or a third-party provider contracted by the
 65 | local community if such skills training takes up no more than 10
 66 | percent of the program participant's work time.

67 | (b) The program may begin on the day after the end of the
 68 | regular school year in the local community and shall end before
 69 | the first regular day of school in the local community.

70 | (4) GOVERNANCE.--

71 | (a) The pilot program shall be administered by the
 72 | regional workforce board in consultation with Workforce Florida,
 73 | Inc.

74 | (b) The regional workforce board shall report to Workforce
 75 | Florida, Inc., the number of at-risk and disadvantaged children
 76 | who enter the program, the types of work activities they
 77 | participate in, and the number of children who return to school,
 78 | go on to postsecondary school, or enter the workforce full time
 79 | at the end of the program. Workforce Florida, Inc., shall report

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

82 | (5) FUNDING.--

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

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

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

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

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

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

106 | (d) The Florida Youth Summer Jobs Pilot Program shall be
107 | funded by specific legislative appropriations.

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