

Bill No. SB 1260

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The Committee on Education (Wise) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Part VI of chapter 1011, Florida Statutes, consisting of section 1011.96, is created to read:

1011.96 SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals

Program.--

(1) The SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals

Program is established to award funds to accredited postsecondary educational institutions in the state on a competitive basis to offer programs that meet the critical workforce needs of the state and to maximize the number of diplomas, certificates, and degrees that are awarded to postsecondary education students in fields vital to the citizens of the state.

(2) Beginning with the 2006-2007 fiscal year, funds

appropriated by the Legislature to the Department of Education

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1 for the SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals Program shall
2 be distributed according to the provisions of this section.

3 (3) The department shall develop and issue annually a
4 request for proposals. The department shall establish
5 application procedures, guidelines, accountability measures,
6 and timelines for implementation of the grant program.

7 (4) Proposals for a grant authorized pursuant to this
8 section must:

9 (a) Indicate the number of students to be served, the
10 length of the proposed program, and the projected cost. Funds
11 for a grant provided pursuant to this section must be used to
12 support new students and not to supplant current funding or
13 students.

14 (b) Document the workforce need to be addressed.

15 (c) Demonstrate a pool of qualified applicants.

16 (d) Be submitted by an accredited public or nonpublic
17 postsecondary educational institution in the state that
18 provides postsecondary instruction in a field specified in the
19 priority list established pursuant to subsection (5). For
20 purposes of this section, postsecondary educational
21 institutions include school district career centers that offer
22 postsecondary programs.

23 (e) Indicate the number of postsecondary diplomas,
24 certificates, or degrees that the institution will award using
25 funds received pursuant to this section and the fields in
26 which the diplomas, certificates, or degrees will be awarded.

27 (f) Indicate how the funds received will leverage
28 other grants and scholarships and how the funds will be used
29 to offset student tuition costs.

30 (5) By March 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the
31 chair of Workforce Florida, Inc., shall advise the Legislature

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1 of the state's most pressing workforce needs for postsecondary
 2 instruction and the geographic locations of these needs. The
 3 Legislature shall annually establish a priority list for funds
 4 provided pursuant to this section in the General
 5 Appropriations Act.

6 (6) The rankings and decisions of the
 7 request-for-proposals process shall be made by the State Board
 8 of Education based on the priority list established pursuant
 9 to subsection (5).

10 (7) Grant recipients must enter into a contract with
 11 the state to produce a specific number of graduates in the
 12 designated program within a specific time period. Grant
 13 recipients must submit periodic reports to the department
 14 documenting compliance with the accountability measures
 15 established by the department.

16 (8) Subsequent to the first year of funding for the
 17 SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals Program, priority for
 18 awarding grants shall be for renewal grants to programs that
 19 are making adequate progress toward their contracted
 20 production, including nursing programs and teaching programs
 21 at institutions that received funding from the SUCCEED,
 22 Florida - Crucial Professionals Program during the 2005-2006
 23 fiscal year. Renewal award amounts shall be tied to student
 24 retention; the production of degrees, certificates, or
 25 diplomas; and the number of graduates placed in the targeted
 26 professions in the state.

27 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
 28 1007.2615, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

29 1007.2615 American Sign Language; findings;
 30 foreign-language credits authorized; teacher licensing.--

31 (3) DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION AND STATE

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1 BOARD OF EDUCATION; LICENSING OF AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE
2 TEACHERS; PLAN FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PROVIDERS.--

3 (c) An ASL teacher must be certified by the Department
4 of Education by July 1, 2009 ~~January 1, 2008, and must obtain~~
5 ~~current certification through the Florida American Sign~~
6 ~~Language Teachers' Association (FASLTA) by January 1, 2006.~~
7 ~~New FASLTA certification may be used by current ASL teachers~~
8 ~~as an alternative certification track.~~

9 Section 3. Section 446.609, Florida Statutes, is
10 repealed.

11 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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15 And the title is amended as follows:

16 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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18 and insert:

19 A bill to be entitled
20 An act relating to education; creating part VI
21 of ch. 1011, F.S.; establishing the SUCCEED,
22 Florida - Crucial Professionals Program;
23 providing for the appropriation of funds to the
24 Department of Education to be distributed on a
25 competitive basis to postsecondary educational
26 institutions to offer programs that meet
27 critical workforce needs; providing for an
28 annual request for proposals and requirements
29 of such proposals; requiring the establishment
30 annually by the Legislature of a priority list
31 for funding and selection by the State Board of

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1 Education; providing requirements for grant
2 recipients and renewal grants; amending s.
3 1007.2615, F.S.; establishing a deadline by
4 which American Sign Language teachers must be
5 certified; repealing s. 446.609, F.S., relating
6 to the Jobs for Florida's Graduates Act;
7 providing an effective date.

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