

By the Committee on Education; and Senators Wise and Dockery

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to education; creating part VI
3 of ch. 1011, F.S.; establishing the SUCCEED,
4 Florida - Crucial Professionals Program;
5 providing for the appropriation of funds to the
6 Department of Education to be distributed on a
7 competitive basis to postsecondary educational
8 institutions to offer programs that meet
9 critical workforce needs; providing for an
10 annual request for proposals and requirements
11 of such proposals; requiring the establishment
12 annually by the Legislature of a priority list
13 for funding and selection by the State Board of
14 Education; providing requirements for grant
15 recipients and renewal grants; amending s.
16 1007.2615, F.S.; establishing a deadline by
17 which American Sign Language teachers must be
18 certified; repealing s. 446.609, F.S., relating
19 to the Jobs for Florida's Graduates Act;
20 approving a transfer of an endowment from the
21 Appleton Cultural Center, Inc., to the Central
22 Florida Community College Foundation; providing
23 restrictions on the management of the
24 endowment; releasing the foundation from
25 certain trust agreement and statutory
26 requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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

1 1011.96 SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals
2 Program.--

3 (1) The SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals
4 Program is established to award funds to accredited
5 postsecondary educational institutions in the state on a
6 competitive basis to offer programs that meet the critical
7 workforce needs of the state and to maximize the number of
8 diplomas, certificates, and degrees that are awarded to
9 postsecondary education students in fields vital to the
10 citizens of the state.

11 (2) Beginning with the 2006-2007 fiscal year, funds
12 appropriated by the Legislature to the Department of Education
13 for the SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals Program shall
14 be distributed according to the provisions of this section.

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

19 (4) Proposals for a grant authorized pursuant to this
20 section must:

21 (a) Indicate the number of students to be served, the
22 length of the proposed program, and the total projected cost
23 to the students and the state. Funds for a grant provided
24 pursuant to this section must be used to support new students
25 and not to supplant current funding or students.

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

27 (c) Demonstrate a pool of qualified applicants.

28 (d) Be submitted by an accredited public or nonpublic
29 postsecondary educational institution in the state that
30 provides postsecondary instruction in a field specified in the
31 priority list established pursuant to subsection (5). For

1 purposes of this section, postsecondary educational
2 institutions include school district career centers that offer
3 postsecondary programs.

4 (e) Indicate the number of postsecondary diplomas,
5 certificates, or degrees that the institution will award using
6 funds received pursuant to this section and the fields in
7 which the diplomas, certificates, or degrees will be awarded.

8 (f) Indicate how the funds received will leverage
9 other grants and scholarships and how the funds will be used
10 to offset student tuition costs.

11 (5) By March 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the
12 chair of Workforce Florida, Inc., shall advise the Legislature
13 of the state's most pressing workforce needs for postsecondary
14 instruction and the geographic locations of these needs. The
15 Legislature shall annually establish a priority list for funds
16 provided pursuant to this section in the General
17 Appropriations Act.

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

22 (7) Grant recipients must enter into a contract with
23 the state to produce a specific number of graduates in the
24 designated program within a specific time period. Grant
25 recipients must submit periodic reports to the department
26 documenting compliance with the accountability measures
27 established by the department.

28 (8) Subsequent to the first year of funding for the
29 SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals Program, priority for
30 awarding grants shall be for renewal grants to programs that
31 are making adequate progress toward their contracted

1 production, including nursing programs and teaching programs
2 at institutions that received funding from the SUCCEED,
3 Florida - Crucial Professionals Program during the 2006-2007
4 fiscal year. Renewal award amounts shall be tied to student
5 retention; the production of degrees, certificates, or
6 diplomas; and the number of graduates placed in the targeted
7 professions in the state.

8 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
9 1007.2615, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10 1007.2615 American Sign Language; findings;
11 foreign-language credits authorized; teacher licensing.--

12 (3) DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION AND STATE
13 BOARD OF EDUCATION; LICENSING OF AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE
14 TEACHERS; PLAN FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PROVIDERS.--

15 (c) An ASL teacher must be certified by the Department
16 of Education by July 1, 2009 ~~January 1, 2008~~, and must obtain
17 ~~current certification through the Florida American Sign~~
18 ~~Language Teachers' Association (FASLTA) by January 1, 2006.~~
19 ~~New FASLTA certification may be used by current ASL teachers~~
20 ~~as an alternative certification track.~~

21 Section 3. Section 446.609, Florida Statutes, is
22 repealed.

23 Section 4. Approval is granted for the endowment for
24 the Appleton Museum of Art, currently held by the Appleton
25 Cultural Center, Inc., to be transferred to the Central
26 Florida Community College Foundation. The endowment to be
27 transferred, which includes state matching funds, was
28 established in 1987 through the Cultural Arts Endowment
29 Program. By this provision, the Central Florida Community
30 College Foundation is authorized to manage the endowment only
31 for the support of the educational program at the Appleton

1 Museum of Art and is released from all other provisions of the
2 Trust Agreement dated July 17, 1987, by and between the State
3 of Florida and the Appleton Cultural Center, Inc., and
4 sections 265.601 through 265.607, Florida Statutes.

5 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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1 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
3 Senate Bill 1260

4 The Committee Substitute is the result of a strike-all
5 amendment which eliminated the provisions in the original bill
6 to:

6 Require the Legislature to appropriate all future growth
7 in postsecondary enrollment funding to the Department of
8 Education for allocation.

8 Allow growth funding to be allocated by a committee
9 appointed by the Governor.

9 The Committee Substitute replaced the original language by:

10 Creating a SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals
11 Program directing funds appropriated by the Legislature
12 to target the state's most pressing workforce needs. The
13 funds are to be distributed by the State Board of
14 Education and administered by the Department of
15 Education.

14 Requiring the Legislature to adopt a priority list of the
15 state's most pressing workforce needs to be used by the
16 State Board to distribute funds appropriated to support
17 the SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals Program.

16 Directing the Department of Education to develop and
17 issue requests for proposals to deliver educational
18 programs which address the state's most pressing
19 workforce needs.

19 Providing for the content of the requests for proposals
20 and criteria for institutional eligibility to participate
21 in the program.

21 The CS added three additional content areas not addressed in
22 the original bill:

- 23 1. Language is added amending the date by which American
24 Sign Language teachers must be certified. The date is
25 changed from January 1, 2006 to July 1, 2009. An
26 optional certification procedure is deleted from statute.
- 25 2. Section 446.609, F.S., is repealed relating to Jobs for
26 Florida Graduates.
- 26 3. The endowment for the Appleton Museum of Art, currently
27 held by the Appleton Cultural Center, Inc., is authorized
28 to be transferred to and managed by the Central Florida
29 Community College Foundation.