

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to qualified job training organizations;
 3 creating s. 288.1171, F.S.; providing a definition;
 4 providing for certification by the Office of Tourism,
 5 Trade, and Economic Development of an organization as a
 6 qualified job training organization; specifying uses of
 7 certain proceeds; authorizing the Auditor General to audit
 8 such organizations for certain purposes; providing for
 9 revocation of certification under certain circumstances;
 10 providing appropriations; specifying uses of
 11 appropriations; providing an effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Section 288.1171, Florida Statutes, is created
 16 to read:

17 288.1171 Qualified job training organizations;
 18 certification; duties.--

19 (1) For purposes of this section, "qualified job training
 20 organization" means an organization which:

21 (a) Is a Goodwill Industries located in this state.

22 (b) Is exempt from income taxation under s. 501(c)(3) of
 23 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

24 (c) Specializes in the retail sale of donated items.

25 (d) Provides job training and employment services to
 26 individuals with workplace disadvantages and disabilities.

27 (e) Uses a majority of its revenues for job training and
28 placement programs and providing other critical community
29 services.

30 (2) To be eligible for funding as provided in this
31 section, a qualified job training organization must be certified
32 by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development as
33 meeting the criteria specified in subsection (1).

34 (3) After a qualified job training organization is
35 certified, the organization shall use proceeds as provided in
36 this section solely to encourage and provide economic
37 development through capital construction, improvements, or
38 equipment that will result in expanded employment opportunities.

39 (4) The Auditor General may audit a qualified job training
40 organization to verify that the distributions to the
41 organization pursuant to this section have been expended by the
42 organization as required by this section. If the Auditor General
43 determines that the distributions have not been expended as
44 required by this section, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
45 Economic Development may pursue recovery of such proceeds
46 pursuant to the laws and rules governing the assessment of
47 taxes.

48 (5) Failure to use the proceeds as provided in this
49 section shall be grounds for revoking certification.

50 (6) For a period of 10 years, the sum of \$3 million is
51 appropriated each year from nonrecurring general revenue to the
52 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for the
53 purpose specified in subsection (3). For the 2005-2006 fiscal
54 year, these funds are appropriated from nonrecurring general

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55 revenues. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2010-2011, the
56 funds appropriated shall be appropriated as provided in this
57 section from nonrecurring general revenues or as specifically
58 provided in the General Appropriations Act. Funds appropriated
59 shall be distributed by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
60 Economic Development to the Florida Goodwill Association for
61 distribution to local community Goodwill establishments solely
62 to encourage and provide economic development through capital
63 construction, improvements, or equipment that will result in
64 expanded employment opportunities.

65 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.