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The Committee on Commerce and Consumer Services (King)  
recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 35, line 10, through page 37, line 22, delete  
those lines

and insert:

Section 5. Subsections (1), (2), (6), (7), (8), (9),  
and (11) of section 445.007, Florida Statutes, are amended to  
read: 445.007 Regional workforce boards; exemption from  
public meetings law.--

(1) One regional workforce board shall be appointed in  
each designated service delivery area and shall serve as the  
local workforce investment board pursuant to Pub. L. No.  
105-220. The membership of the board shall be consistent with  
Pub. L. No. 105-220, Title I, s. 117(b), and contain one  
representative from a nonpublic postsecondary educational  
institution that is an authorized individual training account  
provider within the region and confers certificates and  
diplomas, one representative from a nonpublic postsecondary

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1 educational institution that is an authorized individual  
2 training account provider within the region and confers  
3 degrees, and three representatives of organized labor. The  
4 board shall include one nonvoting representative from a  
5 military installation if a military installation is located  
6 within the region and the appropriate military command or  
7 organization authorizes such representation. Individuals  
8  ~~serving as members of regional workforce development boards or~~  
9  ~~local WAGES coalitions, as of June 30, 2000, are eligible for~~  
10  ~~appointment to regional workforce boards, pursuant to this~~  
11  ~~section.~~ It is the intent of the Legislature that,  ~~whenever~~  
12  ~~possible and to the greatest extent practicable,~~ membership of  
13 a regional workforce board include persons who are current or  
14 former recipients of welfare transition assistance as defined  
15 in s. 445.002(3) or workforce services as provided in s.  
16 445.009(1), or that such persons be included as ex officio  
17 members of the board or of committees organized by the board.  
18 The importance of minority and gender representation shall be  
19 considered when making appointments to the board. The board,  
20 its committees, subcommittees, and subdivisions, and other  
21 units of the workforce system, including units that may  
22 consist in whole or in part of local governmental units, may  
23 use any method of telecommunications to conduct meetings,  
24 including establishing a quorum through telecommunications,  
25 provided that the public is given proper notice of the  
26 telecommunications meeting and reasonable access to observe  
27 and, when appropriate, participate. Regional workforce boards  
28 are subject to those provisions of chapter 119 which relate to  
29 public records and those provisions of chapter 286 which  
30 relate to public meetings. If the regional workforce board  
31 enters into a contract with an organization or individual

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1 represented on the board of directors, the contract must be  
 2 approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire board, and the  
 3 board member who could benefit financially from the  
 4 transaction must abstain from voting on the contract. A board  
 5 member must disclose any such conflict in a manner that is  
 6 consistent with the procedures outlined in s. 112.3143.

7       (2) The regional workforce board shall elect a chair  
 8 from among the representatives described in Pub. L. No.  
 9 105-220, Title I, s. 117(b)(2)(A)(i) to serve for a term of no  
 10 more than 2 years and shall serve no more than two terms.  
 11 ~~Workforce Florida, Inc., will determine the timeframe and~~  
 12 ~~manner of changes to the regional workforce boards as required~~  
 13 ~~by this chapter and Pub. L. No. 105-220.~~

14       (6) Regional workforce boards shall adopt a committee  
 15 structure consistent with applicable federal law and state  
 16 policies established by Workforce Florida, Inc. Regional  
 17 ~~workforce boards may appoint local committees to obtain~~  
 18 ~~technical assistance on issues of importance, including those~~  
 19 ~~issues affecting older workers.~~

20       ~~(7) Each regional workforce board shall establish by~~  
 21 ~~October 1, 2000, a High Skills/High Wages committee consisting~~  
 22 ~~of at least five private sector business representatives~~  
 23 ~~appointed in consultation with local chambers of commerce by~~  
 24 ~~the primary county economic development organization within~~  
 25 ~~the region, as identified by Enterprise Florida, Inc.; a~~  
 26 ~~representative of each primary county economic development~~  
 27 ~~organization within the region; the regional workforce board~~  
 28 ~~chair; the presidents of all community colleges within the~~  
 29 ~~board's region; those district school superintendents with~~  
 30 ~~authority for conducting postsecondary educational programs~~  
 31 ~~within the region; and two representatives from nonpublic~~

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1 ~~postsecondary educational institutions that are authorized~~  
2 ~~individual training account providers within the region,~~  
3 ~~appointed by the chair of the regional workforce board. If~~  
4 ~~possible, one of the nonpublic educational institutions~~  
5 ~~represented must be accredited by the Southern Association of~~  
6 ~~Colleges and Schools. The business representatives appointed~~  
7 ~~by the primary county economic development organizations need~~  
8 ~~not be members of the regional workforce board and shall~~  
9 ~~represent those industries that are of primary importance to~~  
10 ~~the region's current and future economy. In a multicounty~~  
11 ~~region, each primary county economic development organization~~  
12 ~~within the region shall appoint at least one business~~  
13 ~~representative and shall consult with the other primary county~~  
14 ~~economic development organizations within the region to make~~  
15 ~~joint appointments when necessary.~~

16 ~~(a) At least annually, each High Skills/High Wages~~  
17 ~~committee shall submit recommendations to Workforce Florida,~~  
18 ~~Inc., related to:~~

19 ~~1. Policies to enhance the responsiveness of High~~  
20 ~~Skills/High Wages programs in its region to business and~~  
21 ~~economic development opportunities.~~

22 ~~2. Integrated use of state education and federal~~  
23 ~~workforce development funds to enhance the training and~~  
24 ~~placement of designated population individuals with local~~  
25 ~~businesses and industries.~~

26 ~~(b) The committees shall also make reports to~~  
27 ~~Workforce Florida, Inc., annually, on dates specified by~~  
28 ~~Workforce Florida, Inc., that identify occupations in the~~  
29 ~~region deemed critical to business retention, expansion, and~~  
30 ~~recruitment activities, based on guidelines set by Workforce~~  
31 ~~Florida, Inc. Such guidelines shall include research of the~~

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1 ~~workforce needs of private employers in the region, in~~  
 2 ~~consultation with local chambers of commerce and economic~~  
 3 ~~development organizations. Occupations identified pursuant to~~  
 4 ~~this paragraph shall be considered by Workforce Florida, Inc.,~~  
 5 ~~for inclusion in the region's targeted occupation list.~~

6       ~~(8) Each regional workforce board shall establish a~~  
 7 ~~Better Jobs/Better Wages committee consisting of at least five~~  
 8 ~~members. Initial appointments to this committee shall include~~  
 9 ~~at least three members of the local WAGES coalition,~~  
 10 ~~established pursuant to chapter 96-175, Laws of Florida.~~

11       ~~(9) Each regional workforce board shall establish a~~  
 12 ~~First Jobs/First Wages committee consisting of at least five~~  
 13 ~~members. This committee shall serve as the youth council for~~  
 14 ~~purposes of Pub. L. No. 105-220.~~

15       (11) For purposes of procurement, regional workforce  
 16 boards and their administrative entities are not state  
 17 agencies, but the boards and their administrative entities  
 18 must comply with state procurement laws and procedures until  
 19 Workforce Florida, Inc., adopts the provisions or alternative  
 20 procurement procedures that meet the requirements of federal  
 21 law. Regional workforce boards, their administrative entities,  
 22 committees, and subcommittees, and other workforce units may  
 23 promote appropriate activities, incentives, and awards for  
 24 performance by units of Florida's workforce system, and  
 25 expenditures for such activities, incentives, and awards are  
 26 not subject to chapter 287 or chapter 17, including rules  
 27 adopted thereunder. However, all expenditures for such  
 28 activities, incentives, and awards are exclusively subject to  
 29 federal regulations applicable to the expenditure of federal  
 30 funds. All contracts executed by regional workforce boards  
 31 must include specific performance expectations and

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5 And the title is amended as follows:

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8 insert:

9           amending organizational requirements for

10           regional workforce boards;

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