

Bill No. SB 2484

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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

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

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

(1) For purposes of this section, the term "qualified
job training organization" means an organization that:

(a) Is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation
of Rehabilitation Facilities;

(b) Is an organization that collects Florida State
Sales Tax;

(c) Is a statewide organization with more than 100
locations within the state;

(d) Is exempt from income taxation under s. 501(c)3 or
s. 501(c)4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

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1 (e) Specializes in the retail sale of donated items;
 2 (f) Provides job training and employment services to
 3 individuals who have workplace disadvantages and disabilities;

4 and

5 (g) Uses a majority of its revenues for job training
 6 and placement programs that create jobs and foster economic
 7 development.

8 (2) To be eligible for funding as provided in this
 9 act, an organization must be certified by the Office of
 10 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development as meeting the
 11 criteria specified in subsection (1).

12 (3) After a qualified job training organization is
 13 certified, the organization shall use proceeds provided in
 14 this act solely to encourage and provide economic development
 15 through capital construction, improvements, or purchase of
 16 equipment which will result in expanded employment
 17 opportunities.

18 (4) The Auditor General may audit a qualified job
 19 training organization to verify that the distributions to the
 20 organization under this section have been expended by the
 21 organization as required under this section. If the Auditor
 22 General determines that the distributions have not been
 23 expended as required under this section, the Office of
 24 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may pursue recovery
 25 of such proceeds pursuant to the laws and rules governing the
 26 assessment of taxes.

27 (5) Failure to use the proceeds as provided in this
 28 section constitutes grounds for revoking certification.

29 Section 2. There is appropriated 3 million dollars per
 30 year from nonrecurring general revenue for 10 years to the
 31 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for the

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1 purpose specified in section 288.1171(3), Florida Statutes.
2 For the 2005-2006 fiscal year, these funds are appropriated
3 from nonrecurring general revenue. For the fiscal years
4 2006-2007 through 2015-2016, the funds appropriated shall be
5 appropriated from nonrecurring general revenue or as
6 specifically provided in the General Appropriations Act. The
7 funds so appropriated shall be distributed by the Office of
8 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to organizations
9 meeting the requirements of s. 288.1171(1) solely to encourage
10 and provide economic development through capital construction,
11 improvements, or the purchase of equipment that will result in
12 expanded employment opportunities.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause

and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to qualified job training
organizations; creating s. 288.1171, F.S. ;
defining the term "qualified job training
organization"; providing for the Office of
Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to
certify qualified job training organizations;
providing for the distribution of certain funds
to a certified organization; specifying uses of
the funds; authorizing the Auditor General to
audit such organizations for certain purposes;

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1 providing for revocation of certification under
2 certain circumstances; providing for
3 appropriations to be distributed through the
4 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
5 Development; providing an effective date.
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