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1 The Education Appropriations Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to postsecondary education funding;
7 creating part VI of ch. 1011, F.S.; establishing the
8 SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals Program;
9 providing for the appropriation of funds to the Department
10 of Education to be distributed on a competitive basis to
11 postsecondary educational institutions to offer programs
12 that meet critical workforce needs; providing for an
13 annual request for proposals and requirements of such
14 proposals; requiring establishment annually by the
15 Legislature of a priority list for funding and selection
16 by the State Board of Education; providing requirements
17 for grant recipients and renewal grants; providing an
18 effective date.

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

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

24 1011.96 SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals
 25 Program.--

26 (1) The SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals Program
 27 is established to award funds to accredited postsecondary
 28 educational institutions in the state on a competitive basis to
 29 offer programs that meet the critical workforce needs of the
 30 state and to maximize the number of diplomas, certificates, and
 31 degrees that are awarded to postsecondary education students in
 32 fields vital to the citizens of the state.

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

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

41 (4) Proposals for a grant authorized pursuant to this
 42 section must:

43 (a) Indicate the number of students to be served, the
 44 length of the proposed program, and the projected cost. Funds
 45 for a grant provided pursuant to this section must be used to
 46 support new students and not to supplant current funding or
 47 students.

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

49 (c) Demonstrate a pool of qualified applicants.

50 (d) Be submitted by an accredited public or nonpublic
 51 postsecondary educational institution in the state that provides

52 postsecondary instruction in a field specified in the priority
53 list established pursuant to subsection (5). For purposes of
54 this section, postsecondary educational institutions include
55 school district career centers that offer postsecondary
56 programs.

57 (e) Indicate the number of postsecondary diplomas,
58 certificates, or degrees that the institution will award using
59 funds received pursuant to this section and the fields in which
60 the diplomas, certificates, or degrees will be awarded.

61 (f) Indicate how the funds received will leverage other
62 grants and scholarships and how the funds will be used to offset
63 student tuition costs.

64 (5) By March 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the chair
65 of Workforce Florida, Inc., shall advise the Legislature of the
66 state's most pressing workforce needs for postsecondary
67 instruction and the geographic locations of these needs. The
68 Legislature shall annually establish a priority list for funds
69 provided pursuant to this section in the General Appropriations
70 Act.

71 (6) The rankings and decisions of the request-for-
72 proposals process shall be made by the State Board of Education
73 based on the priority list established pursuant to subsection
74 (5).

75 (7) Grant recipients must enter into a contract with the
76 state to produce a specific number of graduates in the
77 designated program within a specific time period. Grant
78 recipients must submit periodic reports to the department

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79 documenting compliance with the accountability measures
80 established by the department.

81 (8) Subsequent to the first year of funding for the
82 SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial Professionals Program, priority for
83 awarding grants shall be for renewal grants to programs that are
84 making adequate progress toward their contracted production,
85 including nursing programs and teaching programs at institutions
86 that received funding from the SUCCEED, Florida - Crucial
87 Professionals Program during the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Renewal
88 award amounts shall be tied to student retention; the production
89 of degrees, certificates, or diplomas; and the number of
90 graduates placed in the targeted professions in the state.

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