

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Community Colleges & Workforce Committee recommends the
2 following:

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4 **Council/Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to prosperity campaigns; creating s.
8 445.057, F.S.; establishing the Prosperity Campaign Office
9 to be administratively housed in Workforce Florida, Inc.;
10 providing duties of the office; providing for
11 establishment of the Florida Prosperity Campaign Council;
12 providing membership and responsibilities; providing for
13 meetings and reimbursement for per diem and travel
14 expenses; requiring development of financial literacy
15 instruction to be included in high school life management
16 skills coursework; authorizing each Prosperity Campaign to
17 connect low-wage workers to economic benefits programs and
18 to offer additional services; providing reporting
19 requirements; providing for repeal unless reviewed and
20 saved from repeal; amending s. 1003.43, F.S., relating to
21 general requirements for high school graduation; requiring
22 financial literacy instruction to be part of the life

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23 management skills credit requirement; providing an
24 effective date.

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

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28 Section 1. Section 445.057, Florida Statutes, is created
29 to read:

30 445.057 Prosperity Campaigns.--

31 (1) There is established the Prosperity Campaign Office
32 which shall be administratively housed in Workforce Florida,
33 Inc. The office is directed to coordinate established Prosperity
34 Campaigns in the state, foster the establishment of new
35 campaigns in designated regional workforce areas and assist in
36 the development of their programs, coordinate with the Internal
37 Revenue Service in providing programs for low-wage workers, and
38 work closely with prosperity campaign offices in other states.

39 (2) The office shall assist the Florida Prosperity
40 Campaign Council which shall be established and composed of the
41 following members:

42 (a) Two individuals each representing a different
43 Prosperity Campaign in the state, appointed by the Governor.

44 (b) One member of the Greater Miami Prosperity Campaign.

45 (c) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of
46 the Senate.

47 (d) One member of the House of Representatives appointed
48 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

49 (e) The Chief Financial Officer or his or her designee.

- 50 (f) One representative from the Florida Bankers
 51 Association.
- 52 (g) One representative from the Florida Institute of CPAs.
- 53 (h) One representative from the Florida Credit Union
 54 League.
- 55 (i) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee.
- 56 (j) One representative from the Florida League of Cities.
- 57 (k) One representative from the Florida Association of
 58 Counties.
- 59 (l) One representative from the Florida Association of
 60 Realtors.
- 61 (m) One representative from United Way of Florida.
- 62 (n) One representative from Leadership Florida.
- 63 (o) One representative from the Florida Chamber of
 64 Commerce.
- 65 (p) One representative from a nonprofit or community-based
 66 low-wage worker organization.
- 67 (3) The members of the council shall be appointed to serve
 68 2-year terms starting on July 1, 2005. Upon completion of the
 69 term, new members shall be appointed in the same manner as the
 70 original appointment.
- 71 (4) The council shall meet each quarter of the year or
 72 upon the call of the chair. Annually, at the meeting in the
 73 first quarter, officers consisting of a chair, vice chair, and
 74 secretary shall be elected. Each officer shall serve until a
 75 successor is elected. No officer shall serve more than two
 76 consecutive years in the same office.

77 (5) Members of the council shall serve without
 78 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for per diem and travel
 79 expenses in accordance with s. 112.061.

80 (6) The council's responsibilities shall include, but not
 81 be limited to:

82 (a) Assisting in the development of Prosperity Campaigns
 83 throughout the state.

84 (b) Coordinating with Prosperity Campaigns to assist in
 85 the development of new programs.

86 (c) Developing implementation plans for new programs using
 87 the best practices of existing and new Prosperity Campaigns in
 88 and outside of the state.

89 (d) Coordinating financial literacy classes or programs
 90 within each Prosperity Campaign.

91 (e) Working with businesses and agencies to develop a
 92 package of services for citizens participating in Prosperity
 93 Campaigns.

94 (f) Working with the Department of Education in developing
 95 financial literacy instruction to be part of the life management
 96 skills course pursuant to s. 1003.43. The financial literacy
 97 instruction must focus on the importance of financial
 98 management, savings, investments, credit scores, and other
 99 relevant subjects. Community colleges and state universities are
 100 encouraged to use financial literacy information in student
 101 orientation programs.

102 (g) Performing other activities deemed necessary by the
 103 council or directed by Workforce Florida, Inc.

104 (7) Each Prosperity Campaign is authorized to:

105 (a) Educate citizens about available economic benefits
 106 programs and the importance of wise financial decisionmaking.

107 (b) Connect low-wage workers to economic benefits
 108 programs, including, but not limited to, the Earned Income Tax
 109 Credit and the Childcare Tax Credit.

110 (c) Offer free tax preparation services, economic benefits
 111 screening, and other related services.

112 (d) Provide information to businesses to enable them to
 113 distribute economic benefits information to current and new
 114 employees.

115 (8) By June 30, 2006, and annually thereafter, the council
 116 shall report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
 117 the Speaker of the House of Representatives the effectiveness of
 118 the council, detailing the progress made in establishing new
 119 Prosperity Campaigns, including barriers to establishing new
 120 Prosperity Campaigns, how the barriers were overcome, the
 121 partners involved and their roles, and recommendations for the
 122 future.

123 (9) The council and the provisions of this section shall
 124 stand repealed on July 1, 2009, unless reviewed and saved from
 125 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

126 Section 2. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section
 127 1003.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

128 1003.43 General requirements for high school graduation.--

129 (1) Graduation requires successful completion of either a
 130 minimum of 24 academic credits in grades 9 through 12 or an
 131 International Baccalaureate curriculum. The 24 credits shall be
 132 distributed as follows:

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133 (i) One-half credit in life management skills to include
134 instruction in financial literacy focused on the importance of
135 financial management, savings, investments, credit scores, and
136 other relevant subjects, consumer education, positive emotional
137 development, marriage and relationship skill-based education,
138 nutrition, parenting skills, prevention of human
139 immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immune deficiency
140 syndrome and other sexually transmissible diseases, benefits of
141 sexual abstinence and consequences of teenage pregnancy,
142 information and instruction on breast cancer detection and
143 breast self-examination, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, drug
144 education, and the hazards of smoking.

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146 District school boards may award a maximum of one-half credit in
147 social studies and one-half elective credit for student
148 completion of nonpaid voluntary community or school service
149 work. Students choosing this option must complete a minimum of
150 75 hours of service in order to earn the one-half credit in
151 either category of instruction. Credit may not be earned for
152 service provided as a result of court action. District school
153 boards that approve the award of credit for student volunteer
154 service shall develop guidelines regarding the award of the
155 credit, and school principals are responsible for approving
156 specific volunteer activities. A course designated in the Course
157 Code Directory as grade 9 through grade 12 that is taken below
158 the 9th grade may be used to satisfy high school graduation
159 requirements or Florida Academic Scholars award requirements as
160 specified in a district school board's student progression plan.

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161 | A student shall be granted credit toward meeting the
162 | requirements of this subsection for equivalent courses, as
163 | identified pursuant to s. 1007.271(6), taken through dual
164 | enrollment.

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