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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to military personnel on duty; creating
3 the Citizen Soldier Matching Grant Program within the
4 Agency for Workforce Innovation; providing for matching
5 grants to be awarded to private sector employers that
6 provide wages to employees serving in the United States
7 Armed Forces Reserves or the Florida National Guard while
8 those employees are on federal active duty; providing
9 eligibility requirements for grant recipients; directing
10 the Agency for Workforce Innovation to develop a plan to
11 administer the application and payment procedures for the
12 matching grants; providing for the grant program to be
13 funded by legislative appropriations; providing an
14 effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Citizen Soldier Matching Grant Program.--The
19 Agency for Workforce Innovation shall establish a matching grant
20 program to award matching grants to private sector employers in
21 this state that provide wages to employees serving in the United
22 States Armed Forces Reserves or the Florida National Guard while
23 those employees are on federal active duty. A grant may not be
24 provided for federal active duty served before January 1, 2005.
25 Each grant shall be awarded to reimburse the employer for not
26 more than one-half of the monthly wages paid to an employee who
27 is a resident of this state for the actual period of federal
28 active duty. The monthly grant per employee may not exceed one-

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29 half of the difference between the amount of monthly wages paid
30 by the employer to the employee at the level paid before the
31 date the employee was called to federal active duty and the
32 amount of the employee's active duty base pay and benefit
33 package. The agency shall develop a plan, subject to the notice,
34 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
35 Statutes, to administer the application and payment procedures
36 for the matching grant program. The matching grant program shall
37 be funded by legislative appropriations.

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