

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Military & Veteran Affairs Committee recommends the
2 following:

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4 **Council/Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

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

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

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24 Section 1. Citizen Soldier Matching Grant Program.--The
25 Agency for Workforce Innovation shall establish a matching grant
26 program to award matching grants to private sector employers in
27 this state that provide wages to employees serving in the United
28 States Armed Forces Reserves or the Florida National Guard while
29 those employees are on federal active duty. A grant may not be
30 provided for federal active duty served before January 1, 2005.
31 Each grant shall be awarded to reimburse the employer for not
32 more than one-half of the monthly wages paid to an employee who
33 is a resident of this state for the actual period of federal
34 active duty. The monthly grant per employee may not exceed one-
35 half of the difference between the amount of monthly wages paid
36 by the employer to the employee at the level paid before the
37 date the employee was called to federal active duty and the
38 amount of the employee's active duty base pay, housing and
39 variable allowances, and subsistence allowance. The agency shall
40 develop a plan, subject to the notice, review, and objection
41 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to administer the
42 application and payment procedures for the matching grant
43 program. The matching grant program shall be funded by
44 legislative appropriations.

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