

By Senator Geller

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to military personnel on duty;

3 creating the Citizen Soldier Matching Grant

4 Program within the Agency for Workforce

5 Innovation; providing for matching grants to be

6 awarded to private sector employers that

7 provide wages to employees serving in the

8 United States Armed Forces Reserves or the

9 Florida National Guard while those employees

10 are on federal active duty; providing

11 eligibility requirements for grant recipients;

12 directing the Agency for Workforce Innovation

13 to develop a plan to administer the application

14 and payment procedures for the matching grants;

15 providing for the grant program to be funded by

16 legislative appropriations; providing an

17 effective date.

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

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21 Section 1. Citizen Soldier Matching Grant

22 Program.--The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall establish

23 a matching grant program to award matching grants to private

24 sector employers in this state which provide wages to

25 employees serving in the United States Armed Forces Reserves

26 or the Florida National Guard while those employees are on

27 federal active duty. A grant may not be provided for federal

28 active duty served before January 1, 2005. Each grant shall be

29 awarded to reimburse the employer for not more than one-half

30 of the monthly wages paid to an employee who is a resident of

31 this state for the actual period of federal active duty. The

1 monthly grant per employee may not exceed one-half of the
2 difference between the amount of monthly wages paid by the
3 employer to the employee at the level paid before the date the
4 employee was called to federal active duty and the amount of
5 the employee's active duty base pay and benefit package. The
6 agency shall develop a plan, subject to the notice, review,
7 and objection procedures of section 216.177, Florida Statutes,
8 to administer the application and payment procedures for the
9 matching grant program. The matching grant program shall be
10 funded by legislative appropriations.

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

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14 SENATE SUMMARY

15 Establishes the Citizen Soldier Matching Grant Program
16 within the Agency for Workforce Innovation to provide
17 grants to private sector employers that provide wages to
18 employees serving in the United States Armed Forces
19 Reserves or the Florida National Guard. Directs the
20 agency to develop a plan to administer the application
21 and payment of the grants. Requires that the grant
22 program be funded by legislative appropriations.
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