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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, housing and variable
6	allowances, and subsistence allowance. The agency shall
7	develop a plan, by no later than October 1, 2005, subject to
8	the notice, review, and objection procedures of section
9	216.177, Florida Statutes, to administer the application and
10	payment procedures for the matching grant program. The Agency
11	for Workforce Innovation shall not award any matching grants
12	prior to the approval of the plan. The matching grant program
13	shall be funded by specific legislative appropriations.
14	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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16	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
17	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR Senate Bill 72
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19	Includes in the calculation of the grant to be paid under the program the housing allowance and subsistence allowance of
20	those Florida residents serving on federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces Reserves or the Florida National
21	Guard.
22	Specifies that the plan for administering the program must be developed by October 1, 2005.
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