

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to qualified job-training organizations;  
 3           creating s. 288.1171, F.S.; defining the term "qualified  
 4           job-training organization"; providing for the Office of  
 5           Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to certify  
 6           qualified job-training organizations; providing for the  
 7           distribution of certain funds to a certified organization;  
 8           specifying uses of the funds; authorizing the Auditor  
 9           General to audit such organizations for certain purposes;  
 10          providing for revocation of certification under certain  
 11          circumstances; providing appropriations for a certain  
 12          period; providing for appropriations to be distributed  
 13          through the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
 14          Development; providing an 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.   Section 288.1171, Florida Statutes, is created  
 19   to read:

20           288.1171 Qualified job-training organizations;  
 21   certification; duties.--

22           (1) As used in this section, the term "qualified job-  
 23   training organization" means an organization that satisfies all  
 24   of the following:

25           (a) Is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of  
 26   Rehabilitation Facilities.

27           (b) Collects Florida state sales tax.

28           (c) Operates statewide and has more than 100 locations

29 within the state.

30 (d) Is exempt from income taxation under s. 501(c)3 or s.  
 31 501(c)4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

32 (e) Specializes in the retail sale of donated items.

33 (f) Provides job training and employment services to  
 34 individuals who have workplace disadvantages and disabilities.

35 (g) Uses a majority of its revenues for job training and  
 36 placement programs that create jobs and foster economic  
 37 development.

38 (2) To be eligible for funding, an organization must be  
 39 certified by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
 40 Development as meeting the criteria in subsection (1).

41 (3) A qualified job-training organization that is  
 42 certified must use the proceeds provided solely to encourage and  
 43 provide economic development through capital construction,  
 44 improvements, or the purchase of equipment that will result in  
 45 expanded employment opportunities.

46 (4) The Auditor General may audit a qualified job-training  
 47 organization to verify that distributions made to the  
 48 organization have been expended pursuant to this section. If the  
 49 Auditor General determines that the distributions have not been  
 50 expended as required, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
 51 Development may recover such proceeds pursuant to the laws and  
 52 rules governing the assessment of taxes.

53 (5) The failure to use the proceeds as required  
 54 constitutes grounds for revoking certification.

55 Section 2. The sum of \$3 million per year is appropriated  
 56 from nonrecurring general revenue for 10 years to the Office of

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57 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for the purpose  
58 specified in s. 288.1171(3), Florida Statutes. For the 2006-2007  
59 fiscal year, these funds are appropriated from nonrecurring  
60 general revenue. For the 2007-2008 through 2016-2017 fiscal  
61 years, the funds shall be appropriated from nonrecurring general  
62 revenue or as specifically provided in the General  
63 Appropriations Act. The funds shall be distributed by the Office  
64 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to organizations  
65 meeting the requirements of s. 288.1171, Florida Statutes,  
66 solely to encourage and provide economic development through  
67 capital construction, improvements, or the purchase of equipment  
68 that will result in expanded employment opportunities.

69 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.