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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Economic Development, Trade & Banking Committee recommends
2 the following:

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4 **Council/Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to qualified job-training organizations;
8 creating s. 288.1171, F.S.; defining the term "qualified
9 job-training organization"; providing for the Office of
10 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to certify
11 qualified job-training organizations; providing for the
12 distribution of certain funds to a certified organization
13 pursuant to contract; providing contract requirements;
14 specifying uses of the funds; providing for revocation of
15 certification under certain circumstances; providing
16 appropriations for a certain period; providing for
17 appropriations to be distributed through the Office of
18 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development; providing an
19 effective date.

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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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23 Section 1. Section 288.1171, Florida Statutes, is created
24 to read:

25 288.1171 Qualified job-training organizations;
26 certification; duties.--

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

30 (a) Is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of
31 Rehabilitation Facilities.

32 (b) Collects Florida state sales tax.

33 (c) Operates statewide and has more than 100 locations
34 within the state.

35 (d) Is exempt from income taxation under s. 501(c)3 or s.
36 501(c)4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

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

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

40 (g) Uses a majority of its revenues for job training and
41 placement programs that create jobs and foster economic
42 development.

43 (2) To be eligible for funding, an organization must be
44 certified by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
45 Development as meeting the criteria in subsection (1). After
46 certification, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
47 Development may release funds to the qualified job training
48 organization pursuant to a contract with the organization. The
49 contract must address the performance conditions and sanctions
50 for failure to meet the performance conditions and must require

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51 that salaries paid to officers and employees of the qualified
52 job training organization comply with s. 4958 of the Internal
53 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

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

59 (4) The failure to use the proceeds as required
60 constitutes grounds for revoking certification.

61 Section 2. The sum of \$3 million per year is appropriated
62 from nonrecurring general revenue for 10 years to the Office of
63 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for the purpose
64 specified in s. 288.1171(3), Florida Statutes. For the 2006-2007
65 fiscal year, these funds are appropriated from nonrecurring
66 general revenue. For the 2007-2008 through 2016-2017 fiscal
67 years, the funds shall be appropriated from nonrecurring general
68 revenue or as specifically provided in the General
69 Appropriations Act. The funds shall be distributed by the Office
70 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to organizations
71 meeting the requirements of s. 288.1171, Florida Statutes,
72 solely to encourage and provide economic development through
73 capital construction, improvements, or the purchase of equipment
74 that will result in expanded employment opportunities.

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