

By the Committee on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; and Senators Lynn and Margolis

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to qualified job-training

3 organizations; creating s. 288.1171, F.S.;

4 defining the term "qualified job-training

5 organization"; providing for the Office of

6 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to

7 certify qualified job-training organizations;

8 providing for the distribution of certain funds

9 to a certified organization; specifying uses of

10 the funds; providing for revocation of

11 certification under certain circumstances;

12 providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Section 288.1171, Florida Statutes, is

17 created to read:

18 288.1171 Qualified job-training organizations;

19 certification; duties.--

20 (1) As used in this section, the term "qualified

21 job-training organization" means an organization that:

22 (a) Is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation

23 of Rehabilitation Facilities;

24 (b) Collects Florida state sales tax;

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

26 within the state;

27 (d) Is exempt from income taxation under s. 501(c)3 or

28 s. 501(c)4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

29 (e) Specializes in the retail sale of donated items;

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CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1 (f) Provides job training and employment services to
2 individuals who have workplace disadvantages and disabilities;
3 and

4 (g) Uses a majority of its revenues for job training
5 and placement programs that create jobs and foster economic
6 development.

7 (2) To be eligible for funding, an organization must
8 be certified by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
9 Development as meeting the criteria in subsection (1). After
10 certification, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
11 Development may release the funds pursuant to a contract with
12 the qualified job-training organization. The contract must
13 address the performance conditions and sanctions for failure
14 to meet the performance conditions.

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

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

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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24 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
25 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
26 Senate Bill 164

27 This committee substitute eliminates the authorization for the
28 Auditor General to examine a certified organization's use of
29 funds, eliminates authorization for the Office of Tourism,
30 Trade and Economic Development to recover misused funds
31 pursuant to laws and rules governing tax assessment, and
deletes the appropriation of \$3 million from the bill.