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The Committee on Transportation and Economic Development
Appropriations (Fasano) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 1, line 14,

insert:

Section 1. Section 334.351, Florida Statutes, is
amended to read:

334.351 Youth work experience program; findings and
intent; authority to contract; limitation.--

(1) The Legislature finds and declares that young men
and women of the state should be given an opportunity to
obtain public service work and training experience that
protects and conserves the valuable resources of the state and
promotes participation in other community enhancement
projects. Notwithstanding the requirements of chapters 287 and
337, the Department of Transportation is authorized to
contract with public agencies and nonprofit organizations for
the performance of work related to the construction and
maintenance of transportation-related facilities by youths

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1 enrolled in youth work experience programs. The total amount
2 of contracts entered into by the department under this section
3 in any fiscal year may not exceed the amount specifically
4 appropriated by the Legislature for this program.

5 (2) Any youth who is participating in a nonprofit
6 youth organization that provides services under contract to
7 the department must be certified by the youth organization as
8 a resident of this state and must possess a valid Florida
9 driver's license or identification card.

10 (3) Before awarding a contract under this section, the
11 department must consider the following criteria when selecting
12 a nonprofit youth organization to perform work on
13 transportation-related facilities:

14 (a) The number of participants receiving
15 life-management skills training;

16 (b) The number of participants receiving high school
17 diplomas or GEDs;

18 (c) The number of participants receiving scholarships;

19 (d) The number of participants receiving bonuses;

20 (e) The number of participants who have secured
21 full-time jobs; and

22 (f) The other programs or services that support the
23 development of disadvantaged youths.

24 (4) Each nonprofit youth organization under contract
25 with the department must:

26 (a) Submit an annual report to the department by
27 January 1 of each year. The report must include, but need not
28 be limited to, the applicable performance of the organization
29 when measured by the criteria in subsection (3) for the
30 organization's most recently completed fiscal year.

31 (b) Submit an independent audit of the organization's

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1 financial records to the department each year. The
 2 organization's contract with the department must allow the
 3 department the right to inspect the organization's financial
 4 and program records.

5 (c) Demonstrate participation in a peer assessment or
 6 review process, such as the National Association of Service
 7 and Conservation Corps "Excellence in Corps Operations."

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 9 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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13 And the title is amended as follows:

14 On page 1, line 2, after the semicolon,

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16 insert:

17 amending s. 334.351, F.S., relating to the
 18 youth work experience in the Department of
 19 Transportation; providing criteria for
 20 participation in the program;

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