

By Senator Siplin

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to job opportunities for  
3           youths; providing legislative intent to support  
4           vocational training and placement provided to  
5           at-risk youth through the Professional  
6           Opportunities Program for Students (POPS);  
7           providing for a pilot program; requiring that  
8           program proposals be submitted to the  
9           Department of Juvenile Justice; requiring a  
10          report to the Legislature; providing an  
11          appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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15           Section 1. Professional Opportunities Program for  
16 Students; legislative intent; pilot program.--

17           (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide  
18 support and funding for programs conducted by the Professional  
19 Opportunities Program for Students (POPS). POPS identifies and  
20 provides vocational-and-employability-skills training and  
21 placement programs and initiatives to youths between the ages  
22 of 16 and 18 years who may also qualify for the Department of  
23 Juvenile Justice's initiative programs for youth who have  
24 significant family troubles; have significant school troubles;  
25 have experienced drug or alcohol use, or both; or exhibit  
26 predelinquent behavior.

27           (2) During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, a pilot  
28 Professional Opportunities Program for Students may be  
29 conducted in the central region of the state. In order to  
30 receive funding under this act, a POPS entity must submit to  
31 the Department of Juvenile Justice by September 1, 2006, a

