

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Prosperity Campaigns; creating s.
 3 445.057, F.S.; establishing the Prosperity Campaign Office
 4 to be administratively housed in Workforce Florida, Inc.;
 5 providing duties of the office; providing for
 6 establishment of the Florida Prosperity Campaign Council;
 7 providing membership and responsibilities; providing for
 8 meetings and reimbursement for per diem and travel
 9 expenses; requiring development of financial literacy
 10 instruction to be included in high school life management
 11 skills coursework; encouraging each Prosperity Campaign to
 12 perform certain activities, including connecting low-wage
 13 workers to economic benefits programs and offering
 14 additional services; providing reporting requirements;
 15 providing for repeal unless reviewed and saved from
 16 repeal; amending s. 1003.43, F.S., relating to general
 17 requirements for high school graduation; requiring
 18 financial literacy instruction to be part of the life
 19 management skills credit requirement; providing an
 20 effective date.

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

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 24 Section 1. Section 445.057, Florida Statutes, is created
 25 to read:

26 445.057 Prosperity Campaigns.--

27 (1) There is established the Prosperity Campaign Office
 28 which shall be administratively housed in Workforce Florida,

29 Inc. The office is directed to coordinate established Prosperity
 30 Campaigns in the state, foster the establishment of new
 31 campaigns in designated regional workforce areas and assist in
 32 the development of their programs, coordinate with the Internal
 33 Revenue Service in providing programs for low-wage workers, and
 34 work closely with Prosperity Campaign offices in other states.

35 (2) The office shall assist the Florida Prosperity
 36 Campaign Council which shall be established and composed of the
 37 following members:

38 (a) Four individuals each representing a different
 39 Prosperity Campaign in the state, appointed by the Governor.

40 (b) One member of the Greater Miami Prosperity Campaign.

41 (c) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of
 42 the Senate.

43 (d) One member of the House of Representatives appointed
 44 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

45 (e) The Chief Financial Officer or his or her designee.

46 (f) One representative from the Florida Bankers
 47 Association.

48 (g) One representative from the Florida Institute of CPAs.

49 (h) One representative from the Florida Credit Union
 50 League.

51 (i) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee.

52 (j) One representative from the Florida League of Cities.

53 (k) One representative from the Florida Association of
 54 Counties.

55 (l) One representative from the Florida Association of
 56 Realtors.

- 57 (m) One representative from United Way of Florida.
- 58 (n) One representative from Leadership Florida.
- 59 (o) One representative from the Florida Chamber of
- 60 Commerce.
- 61 (p) One representative from a nonprofit or community-based
- 62 low-wage worker organization.
- 63 (q) One representative from the Florida Jump\$tart
- 64 Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy.
- 65 (3) The members of the council shall be appointed to serve
- 66 2-year terms beginning July 1, 2006. A vacancy on the council
- 67 shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the
- 68 same manner as the original appointment.
- 69 (4) The council shall meet each quarter of the year or
- 70 upon the call of the chair. Annually, at the meeting in the
- 71 first quarter, officers consisting of a chair, vice chair, and
- 72 secretary shall be elected. Each officer shall serve until a
- 73 successor is elected. No officer shall serve more than 2
- 74 consecutive years in the same office.
- 75 (5) Members of the council shall serve without
- 76 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for per diem and travel
- 77 expenses in accordance with s. 112.061.
- 78 (6) The council's responsibilities shall include, but not
- 79 be limited to:
- 80 (a) Assisting in the development of Prosperity Campaigns
- 81 throughout the state.
- 82 (b) Coordinating with Prosperity Campaigns to assist in
- 83 the development of new programs.
- 84 (c) Developing implementation plans for new programs using

85 the best practices of existing and new in-state and out-of-state
 86 Prosperity Campaigns.

87 (d) Coordinating financial literacy classes or programs
 88 within each Prosperity Campaign.

89 (e) Working with businesses and agencies to develop a
 90 package of services for citizens participating in Prosperity
 91 Campaigns.

92 (f) Working with the Department of Education in developing
 93 financial literacy instruction to be part of the life management
 94 skills course pursuant to s. 1003.43. The financial literacy
 95 instruction must focus on the importance of financial
 96 management, savings, investments, credit scores, and other
 97 relevant subjects. Community colleges and state universities are
 98 encouraged to use financial literacy information in student
 99 orientation programs.

100 (g) Performing other activities deemed necessary by the
 101 council or directed by Workforce Florida, Inc.

102 (7) Each Prosperity Campaign is encouraged to perform the
 103 following activities, but shall not be limited to such
 104 activities:

105 (a) Educating citizens about available economic benefits
 106 programs and the importance of wise financial decisionmaking.

107 (b) Connecting low-wage workers to economic benefits
 108 programs, including, but not limited to, the Earned Income Tax
 109 Credit and the Childcare Tax Credit.

110 (c) Offering free tax preparation services, economic
 111 benefits screening, and other related services.

112 (d) Providing information to businesses to enable them to

113 distribute economic benefits information to current and new
 114 employees.

115 (e) Performing other activities deemed necessary by the
 116 council.

117 (8) By June 30, 2007, and annually thereafter, the council
 118 shall report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
 119 the Speaker of the House of Representatives the effectiveness of
 120 the council, detailing the progress made in establishing new
 121 Prosperity Campaigns, including barriers to establishing new
 122 Prosperity Campaigns, how the barriers were overcome, the
 123 partners involved and their roles, and recommendations for the
 124 future. The report shall also contain information on existing
 125 Prosperity Campaigns, including, but not limited to,
 126 constituents served and funds received.

127 (9) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on
 128 July 1, 2010, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through
 129 reenactment by the Legislature.

130 Section 2. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section
 131 1003.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

132 1003.43 General requirements for high school graduation.--

133 (1) Graduation requires successful completion of either a
 134 minimum of 24 academic credits in grades 9 through 12 or an
 135 International Baccalaureate curriculum. The 24 credits shall be
 136 distributed as follows:

137 (i) One-half credit in life management skills to include
 138 instruction in financial literacy focused on the importance of
 139 financial management, savings, investments, credit scores, and
 140 other relevant subjects; consumer education; positive emotional

141 development;i marriage and relationship skill-based education;i
142 nutrition;i parenting skills;i prevention of human
143 immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immune deficiency
144 syndrome and other sexually transmissible diseases;i benefits of
145 sexual abstinence and consequences of teenage pregnancy;i
146 information and instruction on breast cancer detection and
147 breast self-examination;i cardiopulmonary resuscitation;i drug
148 education;i and the hazards of smoking.

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150 District school boards may award a maximum of one-half credit in
151 social studies and one-half elective credit for student
152 completion of nonpaid voluntary community or school service
153 work. Students choosing this option must complete a minimum of
154 75 hours of service in order to earn the one-half credit in
155 either category of instruction. Credit may not be earned for
156 service provided as a result of court action. District school
157 boards that approve the award of credit for student volunteer
158 service shall develop guidelines regarding the award of the
159 credit, and school principals are responsible for approving
160 specific volunteer activities. A course designated in the Course
161 Code Directory as grade 9 through grade 12 that is taken below
162 the 9th grade may be used to satisfy high school graduation
163 requirements or Florida Academic Scholars award requirements as
164 specified in a district school board's student progression plan.
165 A student shall be granted credit toward meeting the
166 requirements of this subsection for equivalent courses, as
167 identified pursuant to s. 1007.271(6), taken through dual
168 enrollment.

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