

HB 801

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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Community Colleges & Workforce Committee recommends the
2 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 the Florida Ready to Work Certification
8 Program; creating s. 1004.99, F.S.; creating the program
9 to enhance student workplace skills; providing for
10 implementation; providing program components; authorizing
11 rulemaking; 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. Section 1004.99, Florida Statutes, is created
16 to read:

17 1004.99 Florida Ready to Work Certification Program.--

18 (1) There is created the Florida Ready to Work
19 Certification Program to enhance the workplace skills of
20 Florida's students to better prepare them for successful entry-
21 level employment in specific occupations.

22 (2) The Florida Ready to Work Certification Program may be
23 conducted in public high schools, community colleges, technical

24 centers, one-stop career centers, vocational rehabilitation
 25 centers, and Department of Juvenile Justice educational
 26 facilities. The Department of Education shall establish
 27 institutional readiness criteria for program implementation.

28 (3) The Florida Ready to Work Certification Program shall
 29 be composed of:

30 (a) A comprehensive identification of workplace skills for
 31 each occupation identified for inclusion in the program by the
 32 Agency for Workforce Innovation.

33 (b) A preinstructional assessment that delineates the
 34 student's mastery level on the specific workplace skills
 35 identified for that occupation.

36 (c) A targeted instructional program limited to those
 37 identified workplace skills in which the student is not
 38 proficient as measured by the preinstructional assessment.
 39 Instruction must utilize a web-based program and be customized
 40 to meet identified specific needs of local employers.

41 (d) A certificate and portfolio awarded to students upon
 42 successful completion of the instruction. Each portfolio must
 43 delineate the skills demonstrated by the student as evidence of
 44 the student's preparation for employment.

45 (4) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
 46 Agency for Workforce Innovation, may adopt rules pursuant to ss.
 47 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this
 48 section.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.