${\bf By}$ the Committee on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; and Senator Fasano

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to youth work experience
3	programs; amending s. 334.351, F.S.; requiring
4	nonprofit youth organizations that contract
5	with the Department of Transportation for the
6	purpose of operating youth work experience
7	programs to certify that the program
8	participants are residents of the state and
9	possess valid identification; specifying
10	criteria for the department to consider in
11	awarding contracts to such organizations;
12	requiring that the nonprofit youth
13	organizations submit certain reports and audits
14	to the department and demonstrate participation
15	in a peer assessment or review process;
16	providing an effective date.
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18	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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20	Section 1. Section 334.351, Florida Statutes, is
21	amended to read:
22	334.351 Youth work experience program; findings and
23	intent; authority to contract; limitation
24	(1) The Legislature finds and declares that young men
25	and women of the state should be given an opportunity to
26	obtain public service work and training experience that
27	protects and conserves the valuable resources of the state and
28	promotes participation in other community enhancement
29	projects. Notwithstanding the requirements of chapters 287 and
30	337, the Department of Transportation is authorized to
31	contract with public agencies and nonprofit organizations for

2	maintenance of transportation-related facilities by youths
3	enrolled in youth work experience programs. The total amount
4	of contracts entered into by the department under this section
5	in any fiscal year may not exceed the amount specifically
6	appropriated by the Legislature for this program.
7	(2) Each nonprofit youth organization that provides
8	services under a contract with the department must certify
9	that each young person enrolled in its work experience program
10	is a resident of this state and possesses a valid Florida
11	driver's license or identification card.
12	(3) When selecting a nonprofit youth organization to
13	perform work on transportation-related facilities and before
14	awarding a contract under this section, the department must
15	consider the following criteria:
16	(a) The number of participants receiving
17	life-management skills training;
18	(b) The number of participants receiving high school
19	diplomas or GEDs;
20	(c) The number of participants receiving scholarships;
21	(d) The number of participants receiving bonuses;
22	(e) The number of participants who have secured
23	full-time jobs; and
24	(f) The other programs or services that support the

1 the performance of work related to the construction and

(a) Submit an annual report to the department by

January 1 of each year. The report must include, but need not

be limited to, the applicable performance of the organization

(4) Each nonprofit youth organization under contract

development of disadvantaged youths.

with the department must:

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1	when measured by the criteria in subsection (3) for the
2	organization's most recently completed fiscal year.
3	(b) Submit an independent audit of the organization's
4	financial records to the department each year. The
5	organization's contract with the department must allow the
6	department the right to inspect the organization's financial
7	and program records.
8	(c) Demonstrate participation in a peer assessment or
9	review process, such as the Excellence in Corps Operations of
10	the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps.
11	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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13	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
14	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR <u>Senate Bill 1134</u>
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16	The Committee Substitute (CS) for Senate Bill 1134 provides
17	eligibility criteria for participation in the Department of Transportation's (FDOT) youth work experience program.
18	Nonprofit organizations that perform work related to the construction and maintenance of transportation-related
19	facilities by youths enrolled in youth work experience programs must meet specific eligibility criteria in order to
20	participate in the FDOT's youth work experience program.
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