

1 the performance of work related to the construction and
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
25 development of disadvantaged youths.

26 (4) Each nonprofit youth organization under contract
27 with the department must:

28 (a) Submit an annual report to the department by
29 January 1 of each year. The report must include, but need not
30 be limited to, the applicable performance of the organization
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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
15 Senate Bill 1134

16 The Committee Substitute (CS) for Senate Bill 1134 provides
17 eligibility criteria for participation in the Department of
18 Transportation's (FDOT) youth work experience program.
19 Nonprofit organizations that perform work related to the
20 construction and maintenance of transportation-related
21 facilities by youths enrolled in youth work experience
22 programs must meet specific eligibility criteria in order to
23 participate in the FDOT's youth work experience program.
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