By Senator Lynn

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to qualified job training
3	organizations; creating s. 288.1172, F.S.;
4	defining the term "qualified job-training
5	organization"; providing for the Office of
6	Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to
7	certify qualified job-training organizations;
8	providing for the distribution of certain funds
9	to a certified organization; specifying uses of
10	the funds; authorizing the Auditor General to
11	audit such organizations for certain purposes;
12	providing for revocation of certification under
13	certain circumstances; providing for
14	appropriations to be distributed through the
15	Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
16	Development; 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 288.1172, Florida Statutes, is
21	created to read:
22	288.1172 Qualified job-training organizations;
23	<pre>certification; duties</pre>
24	(1) As used in this section, the term "qualified
25	job-training organization means an organization that:
26	(a) Is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation
27	of Rehabilitation Facilities;
28	(b) Collects Florida state sales tax;
29	(c) Operates statewide and has more than 100 locations
30	within the state;
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1	(d) Is exempt from income taxation under s. 501(c)3 or
2	s. 501(c)4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
3	(e) Specializes in the retail sale of donated items;
4	(f) Provides job training and employment services to
5	individuals who have workplace disadvantages and disabilities;
6	<u>and</u>
7	(q) Uses a majority of its revenues for job training
8	and placement programs that create jobs and foster economic
9	development.
10	(2) To be eligible for funding, an organization must
11	be certified by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
12	Development as meeting the criteria in subsection (1).
13	(3) A qualified job-training organization that is
14	certified must use the proceeds provided solely to encourage
15	and provide economic development through capital construction,
16	improvements, or the purchase of equipment that will result in
17	expanded employment opportunities.
18	(4) The Auditor General may audit a qualified
19	job-training organization to verify that distributions made to
20	the organization have been expended pursuant to this section.
21	If the Auditor General determines that the distributions have
22	not been expended as required, the Office of Tourism, Trade,
23	and Economic Development may recover such proceeds pursuant to
24	the laws and rules governing the assessment of taxes.
25	(5) The failure to use the proceeds as required
26	constitutes grounds for revoking certification.
27	Section 2. There is appropriated \$3 million per year
28	from nonrecurring general revenue for 10 years to the Office
29	of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for the purpose
30	specified in s. 288.1172(3), Florida Statutes. For the
31	2007-2008 fiscal year these funds are appropriated from

1	nonrecurring general revenue. For the 2008-2009 through
2	2017-2018 fiscal years, the funds shall be appropriated from
3	nonrecurring general revenue or as specifically provided in
4	the General Appropriations Act. The funds shall be distributed
5	by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to
6	organizations meeting the requirements of s. 288.1172, Florida
7	Statutes, solely to encourage and provide economic development
8	through capital construction, improvements, or the purchase of
9	equipment that will result in expanded employment
10	opportunities.
11	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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14	SENATE SUMMARY
15	Provides for funding certain job-training organizations that provide economic development through capital
16	construction, improvements, or the purchase of equipment resulting in expanded employment opportunities. Provides
17	for audits of the organizations by the Auditor General.
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