

Bill No. SB 2458

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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Wise) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Section 1003.496, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1003.496 High School to Business Career Enhancement Program.--

(1) This section may be cited as the "High School to Business Career Enhancement Act."

(2)(a) Each district school board shall adopt policies and procedures for a High School to Business Career Enhancement Program through which high school student internships shall be offered in each school district through partnerships developed with employers within the communities served by the district school board. Each internship shall include a student evaluation by the employer at the end of the internship to monitor the academic value of the internship

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1 using criteria established by each district school board.

2 (b) A student who participates in the program may be
3 in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade and must have a minimum
4 weighted grade point average of 2.0.

5 (c) A student participant may not be required to work
6 more than 20 hours per week during the internship.

7 (d) An internship shall be consistent with the career
8 goals of each student participant.

9 (e) An internship shall be at least 8 weeks long and
10 may not last more than 20 consecutive weeks during any school
11 year.

12 (f) Each student may participate in only one
13 internship per school year.

14 (g) No more than 100 internships may be offered each
15 school year by a district school board.

16 (h) The number of internships that an employer may
17 provide under this program is limited by the number of
18 employees that the employer employs in the school district in
19 which the internship is offered.

20 1. An employer with 10 or fewer employees may provide
21 one internship per school year.

22 2. An employer with 11 to 20 employees may provide up
23 to two internships per school year.

24 3. An employer with 21 to 50 employees may provide up
25 to three internships per school year.

26 4. An employer with more than 50 employees may provide
27 up to four internships per school year.

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29 Employers may partner with more than one district school
30 board; however, the number of internships that may be provided
31 within each school district is subject to the limitations

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1 provided in this paragraph.

2 (i) Any employees or contracted personnel of an
3 employer under this section who have direct contact with
4 student interns shall be subject to the level 2 background
5 screening requirements as described in s. 1012.32. The cost of
6 the state and federal criminal history check required by level
7 2 background screening shall be borne by the employer.

8 (3) Employment under this section of a student intern
9 who meets the criteria of s. 443.1216(13)(g) is not employment
10 for purposes of unemployment compensation under chapter 443.

11 (4) The State Board of Education may adopt rules
12 necessary to administer this section.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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20 and insert:

21 A bill to be entitled

22 An act relating to high school work experience;
23 creating s. 1003.496, F.S.; requiring that each
24 district school board adopt policies and
25 procedures for a High School to Business Career
26 Enhancement Program through which student
27 internships shall be offered in each school
28 district; providing internship requirements;
29 providing for the number of internships
30 employers may offer; requiring the screening of
31 the background of employees and contracted

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1 personnel of employers participating in the
 2 program; clarifying that the employment of a
 3 student intern is not employment for purposes
 4 of unemployment compensation; authorizing the
 5 State Board of Education to adopt rules;
 6 providing an effective date.

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 8 WHEREAS, student learning outside of the classroom, as
 9 well as student learning in the classroom, is critical to
 10 success later in life, and

11 WHEREAS, high school student participation in an
 12 internship may provide an experience that will cultivate a
 13 student's interest or talent and may be used to supplement a
 14 student's high school major, and

15 WHEREAS, participation in an internship can be a good
 16 educational tool and provide employment opportunities after
 17 high school or college graduation, and

18 WHEREAS, participation in an internship will increase
 19 the connections of a high school student to business and the
 20 community, and

21 WHEREAS, participation in an internship may motivate a
 22 student to pursue higher education in a particular field, and

23 WHEREAS, partnerships between schools and employers
 24 that offer internships to high school students will help
 25 employers find and train workers and help young people prepare
 26 for success in college, careers, and life, and

27 WHEREAS, employers benefit by training student interns
 28 in their business methods and form a connection between the
 29 employer and the student that may keep talented students in
 30 the state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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