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Senator Oelrich moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 176 and 177

insert:

Section 8. By January 15, 2010, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall submit a report on workforce education programs to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must:

(1) Review student outcomes in workforce education degree and certificate programs offered by community colleges, school districts, and independent institutions which prepare students



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13 for occupations not included on the locally targeted occupations
14 lists developed by Workforce Florida, Inc., or on the statewide
15 occupational forecasting list developed by the Workforce
16 Estimating Conference. The review must include an examination
17 of:

18 (a) Successful program completion and licensure passage
19 rates.

20 (b) Employment placement rates and wages earned according
21 to industry. Such examination must:

22 1. Survey a statistically reliable sample of former
23 students to determine the rates at which students became
24 employed, and the wages earned, in the occupation for which the
25 workforce education program prepared the student. Survey
26 responses shall be cross-checked against available state data.

27 2. Consider the effect that students who became self-
28 employed have on the employment rates determined under
29 subparagraph 1.

30 3. Examine full-time, part-time, and contracted employment
31 as compared to other professions.

32 4. Examine how the percentage of commission impacts total
33 wages as compared to other professions.

34 5. Compare the demand rate resulting from job openings
35 annually to the demand rate for other professions.

36 6. Examine program enrollment demographics by gender and
37 ethnicity as compared to such demographics for the occupation.

38 (2) Examine the cost-effectiveness of state funding for the
39 workforce education programs reviewed under subsection (1)
40 versus the provision of state financial assistance to students
41 for attendance at independent institutions that offer such



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42 programs. Such examination must consider the availability of
43 tuition waivers, scholarships, and loans and the total cost to
44 students for workforce education programs at public and
45 independent institutions.

46 (3) Examine the requirements for student enrollment in the
47 workforce education programs reviewed under subsection (1) at
48 public and independent institutions.

49 (4) Review the funding model used to determine funding for
50 school district workforce education programs and provide options
51 for modifying the funding system which will ensure equity among
52 districts and access to these programs for students statewide.

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54 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

55 And the title is amended as follows:

56 Delete line 25

57 and insert:

58 provisions to changes made by the act; requiring that
59 the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
60 Accountability review and provide a report on
61 workforce education programs for occupations not
62 included on specific occupation lists and on funding
63 options; requiring that such report be submitted to
64 the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date;
65 providing requirements for the report; providing an