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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to career and adult education; amending s.
3 20.15, F.S.; renaming the Division of Workforce Education
4 within the Department of Education as the Division of
5 Career and Adult Education; amending s. 311.121, F.S.;
6 revising the membership of the Seaport Security Officer
7 Qualification, Training, and Standards Coordinating
8 Council by replacing the chancellor of the Community
9 College System with the Commissioner of Education;
10 amending s. 446.045, F.S.; revising definitions relating
11 to the State Apprenticeship Advisory Council; revising
12 membership of the council and certain reimbursement
13 provisions; authorizing meetings by teleconference and
14 other electronic means; amending s. 1003.4285, F.S.;
15 providing for a high school diploma designation reflecting
16 attainment of industry certifications; conforming
17 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
18 1003.43, F.S.; providing an exception for students
19 enrolled in adult general education from a prerequisite
20 for high school graduation; repealing s. 1003.431, F.S.,
21 relating to career education certification; requiring the
22 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
23 Accountability to review and provide a report on workforce
24 education programs for occupations not included on
25 specified occupation lists and on funding options;
26 providing an effective date.

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28 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 20.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.15 Department of Education.--There is created a Department of Education.

(3) DIVISIONS.--The following divisions of the Department of Education are established:

(c) Division of Career and Adult Education ~~Workforce Education~~.

Section 2. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (3) of section 311.121, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

311.121 Qualifications, training, and certification of licensed security officers at Florida seaports.--

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(b)1. The executive director of the Department of Law Enforcement shall appoint 11 members to the council which shall include:

a. The seaport administrator of the Department of Law Enforcement.

b. The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee ~~chancellor of the Community College System~~.

c. The director of the Division of Licensing of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

d. The administrator of the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council.

e. Two seaport security directors from seaports designated under s. 311.09.

f. One director of a state law enforcement academy.

- 57 | g. One representative of a local law enforcement agency.
- 58 | h. Two representatives of contract security services.
- 59 | i. One representative of the Division of Driver Licenses
- 60 | of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

61 | 2. In addition to the members designated in subparagraph

62 | 1., the executive director may invite a representative of the

63 | United States Coast Guard to attend and participate in council

64 | meetings as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the council.

65 | (d) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee

66 | ~~chancellor of the Community College System~~ shall serve as chair

67 | of the council.

68 | Section 3. Section 446.045, Florida Statutes, is amended

69 | to read:

70 | 446.045 State Apprenticeship Advisory Council.--

71 | (1) As used in this section, the term:

72 | (a) "Joint ~~employee~~ organization" means an apprenticeship

73 | sponsor who participates in a collective bargaining agreement

74 | ~~and represents employees.~~

75 | (b) "Nonjoint ~~employer~~ organization" means an

76 | apprenticeship sponsor who does not participate in a collective

77 | bargaining agreement ~~and who represents management.~~

78 | (2) (a) There is created a State Apprenticeship Advisory

79 | Council to be composed of 10 voting members appointed by the

80 | Governor and two ex officio nonvoting members. The purpose of

81 | the advisory council is to advise the department on matters

82 | relating to apprenticeship. The advisory council may not

83 | establish policy, adopt rules, or consider whether particular

84 | apprenticeship programs should be approved by the department.

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85 (b) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's
86 designee shall serve ex officio as chair of the State
87 Apprenticeship Advisory Council, but may not vote. The state
88 director of the Office ~~Bureau~~ of Apprenticeship ~~and Training~~ of
89 the United States Department of Labor shall serve ex officio as
90 a nonvoting member of the council. The Governor shall appoint to
91 the council four ~~five~~ members representing sponsors of joint
92 ~~employee~~ organizations and four ~~five~~ members representing
93 sponsors of nonjoint ~~employer~~ organizations. Each of these eight
94 members ~~member~~ shall represent industries that have registered
95 apprenticeship programs. The Governor shall also appoint two
96 members who are knowledgeable about registered apprenticeship
97 and apprenticeable occupations, one of whom shall be recommended
98 by joint organizations and one of whom shall be recommended by
99 nonjoint organizations. Members shall be appointed for 4-year
100 staggered terms. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of
101 the unexpired term.

102 (c) The council shall meet at the call of the chair or at
103 the request of a majority of its membership, but at least twice
104 a year. A majority of the voting members shall constitute a
105 quorum, and the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum is
106 necessary to take action.

107 (d) The Governor may remove any member for cause.

108 (e) The council shall maintain minutes of each meeting.
109 The department shall keep on file the minutes of each meeting
110 and shall make the minutes available to any interested person.

111 (f) Members of the council shall serve without
112 compensation and, ~~but~~ are not entitled to receive reimbursement

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113 for per diem and travel expenses under ~~as provided in~~ s.
114 112.061. Meetings may be held via teleconference or other
115 electronic means.

116 Section 4. Section 1003.4285, Florida Statutes, is amended
117 to read:

118 1003.4285 Standard high school diploma designations.--~~By~~
119 ~~the 2008-2009 school year,~~ Each standard high school diploma
120 shall include, as applicable:

121 (1) A designation of the student's major area of interest
122 pursuant to the student's completion of credits as provided in
123 s. 1003.428.

124 (2) A designation reflecting completion of four or more
125 accelerated college credit courses if the student is eligible
126 for college credit pursuant to s. 1007.27 or s. 1007.271 in
127 Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Advanced
128 International Certificate of Education, or dual enrollment
129 courses. The Commissioner of Education shall establish
130 guidelines for successful passage of examinations or coursework
131 in each of the accelerated college credit options for purposes
132 of this subsection.

133 (3) A designation reflecting attainment of one or more
134 industry certifications from the list approved by Workforce
135 Florida, Inc., under s. 1003.492 ~~career education certification~~
136 ~~in accordance with s. 1003.431.~~

137 (4) A designation reflecting a Florida Ready to Work
138 Credential in accordance with s. 1004.99.

139 Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section
140 1003.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

141 1003.43 General requirements for high school graduation.--

142 (6) The Legislature recognizes that adult learners are
 143 unique in situation and needs. The following graduation
 144 requirements are therefore instituted for students enrolled in
 145 adult general education in accordance with s. 1004.93 in pursuit
 146 of a high school diploma:

147 (c) Any course listed within the Department of Education
 148 Course Code Directory in the areas of art, dance, drama, or
 149 music may be undertaken by adult secondary education students.
 150 ~~Enrollment and satisfactory completion of such a course shall~~
 151 ~~satisfy~~ The one credit in performing fine arts required for high
 152 school graduation pursuant to subsection (1) is not required for
 153 graduation and shall be substituted with elective credit keeping
 154 the total credits needed for graduation consistent with
 155 subsection (1).

156 Section 6. Section 1003.431, Florida Statutes, is
 157 repealed.

158 Section 7. By January 15, 2010, the Office of Program
 159 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall submit a
 160 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
 161 Speaker of the House of Representatives on workforce education
 162 programs. The report shall:

163 (1) Review student outcomes in workforce education degree
 164 and certificate programs offered by community colleges, school
 165 districts, and independent institutions that prepare students
 166 for occupations not included on the locally targeted occupations
 167 lists developed by Workforce Florida, Inc., or on the statewide
 168 occupational forecasting list developed by the Workforce

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169 Estimating Conference. This review shall include examination of:

170 (a) Successful program completion rates.

171 (b) Employment placement rates and wages earned according
172 to industry. Such examination shall:

173 1. Survey a sample of former students to determine the
174 rates at which students became employed, and the wages earned,
175 in the occupation for which the workforce education program
176 prepared the student. Survey responses shall be cross-checked
177 against available state data.

178 2. Consider the effect that students who became self-
179 employed have on the employment rates determined under
180 subparagraph 1.

181 (2) Examine the cost-effectiveness of state funding for
182 the workforce education programs reviewed under subsection (1)
183 versus the provision of state financial assistance to students
184 for attendance at independent institutions that offer such
185 programs. Such examination shall consider the cost to students
186 for workforce education programs at both public and independent
187 institutions.

188 (3) Review the funding model used to determine funding for
189 school district workforce education programs and provide options
190 for modifying the funding system.

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192 Community colleges and school districts shall provide
193 information to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
194 Government Accountability on the workforce education programs
195 reviewed under subsection (1) regarding the reasons for offering

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196 | such programs, the demand for such programs, and student
197 | outcomes of such programs.

198 | Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.