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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to job opportunities for youth;
3 providing legislative intent to support statewide
4 vocational training and placement provided to at-risk
5 youth through the Jobs for Florida's Graduates
6 program; requiring that a proposal for funding a
7 statewide summer program for youth employment be
8 submitted to the Florida Endowment Foundation for
9 Florida's Graduates; providing criteria concerning the
10 proposal; requiring a report to the Legislature;
11 providing for the Florida Endowment Foundation for
12 Florida's Graduates to be the fiscal agent for the
13 Jobs for Florida's Graduates program; providing an
14 effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Jobs for Florida's Graduates; legislative
19 intent; statewide program; fiscal oversight.-

20 (1) Contingent upon appropriate funding made available
21 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, it is the
22 intent of the Legislature that these funds be used, in part, to
23 provide support and funding for programs conducted by Jobs for
24 Florida's Graduates (JFG). JFG provides paid internships,
25 educational, and developmental skills to youth between 16 and 18
26 years of age who have significant family troubles; have
27 significant school troubles; have experienced drug or alcohol
28 use, or both; or exhibit predelinquent behavior.

29 (2) In order to receive funding, JFG shall submit to the

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30 Florida Endowment Foundation for Florida's Graduates, by
31 September 1, 2009, a proposal for funding a statewide summer
32 program for youth employment. The program shall include a summer
33 internship of at least 8 weeks, student-selection criteria,
34 required parental involvement, and followup during the school
35 year. By January 1, 2010, and each January 1 thereafter, JFG
36 shall provide to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of
37 the House of Representatives a report that includes, but need
38 not be limited to, an itemized list of program costs, the number
39 and types of businesses or partnerships that provide summer
40 internships, and the following statistics concerning the youth
41 served by the program: high school retention and graduation
42 rates, postsecondary education or vocational training, job
43 placement, increase in basic skills, mastery of work and life
44 skills, and increase or decrease in juvenile crime.

45 (3) The Florida Endowment Foundation for Florida's
46 Graduates shall be the fiscal agent for the Jobs for Florida's
47 Graduates program.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.