

By Senator Alexander

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to regional workforce boards; amending
3 s. 445.007, F.S.; requiring each regional workforce
4 board to verify the employment eligibility of any job
5 applicant who is referred to an employer; requiring
6 the use of certain specified federal verification
7 processes; requiring that the board issue a
8 certificate of such verification; clarifying that such
9 verification does not release the employer from
10 certain obligations regarding the employment of
11 authorized persons; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 445.007, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 445.007 Regional workforce boards.—

18 (4) In addition to the duties and functions specified by
19 Workforce Florida, Inc., and by the interlocal agreement
20 approved by the local county or city governing bodies, the
21 regional workforce board shall have the following
22 responsibilities:

23 (a) Develop, submit, ratify, or amend the local plan
24 pursuant to Pub. L. No. 105-220, Title I, s. 118, and the
25 provisions of this act.

26 (b) Conclude agreements necessary to designate the fiscal
27 agent and administrative entity. A public or private entity,
28 including an entity established pursuant to s. 163.01, which
29 makes a majority of the appointments to a regional workforce

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30 board may serve as the board's administrative entity if approved
31 by Workforce Florida, Inc., based upon a showing that a fair and
32 competitive process was used to select the administrative
33 entity.

34 (c) Complete assurances required for the charter process of
35 Workforce Florida, Inc., and provide ongoing oversight related
36 to administrative costs, duplicated services, career counseling,
37 economic development, equal access, compliance and
38 accountability, and performance outcomes.

39 (d) Oversee the one-stop delivery system in its local area.

40 (e) Verify the employment eligibility, through the federal
41 I-9 or E-Verify process, of any job applicant who is referred to
42 an employer and issue a certification of such verification,
43 including verification of the applicant's social security number
44 and the applicant's lawful presence in the United States as an
45 immigrant who is authorized to work. The board's verification
46 and certification does not release the employer from the
47 obligations specified under s. 448.09.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.