

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public works projects; providing a
 3 short title; requiring certain state agencies and private
 4 sector contractors utilizing state funds or federal funds
 5 administered by the state for certain purposes to employ a
 6 specified number of Florida residents as onsite employees;
 7 providing application; providing for retroactive effect
 8 and a period for compliance for projects begun before the
 9 enactment of this act; providing a fine for noncompliance
 10 or bad faith circumvention; defining the term "Florida
 11 resident"; providing an effective date.

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 13 WHEREAS, the State of Florida has suffered unemployment
 14 levels that have exceeded 10 percent, and

15 WHEREAS, the state has an interest in reemploying
 16 unemployed residents to lessen the state's unemployment
 17 compensation burden to employers, and

18 WHEREAS, the state has a compelling interest in reemploying
 19 its residents to lessen the need for government services, NOW,

20 THEREFORE,

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

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 24 Section 1. (1) This act may be cited as the "Florida
 25 Reemployment Investment Act."

26 (2) State agencies and private sector contractors
 27 performing services directly or indirectly related to public
 28 works projects that utilize any state funds or federal funds

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29 administered by the state shall be required to have 66 percent
30 of their onsite employees, independent contractors, or other
31 individuals providing onsite services be Florida residents.

32 (3) This act applies to all public works projects that
33 have a commencement date of July 1, 2009, through July 1, 2012.
34 Commencement of a project shall be deemed the first date of
35 physical construction at a worksite.

36 (4) State agencies and private sector contractors subject
37 to the provisions of this act who provide services to public
38 works projects commencing prior to July 1, 2010, shall have 60
39 days to comply with the provisions of this act.

40 (5) A private sector contractor who fails to comply with
41 the provisions of this act, or attempts in bad faith to
42 circumvent the provisions of this act, commits a noncriminal
43 infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$5,000 for each
44 day in noncompliance.

45 (6) For purposes of this act, "Florida resident" means a
46 person who has had a valid Florida driver's license or Florida
47 identification card or has declared his or her homestead
48 property in this state for at least 1 year prior to July 1,
49 2009, or the date of commencement of the project, whichever
50 occurs later.

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