

By Senator Bullard

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to employment of felons; creating s.  
3           220.197, F.S.; providing a corporate income tax credit  
4           for employment of a person previously convicted of a  
5           felony; providing requirements to receive the credit;  
6           providing exceptions for certain felons; providing an  
7           effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Section 220.197, Florida Statutes, is created to  
12           read:

13           220.197 Employment of former felons tax credit.-

14           (1) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1,  
15           2016, there shall be allowed a credit of \$1,000 against the tax  
16           imposed under this chapter to any corporation that hires a  
17           person who has been convicted of a felony in this state and  
18           released from confinement and who remains continuously employed  
19           by the corporation for at least 1 year. The credit may be taken  
20           only once per new employee.

21           (2) The credit under this section is not available for  
22           employment of a person who is:

23           (a) Classified as a violent career criminal, habitual  
24           felony offender, habitual violent felony offender, or three-time  
25           violent felony offender under s. 775.084.

26           (b) Subject to registration as a sexual predator under s.  
27           775.21.

28           (c) Subject to registration as a sexual offender under s.  
29           943.0435.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.