

By Senator Gaetz

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a Rapid Response Education and
3 Training Program; amending s. 1006.735, F.S.;
4 establishing the Rapid Response Education and Training
5 Program within the Complete Florida Plus Program;
6 requiring the Complete Florida Plus Program to work
7 with Enterprise Florida, Inc., to offer certain
8 education and training commitments to businesses;
9 specifying the duties of the program; requiring
10 reports to the Legislature; requiring the Division of
11 Career and Adult Education within the Department of
12 Education to conduct an analysis and assessment of the
13 effectiveness of the education and training programs;
14 providing an 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. Present subsections (5) and (6) of section
19 1006.735, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6)
20 and (7), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to that
21 section, to read:

22 1006.735 Complete Florida Plus Program.—The Complete
23 Florida Plus Program is created at the University of West
24 Florida.

25 (5) RAPID RESPONSE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM.—The
26 Rapid Response Education and Training Program is established
27 within the Complete Florida Plus Program. Under this education
28 and training program, the Complete Florida Plus Program shall
29 work directly with Enterprise Florida, Inc., in project-specific

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30 industry recruitment and retention efforts to offer credible
31 education and training commitments to businesses.

32 (a) The Rapid Response Education and Training Program must:

33 1. Issue challenge grants through requests for proposals
34 that are open to all education and training providers, public or
35 private. These grants match state dollars with education and
36 training provider dollars to implement particular education and
37 training programs.

38 2. Generate periodic reports from an independent forensic
39 accounting or auditing entity to ensure transparency of the
40 program. These periodic reports must be submitted to the
41 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
42 Representatives.

43 3. Keep administrative costs to a minimum through the use
44 of existing organizational structures.

45 4. Work directly with businesses to recruit individuals for
46 education and training.

47 5. Be able to terminate an education and training program
48 by giving 30 days' notice.

49 6. Survey employers after completion of an education and
50 training program to ascertain the effectiveness of the program.

51 (b) The Division of Career and Adult Education within the
52 Department of Education shall conduct an analysis and assessment
53 of the effectiveness of the education and training programs
54 under this section in meeting labor market and occupational
55 trends and gaps.

56 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.