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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. Request periodic reports from an independent forensic  
39 accountant or auditor to ensure transparency of the program.  
40 These periodic reports must be submitted to the President of the  
41 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.