

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to vocational training; creating s.  
 3           1011.802, F.S.; creating the Vocational Opportunities  
 4           For All Program within the Department of Education;  
 5           providing the purpose of the program; providing  
 6           department responsibilities; providing vocational  
 7           training program requirements; providing for  
 8           incentives for private sector companies to hire  
 9           program graduates; requiring rulemaking; providing  
 10          appropriations; providing an effective date.

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

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 14           Section 1.   Section 1011.802, Florida Statutes, is created  
 15 to read:

16           1011.802 Vocational Opportunities For All Program.—The  
 17 Vocational Opportunities For All Program is created within the  
 18 Department of Education to encourage school districts to create  
 19 and expand vocational training programs.

20           (1) DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.—The department shall:

21           (a) Create an application process for school districts to  
 22 establish or expand a vocational training program under this  
 23 section.

24           (b) Create a list of secondary and postsecondary courses  
 25 that may be included in a vocational training program.

26 (c) Provide program requirements and standards for  
 27 vocational training programs that receive funds under this  
 28 section.

29 (d) Provide requirements for school district  
 30 accountability for vocational training programs that receive  
 31 funds under this section.

32 (e) Provide incentives for private sector companies to  
 33 hire graduates of programs that receive funds under this  
 34 section.

35 (f) Create a formula for the distribution of funds to each  
 36 school district establishing or expanding a vocational training  
 37 program under this section.

38 (2) VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—A vocational  
 39 training program receiving funds under this section must:

40 (a) Provide courses of a technical nature that lead to an  
 41 industry certification or credential.

42 (b) Maintain an academic transcript for each student  
 43 enrolled in the program.

44 (c) Maintain the minimum standards and requirements  
 45 established by the department.

46 (3) RULEMAKING.—The State Board of Education shall adopt  
 47 rules to administer this section.

48 Section 2. For the 2017-2018 fiscal year:

49 (1) The sum of \$10 million in recurring funds is  
 50 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of

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51 Education to administer the Vocational Opportunities For All  
52 Program pursuant to s. 1011.802, Florida Statutes.

53 (2) The sum of \$50 million in recurring funds is  
54 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of  
55 Education to allocate funds to each school district pursuant to  
56 s. 1011.802, Florida Statutes.

57 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.