

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to education for prisoners; amending  
 3           s. 944.801, F.S.; authorizing the Department of  
 4           Corrections to contract with certain entities to  
 5           provide education services for the Correctional  
 6           Education Program; amending s. 951.176, F.S.;  
 7           authorizing each county to contract with certain  
 8           entities to provide education services for county  
 9           inmates; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; authorizing the  
 10          use of state funds for the operation of postsecondary  
 11          workforce programs for the education of certain state  
 12          inmates; providing an effective date.

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

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 16           Section 1. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 944.801,  
 17   Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) and (6),  
 18   respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to that section,  
 19   to read:

20           944.801 Education for state prisoners.—

21           (4) The department may contract with a district school  
 22   board, the Florida Virtual School, or a charter school  
 23   authorized to operate under s. 1002.33 to provide education  
 24   services in the Correctional Education Program. The education  
 25   services may include any educational, career, or vocational

26 | training that is authorized by the department.

27 | Section 2. Section 951.176, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 28 | to read:

29 | 951.176 Provision of education ~~programs for youth.~~-

30 | (1) Each county may contract with a district school board,  
 31 | the Florida Virtual School, or a charter school authorized to  
 32 | operate under s. 1002.33 to provide education services for  
 33 | inmates at county detention facilities. The education services  
 34 | may include any educational, career, or vocational training that  
 35 | is authorized by the sheriff or chief correctional officer, or  
 36 | his or her designee.

37 | (2) Minors who have not graduated from high school and  
 38 | eligible students with disabilities under the age of 22 who have  
 39 | not graduated with a standard diploma or its equivalent who are  
 40 | detained in a county or municipal detention facility as defined  
 41 | in s. 951.23 shall be offered educational services by the local  
 42 | school district in which the facility is located. These  
 43 | educational services shall be based upon the estimated length of  
 44 | time the youth will be in the facility and the youth's current  
 45 | level of functioning. School district superintendents or their  
 46 | designees shall be notified by the county sheriff or chief  
 47 | correctional officer, or his or her designee, upon the  
 48 | assignment of a youth under the age of 21 to the facility. A  
 49 | cooperative agreement with the local school district and  
 50 | applicable law enforcement units shall be developed to address

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51 | the notification requirement and the provision of educational  
52 | services to these youth.

53 |       Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section  
54 | 1011.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

55 |       1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education  
56 | programs.—

57 |       (7)

58 |       (b) State funds provided for the operation of  
59 | postsecondary workforce programs may not be expended for the  
60 | education of state inmates with more than 24 months of time  
61 | remaining to serve on their sentence or federal inmates.

62 |       Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.