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An act relating to education for prisoners; amending s. 944.801, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Corrections to contract with certain entities to provide education services for the Correctional Education Program; amending s. 951.176, F.S.; authorizing each county to contract with certain entities to provide education services for county inmates; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; authorizing the use of state funds for the operation of postsecondary workforce programs for the education of certain state inmates; providing an effective date.

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

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

944.801 Education for state prisoners.—

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

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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.