

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to economic development; amending s.
3 288.018, F.S.; defining the term "regional economic
4 development organization"; specifying the duties of a
5 regional economic development organization; specifying
6 authorized uses of matching grants; revising the
7 required amount of nonstate matching funds; requiring
8 certain information to be included in contracts or
9 agreements involving grant funds; specifying the
10 information that must be posted on a regional economic
11 development organization's website before execution of
12 certain contracts or agreements; deleting an obsolete
13 provision; increasing the amount of funds the
14 Department of Economic Opportunity may expend each
15 fiscal year from the Rural Community Development
16 Revolving Loan Fund for certain purposes; amending s.
17 288.0655, F.S.; increasing the maximum percent of
18 total infrastructure project costs for which the
19 department may award a grant; repealing a provision
20 addressing certain increased maximum percentages;
21 specifying that improving availability of broadband
22 Internet services is an eligible project for certain
23 grant funds; providing that grants for improvements to
24 broadband Internet service and access must be
25 conducted through certain partnerships; extending the

26 | date by which the department is required to reevaluate
27 | certain guidelines; requiring certain information to
28 | be included in contracts or agreements involving grant
29 | funds; specifying the information that must be posted
30 | on a regional economic development organization's
31 | website before execution of certain contracts or
32 | agreements; amending s. 445.002, F.S.; defining the
33 | terms "for cause" and "state board"; amending s.
34 | 445.003, F.S.; replacing CareerSource Florida, Inc.,
35 | with the state board or the department in provisions
36 | relating to the implementation of the federal
37 | Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; authorizing,
38 | rather than requiring, certain funds to be reserved
39 | for the Incumbent Worker Training Program; conforming
40 | provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing the
41 | state board to hire a director and staff; requiring
42 | the state board to authorize the director and staff to
43 | work with the department for specified reasons;
44 | amending s. 445.004, F.S.; revising provisions
45 | relating to the operation of CareerSource Florida,
46 | Inc.; revising the purpose of CareerSource Florida,
47 | Inc.; providing purpose for the state board; revising
48 | the organizational structure of CareerSource Florida,
49 | Inc.; providing requirements for the organizational
50 | structure of the state board; providing the state

51 board with powers and authority previously held by
52 CareerSource Florida, Inc.; revising the requirements
53 related to such powers and authority; requiring the
54 state board, rather than CareerSource Florida, Inc.,
55 to submit an annual report to the Governor and the
56 Legislature; authorizing the Auditor General to
57 conduct an audit of the state board and programs or
58 entities created by the state board; requiring the
59 state board, rather than CareerSource Florida, Inc.,
60 to establish certain uniform performance
61 accountability measures; requiring the state board, in
62 consultation with the department, to design the
63 workforce development strategy for the state;
64 requiring that the strategy be approved by the
65 Governor; revising requirements relating to the
66 workforce development system; authorizing the
67 department to consult with the state board to issue
68 certain technical assistance letters; amending s.
69 445.006, F.S.; requiring that the state board, rather
70 than CareerSource Florida, Inc., take certain actions
71 relating to the state plan for workforce development;
72 amending s. 445.007, F.S.; replacing CareerSource
73 Florida, Inc., with the state board or the department
74 in provisions relating to local workforce development
75 boards; deleting the definition of the term "cause";

76 | authorizing a chief elected official for a local
77 | workforce development board to remove certain persons
78 | from the board for cause; requiring the department to
79 | provide certain guidance to specified entities;
80 | deleting an obsolete provision; making technical
81 | changes; amending s. 445.0071, F.S.; replacing
82 | CareerSource Florida, Inc., with the state board or
83 | the department in provisions relating to the Florida
84 | Youth Summer Jobs Pilot Program; amending s. 445.008,
85 | F.S.; revising authority relating to the Workforce
86 | Training Institute; requiring that certain donations
87 | and grants be reported to the state board and the
88 | department; amending s. 445.009, F.S.; replacing
89 | CareerSource Florida, Inc., with the state board or
90 | the department in provisions relating to one-stop
91 | delivery systems; deleting an obsolete provision;
92 | amending s. 445.011, F.S.; replacing CareerSource
93 | Florida, Inc., with the department in provisions
94 | relating to workforce information systems; requiring
95 | the department to consult with the state board in
96 | implementing certain automated information systems;
97 | deleting a provision requiring CareerSource Florida,
98 | Inc., to take certain actions when procuring workforce
99 | information systems; amending s. 445.014, F.S.;
100 | replacing CareerSource Florida, Inc., with the state

101 board in provisions relating to the establishment of
102 one-stop delivery systems; amending s. 445.021, F.S.;
103 replacing CareerSource Florida, Inc., with the state
104 board in provisions relating to the relocation
105 assistance program; amending s. 445.022, F.S.;
106 replacing CareerSource Florida, Inc., with the state
107 board in provisions relating to Retention Incentive
108 Training Accounts; amending s. 445.024, F.S.;
109 replacing CareerSource Florida, Inc., with the state
110 board in provisions relating to certain contract
111 exceptions; amending s. 445.026, F.S.; replacing
112 CareerSource Florida, Inc., with the state board in
113 provisions relating to cash assistance severance
114 benefits; amending s. 445.028, F.S.; replacing
115 CareerSource Florida, Inc., with the department in
116 provisions relating to transitional benefits and
117 services; amending s. 445.030, F.S.; replacing
118 CareerSource Florida, Inc., with the state board in
119 provisions relating to transitional education and
120 training; amending s. 445.033, F.S.; replacing
121 CareerSource Florida, Inc., with the state board in
122 provisions relating to evaluations of TANF-funding
123 programs; amending s. 445.035, F.S.; replacing
124 CareerSource Florida, Inc., with the state board in
125 provisions relating to data collection and reporting;

126 amending s. 445.048, F.S.; replacing CareerSource
127 Florida, Inc., with the state board in provisions
128 relating to the Passport to Economic Progress program;
129 amending s. 445.051, F.S.; replacing CareerSource
130 Florida, Inc., with the state board in provisions
131 relating to individual development accounts; amending
132 s. 445.055, F.S.; replacing CareerSource Florida,
133 Inc., with the state board in provisions relating to
134 the establishment of an employment advocacy and
135 assistance program targeting a certain group; amending
136 ss. 11.45, 288.901, 331.369, 413.405, 414.045,
137 420.622, 443.171, 443.181, 446.71, 1011.80, and
138 1011.801, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made
139 by the act; amending s. 20.60, F.S.; requiring the
140 executive director of the department to serve as a
141 member of the board of directors of the Florida
142 Development Finance Corporation; authorizing the
143 executive director to designate an employee to serve
144 in such capacity; requiring the department to include
145 specified information in its annual report and develop
146 annual performance standards for the corporation;
147 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
148 amending s. 288.9604, F.S.; revising the membership of
149 the board of directors of the corporation; conforming
150 provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing

151 meetings to be conducted by teleconference; providing
152 for future repeals; requiring the current chair and
153 vice chair of the board of directors of the
154 corporation to serve as regular members after a
155 specified date; providing construction; amending s.
156 288.9605, F.S.; requiring that documents, agreements,
157 and instruments executed by the corporation be
158 executed and delivered in accordance with the
159 Electronic Signature Act of 1996; amending s.
160 288.9606, F.S.; providing that certain forms of
161 indebtedness issued by the corporation may not exceed
162 35 years after the date of issuance; specifying that
163 certain bonds issued by the corporation are not a
164 debt, liability, or obligation of the state or any
165 subdivision thereof; amending s. 288.9610, F.S.;
166 requiring the corporation to submit an annual report
167 containing specified information to the department;
168 providing that certain contracts and interlocal
169 agreements remain in effect and binding under certain
170 circumstances; amending s. 288.9619, F.S.; requiring
171 certain conflicts of interest to be disclosed and
172 recorded; prohibiting a director with a conflict of
173 interest from participating in certain actions;
174 providing an effective date.
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176 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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178 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 288.018,
179 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

180 288.018 Regional Rural Development Grants Program.—

181 (1) (a) For the purposes of this section, the term
182 "regional economic development organization" means an economic
183 development organization located in or contracted to serve a
184 rural area of opportunity, as defined in s. 288.0656(2)(d).

185 (b) The department shall establish a matching grant
186 program to provide funding to regional ~~regionally based~~ economic
187 development organizations ~~representing rural counties and~~
188 ~~communities~~ for the purpose of building the professional
189 capacity of ~~those~~ ~~their~~ organizations. Building the professional
190 capacity of a regional economic development organization
191 includes hiring professional staff to develop, deliver, and
192 provide needed economic development professional services,
193 including technical assistance, education and leadership
194 development, marketing, and project recruitment. ~~Such~~ Matching
195 grants may also be used by a regional ~~an~~ economic development
196 organization to provide technical assistance to local
197 governments, local economic development organizations, and
198 existing and prospective businesses ~~within the rural counties~~
199 and ~~communities that it serves.~~

200 (c) A regional economic development organization may apply

201 annually to the department for a matching grant. The department
202 is authorized to approve, on an annual basis, grants to such
203 regional ~~regionally based~~ economic development organizations.
204 The maximum amount an organization may receive in any year will
205 be \$50,000, or \$250,000 for any three regional economic
206 development organizations that serve an entire region of a rural
207 area of opportunity designated pursuant to s. 288.0656(7) if
208 they are recognized by the department as serving such a region.

209 (d) Grant funds received by a regional economic
210 development organization ~~\$150,000 in a rural area of opportunity~~
211 ~~recommended by the Rural Economic Development Initiative and~~
212 ~~designated by the Governor, and must be matched each year by an~~
213 ~~equivalent amount of nonstate resources~~ in an amount equal to 25
214 percent of the state contribution.

215 (3)(a) A contract or agreement that involves the
216 expenditure of grant funds provided under this section,
217 including a contract or agreement entered into between another
218 entity and a regional economic development organization, a unit
219 of local government, or an economic development organization
220 substantially underwritten by a unit of local government, must
221 include:

- 222 1. The purpose of the contract or agreement.
223 2. Specific performance standards and responsibilities for
224 each entity under the contract or agreement.
225 3. A detailed project or contract budget, if applicable.

- 226 4. The value of any services provided.
 227 5. The projected travel expenses for employees and board
 228 members, if applicable.

229 (b) At least 14 days before executing a contract or
 230 agreement, the contracting regional economic development
 231 organization shall post on its website:

232 1. Any contract or agreement that involves the expenditure
 233 of grant funds provided under this section.

234 2. A plain-language version of any contract or agreement
 235 that is estimated to exceed \$35,000 with a private entity, a
 236 municipality, or a vendor of services, supplies, or programs,
 237 including marketing, or for the purchase or lease or use of
 238 lands, facilities, or properties which involves the expenditure
 239 of grant funds provided under this section and which is
 240 estimated to exceed \$35,000 ~~The department may also contract for~~
 241 ~~the development of an enterprise zone web portal or websites for~~
 242 ~~each enterprise zone which will be used to market the program~~
 243 ~~for job creation in disadvantaged urban and rural enterprise~~
 244 ~~zones. Each enterprise zone web page should include downloadable~~
 245 ~~links to state forms and information, as well as local message~~
 246 ~~boards that help businesses and residents receive information~~
 247 ~~concerning zone boundaries, job openings, zone programs, and~~
 248 ~~neighborhood improvement activities.~~

249 Section 2. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 288.0655,
 250 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) and (7),

251 respectively, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and subsection (4)
252 are amended, and a new subsection (5) is added to that section,
253 to read:

254 288.0655 Rural Infrastructure Fund.—

255 (2)

256 (b) To facilitate access of rural communities and rural
257 areas of opportunity as defined by the Rural Economic
258 Development Initiative to infrastructure funding programs of the
259 Federal Government, such as those offered by the United States
260 Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of
261 Commerce, and state programs, including those offered by Rural
262 Economic Development Initiative agencies, and to facilitate
263 local government or private infrastructure funding efforts, the
264 department may award grants for up to 50 ~~30~~ percent of the total
265 infrastructure project cost. ~~If an application for funding is~~
266 ~~for a catalyst site, as defined in s. 288.0656, the department~~
267 ~~may award grants for up to 40 percent of the total~~
268 ~~infrastructure project cost.~~ Eligible projects must be related
269 to specific job-creation or job-retention opportunities.
270 Eligible projects may also include improving any inadequate
271 infrastructure that has resulted in regulatory action that
272 prohibits economic or community growth, ~~or~~ reducing the costs to
273 community users of proposed infrastructure improvements that
274 exceed such costs in comparable communities, and improving
275 access to and the availability of broadband Internet service.

276 Eligible uses of funds shall include improvements to public
277 infrastructure for industrial or commercial sites, upgrades to
278 or development of public tourism infrastructure, and
279 improvements to broadband Internet service and access in
280 unserved or underserved rural communities. Improvements to
281 broadband Internet service and access must be conducted through
282 a partnership or partnerships with one or more dealers of
283 communications services, as defined in s. 202.11(2), and the
284 partnership or partnerships must be established by a publicly
285 noticed and competitively selected process ~~and upgrades to or~~
286 ~~development of public tourism infrastructure.~~ Authorized
287 infrastructure may include the following public or public-
288 private partnership facilities: storm water systems;
289 telecommunications facilities; broadband facilities; roads or
290 other remedies to transportation impediments; nature-based
291 tourism facilities; or other physical requirements necessary to
292 facilitate tourism, trade, and economic development activities
293 in the community. Authorized infrastructure may also include
294 publicly or privately owned self-powered nature-based tourism
295 facilities, publicly owned telecommunications facilities, and
296 broadband facilities, and additions to the distribution
297 facilities of the existing natural gas utility as defined in s.
298 366.04(3)(c), the existing electric utility as defined in s.
299 366.02, or the existing water or wastewater utility as defined
300 in s. 367.021(12), or any other existing water or wastewater

301 facility, which owns a gas or electric distribution system or a
302 water or wastewater system in this state where:

303 1. A contribution-in-aid of construction is required to
304 serve public or public-private partnership facilities under the
305 tariffs of any natural gas, electric, water, or wastewater
306 utility as defined herein; and

307 2. Such utilities as defined herein are willing and able
308 to provide such service.

309 (4) By September 1, 2021 ~~2012~~, the department shall, in
310 consultation with the organizations listed in subsection (3),
311 and other organizations, reevaluate existing guidelines and
312 criteria governing submission of applications for funding,
313 review and evaluation of such applications, and approval of
314 funding under this section. The department shall consider
315 factors including, but not limited to, the project's potential
316 for enhanced job creation or increased capital investment, the
317 demonstration and level of local public and private commitment,
318 whether the project is located ~~in an enterprise zone~~, in a
319 community development corporation service area, or in an urban
320 high-crime area as designated under s. 212.097, the unemployment
321 rate of the county in which the project would be located, and
322 the poverty rate of the community.

323 (5) (a) A contract or agreement that involves the
324 expenditure of grant funds provided under this section,
325 including a contract or agreement entered into between another

326 entity and a regional economic development organization, a unit
327 of local government, or an economic development organization
328 substantially underwritten by a unit of local government, must
329 include:

- 330 1. The purpose of the contract or agreement.
- 331 2. Specific performance standards and responsibilities for
332 each entity.
- 333 3. A detailed project or contract budget, if applicable.
- 334 4. The value of any services provided.
- 335 5. The projected travel expenses for employees and board
336 members, if applicable.

337 (b) At least 14 days before execution, the contracting
338 regional economic development organization shall post on its
339 website:

- 340 1. Any contract or agreement that involves the expenditure
341 of grant funds provided under this section.
- 342 2. A plain-language version of a contract or agreement
343 that is estimated to exceed \$35,000 with a private entity, a
344 municipality, or a vendor of services, supplies, or programs,
345 including marketing, or for the purchase or lease or use of
346 lands, facilities, or properties which involves the expenditure
347 of grant funds provided under this section and which is
348 estimated to exceed \$35,000.

349 Section 3. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 445.002,
350 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) and (5),

351 respectively, and new subsections (2) and (4) are added to that
352 section to read:

353 445.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

354 (2) "For cause" includes, but is not limited to, engaging
355 in fraud or other criminal acts, incapacity, unfitness, neglect
356 of duty, official incompetence and irresponsibility,
357 misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, or lack of performance.

358 (4) "State board" means the state workforce development
359 board established pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and
360 Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, Title I, s. 101. The state
361 board shall be supported by CareerSource Florida, Inc., which
362 works at the direction of the state board in consultation with
363 the department as required by this chapter.

364 Section 4. Subsections (2) through (5) of section 445.003,
365 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (6) is added to
366 that section, to read:

367 445.003 Implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation
368 and Opportunity Act.—

369 (2) FOUR-YEAR PLAN.—The state board ~~CareerSource Florida,~~
370 ~~Inc.,~~ shall prepare and submit a 4-year plan, consistent with
371 the requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
372 Act. Mandatory and optional federal partners shall be fully
373 involved in designing the plan's one-stop delivery system
374 strategy. The plan must clearly define each program's statewide
375 duties and role relating to the system. The plan must detail a

376 process that would fully integrate all federally mandated and
 377 optional partners.

378 (3) FUNDING.—

379 (a) Title I, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 380 funds; Wagner-Peyser funds; and NAFTA/Trade Act funds will be
 381 expended based on the 4-year plan of the state board
 382 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~ The plan must outline and direct the
 383 method used to administer and coordinate various funds and
 384 programs that are operated by various agencies. The following
 385 provisions apply to these funds:

386 1. At least 50 percent of the Title I funds for Adults and
 387 Dislocated Workers which are passed through to local workforce
 388 development boards shall be allocated to and expended on
 389 Individual Training Accounts unless a local workforce
 390 development board obtains a waiver from the state board
 391 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~ Tuition, books, and fees of training
 392 providers and other training services prescribed and authorized
 393 by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act qualify as
 394 Individual Training Account expenditures.

395 2. Fifteen percent of Title I funding shall be retained at
 396 the state level and dedicated to state administration and shall
 397 be used to design, develop, induce, and fund innovative
 398 Individual Training Account pilots, demonstrations, and
 399 programs. Of such funds retained at the state level, \$2 million
 400 may ~~shall~~ be reserved for the Incumbent Worker Training Program

401 created under subparagraph 3. Eligible state administration
402 costs include the costs of funding for the state board and state
403 board staff ~~of CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~; operating fiscal,
404 compliance, and management accountability systems through the
405 department ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~; conducting evaluation and
406 research on workforce development activities; and providing
407 technical and capacity building assistance to local workforce
408 development areas at the direction of the state board
409 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~. Notwithstanding s. 445.004, such
410 administrative costs may not exceed 25 percent of these funds.
411 An amount not to exceed 75 percent of these funds shall be
412 allocated to Individual Training Accounts and other workforce
413 development strategies for other training designed and tailored
414 by the department in consultation with the state board
415 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, including, but not limited to,
416 programs for incumbent workers, nontraditional employment, and
417 enterprise zones. The department, in consultation with the state
418 board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, shall design, adopt, and fund
419 Individual Training Accounts for distressed urban and rural
420 communities.

421 3. The Incumbent Worker Training Program is created for
422 the purpose of providing grant funding for continuing education
423 and training of incumbent employees at existing Florida
424 businesses. The program will provide reimbursement grants to
425 businesses that pay for preapproved, direct, training-related

426 costs.

427 a. The Incumbent Worker Training Program will be
428 administered by CareerSource Florida, Inc., which may, at its
429 discretion, contract with a private business organization to
430 serve as grant administrator.

431 b. The program shall be administered pursuant to s.
432 134(d)(4) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.
433 Priority for funding shall be given to businesses with 25
434 employees or fewer, businesses in rural areas, businesses in
435 distressed inner-city areas, businesses in a qualified targeted
436 industry, businesses whose grant proposals represent a
437 significant upgrade in employee skills, or businesses whose
438 grant proposals represent a significant layoff avoidance
439 strategy.

440 c. All costs reimbursed by the program must be preapproved
441 by CareerSource Florida, Inc., or the grant administrator. The
442 program may not reimburse businesses for trainee wages, the
443 purchase of capital equipment, or the purchase of any item or
444 service that may possibly be used outside the training project.
445 A business approved for a grant may be reimbursed for
446 preapproved, direct, training-related costs including tuition,
447 fees, books and training materials, and overhead or indirect
448 costs not to exceed 5 percent of the grant amount.

449 d. A business that is selected to receive grant funding
450 must provide a matching contribution to the training project,

451 including, but not limited to, wages paid to trainees or the
452 purchase of capital equipment used in the training project; must
453 sign an agreement with CareerSource Florida, Inc., or the grant
454 administrator to complete the training project as proposed in
455 the application; must keep accurate records of the project's
456 implementation process; and must submit monthly or quarterly
457 reimbursement requests with required documentation.

458 e. All Incumbent Worker Training Program grant projects
459 shall be performance-based with specific measurable performance
460 outcomes, including completion of the training project and job
461 retention. CareerSource Florida, Inc., or the grant
462 administrator shall withhold the final payment to the grantee
463 until a final grant report is submitted and all performance
464 criteria specified in the grant contract have been achieved.

465 f. The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ may
466 establish guidelines necessary to implement the Incumbent Worker
467 Training Program.

468 g. No more than 10 percent of the Incumbent Worker
469 Training Program's total appropriation may be used for overhead
470 or indirect purposes.

471 4. At least 50 percent of Rapid Response funding shall be
472 dedicated to Intensive Services Accounts and Individual Training
473 Accounts for dislocated workers and incumbent workers who are at
474 risk of dislocation. The department ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~
475 shall also maintain an Emergency Preparedness Fund from Rapid

476 Response funds, which will immediately issue Intensive Service
477 Accounts, Individual Training Accounts, and other federally
478 authorized assistance to eligible victims of natural or other
479 disasters. At the direction of the Governor, these Rapid
480 Response funds shall be released to local workforce development
481 boards for immediate use after events that qualify under federal
482 law. Funding shall also be dedicated to maintain a unit at the
483 state level to respond to Rapid Response emergencies and to work
484 with state emergency management officials and local workforce
485 development boards. All Rapid Response funds must be expended
486 based on a plan developed by the state board in consultation
487 with the department ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, and approved by
488 the Governor.

489 (b) The administrative entity for Title I, Workforce
490 Innovation and Opportunity Act funds, and Rapid Response
491 activities is the department ~~of Economic Opportunity~~, which
492 shall provide direction to local workforce development boards
493 regarding Title I programs and Rapid Response activities
494 ~~pursuant to the direction of CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~

495 (4) FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS, EXCEPTIONS AND REQUIRED
496 MODIFICATIONS.—

497 (a) The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, may
498 provide indemnification from audit liabilities to local
499 workforce development boards that act in full compliance with
500 state law and board policy.

501 (b) The state board, in consultation with the department
502 CareerSource Florida, Inc., may make modifications to the
503 state's plan, policies, and procedures to comply with federally
504 mandated requirements that in its judgment must be complied with
505 to maintain funding provided pursuant to Pub. L. No. 113-128.
506 The state board shall provide written notice to the Governor,
507 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
508 Representatives within 30 days after any such changes or
509 modifications.

510 (c) The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ shall
511 enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Florida
512 Department of Education to ensure that federally mandated
513 requirements of Pub. L. No. 113-128 are met and are in
514 compliance with the state plan for workforce development.

515 (5) LONG-TERM CONSOLIDATION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.—The
516 state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ may recommend workforce-
517 related divisions, bureaus, units, programs, duties,
518 commissions, boards, and councils for elimination,
519 consolidation, or privatization.

520 (6) AUTHORITY TO HIRE DIRECTOR AND STAFF.—The state board
521 may hire a director and staff to assist in carrying out the
522 functions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and in
523 using funds made available through the act. The state board
524 shall authorize the director and staff to work with the
525 department in carrying out the functions of the Workforce

526 Innovation and Opportunity Act.

527 Section 5. Section 445.004, Florida Statutes, is amended
528 to read:

529 445.004 CareerSource Florida, Inc., and the state board;
530 creation; purpose; membership; duties and powers.—

531 (1) CareerSource Florida, Inc., is created as a not-for-
532 profit corporation, which shall be registered, incorporated,
533 organized, and operated in compliance with chapter 617 and shall
534 operate at the direction of the state board. CareerSource
535 Florida, Inc., is not a unit or entity of state government and
536 is exempt from chapters 120 and 287. CareerSource Florida, Inc.,
537 shall apply the procurement and expenditure procedures required
538 by federal law for the expenditure of federal funds.

539 CareerSource Florida, Inc., shall be administratively housed
540 within the department and shall operate under agreement with ~~of~~
541 ~~Economic Opportunity; however, CareerSource Florida, Inc., is~~
542 ~~not subject to control, supervision, or direction by the~~
543 ~~department in any manner.~~ The Legislature finds that public
544 policy dictates that CareerSource Florida, Inc., operate in the
545 most open and accessible manner consistent with its public
546 purpose. To this end, the Legislature specifically declares that
547 CareerSource Florida, Inc., its board, councils, and any
548 advisory committees or similar groups created by CareerSource
549 Florida, Inc., are subject to the provisions of chapter 119
550 relating to public records, and those provisions of chapter 286

551 relating to public meetings.

552 (2) CareerSource Florida, Inc., provides administrative
553 support for the state board, ~~is~~ the principal workforce policy
554 organization for the state. The purpose of the state board
555 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ is to design and implement
556 strategies that help Floridians enter, remain in, and advance in
557 the workplace, so that they may become more highly skilled and
558 successful, which benefits these Floridians, Florida businesses,
559 and the entire state, and fosters the development of the state's
560 business climate. CareerSource Florida, Inc., shall, consistent
561 with its agreement with the department, implement the policy
562 directives of the state board and administer state workforce
563 development programs as authorized by law.

564 (3) (a) ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc., shall be governed by a~~
565 ~~board of directors, whose membership and appointment must be~~
566 ~~consistent with Pub. L. No. 113-128, Title I, s. 101(b).~~ Members
567 of the state board described in Pub. L. No. 113-128, Title I, s.
568 101(b) (1) (C) (iii) (I) (aa) are ~~shall be~~ nonvoting members. The
569 number of members is ~~directors shall be~~ determined by the
570 Governor, who shall consider the importance of minority, gender,
571 and geographic representation in making appointments to the
572 state board. When the Governor is in attendance, he or she shall
573 preside at all meetings of the state board ~~of directors.~~

574 (b) The state board ~~of directors of CareerSource Florida,~~
575 ~~Inc.,~~ shall be chaired by a ~~board~~ member designated by the

576 Governor pursuant to Pub. L. No. 113-128. A member may not serve
577 more than two terms.

578 (c) Members appointed by the Governor may serve no more
579 than two terms and must be appointed for 3-year terms. However,
580 in order to establish staggered terms for state board members,
581 the Governor shall appoint or reappoint one-third of the state
582 board members for 1-year terms, one-third of the state board
583 members for 2-year terms, and one-third of the state board
584 members for 3-year terms beginning July 1, 2016. Subsequent
585 appointments or reappointments shall be for 3-year terms, except
586 that a member appointed to fill a vacancy on the state board
587 shall be appointed to serve only the remainder of the term of
588 the member whom he or she is replacing, and may be appointed for
589 a subsequent 3-year term. Private sector representatives of
590 businesses, appointed by the Governor pursuant to Pub. L. No.
591 113-128, shall constitute a majority of the membership of the
592 state board. Private sector representatives shall be appointed
593 from nominations received by the Governor, including, but not
594 limited to, those nominations made by the President of the
595 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Private
596 sector appointments to the state board must be representative of
597 the business community of this state; no fewer than one-half of
598 the appointments must be representative of small businesses, and
599 at least five members must have economic development experience.
600 Members appointed by the Governor serve at the pleasure of the

601 Governor and are eligible for reappointment.

602 (d) The state board must include the vice chairperson of
 603 the board of directors of Enterprise Florida, Inc., and one
 604 member representing each of the Workforce Innovation and
 605 Opportunity Act partners, including the Division of Career and
 606 Adult Education, and other entities representing programs
 607 identified in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, as
 608 determined necessary.

609 (e) A member of the state board ~~of directors of~~
 610 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ may be removed by the Governor for
 611 cause. Absence from three consecutive meetings results in
 612 automatic removal. The chair of the state board ~~CareerSource~~
 613 ~~Florida, Inc.,~~ shall notify the Governor of such absences.

614 (f) Representatives of businesses appointed to the state
 615 board ~~of directors~~ may not include providers of workforce
 616 services.

617 (g) The state board serves as the board of directors of
 618 CareerSource Florida, Inc. The state board shall hire an
 619 executive director for CareerSource Florida, Inc. The executive
 620 director serves as the president, the chief executive officer,
 621 and an employee of CareerSource Florida, Inc. The president of
 622 CareerSource Florida, Inc., serves at the pleasure of the
 623 Governor.

624 (4) ~~(a) The president of CareerSource Florida, Inc., shall~~
 625 ~~be hired by the board of directors of CareerSource Florida,~~

626 ~~Inc., and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor in the~~
627 ~~capacity of an executive director and secretary of CareerSource~~
628 ~~Florida, Inc.~~

629 (a) ~~(b)~~ The state board ~~of directors of CareerSource~~
630 ~~Florida, Inc.,~~ shall meet at least quarterly and at other times
631 upon the call of its chair. The state board and its committees,
632 subcommittees, or other subdivisions may use any method of
633 telecommunications to conduct meetings, including establishing a
634 quorum through telecommunications, if the public is given proper
635 notice of the telecommunications meeting and is given reasonable
636 access to observe and, if appropriate, participate.

637 (b) ~~(e)~~ A majority of the total current membership of the
638 state board ~~of directors of CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~
639 constitutes a quorum and is required to organize and conduct the
640 business of the state board, except that a majority of the
641 executive committee is required to adopt or amend the bylaws.

642 ~~(d)~~ A majority of those voting is required to organize and
643 conduct the business of the board, except that a majority of the
644 entire board of directors is required to adopt or amend the
645 bylaws.

646 (c) ~~(e)~~ Except as delegated or authorized by the state
647 board ~~of directors of CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ individual
648 members have no authority to control or direct the operations of
649 CareerSource Florida, Inc., or the actions of its officers and
650 employees, ~~including the president.~~

651 ~~(d)-(f)~~ Members of the state board ~~of directors of~~
652 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ and its committees serve without
653 compensation, but these members and, the president, and the
654 employees of CareerSource Florida, Inc., may be reimbursed for
655 all reasonable, necessary, and actual expenses as provided under
656 ~~pursuant to~~ s. 112.061.

657 ~~(e)-(g)~~ The state board ~~shall of directors of CareerSource~~
658 ~~Florida, Inc.,~~ may establish an executive committee consisting
659 of the chair and at least six additional ~~board~~ members selected
660 by the chair, one of whom must be a representative of organized
661 labor. The executive committee and the president of CareerSource
662 Florida, Inc., have such authority as the state board delegates
663 to them, except that the state board ~~of directors~~ may not
664 delegate to the executive committee authority to take action
665 that requires approval by a majority of the entire state board
666 ~~of directors~~.

667 ~~(f)-(h)~~ The chair may appoint committees to fulfill the
668 state board's responsibilities, to comply with federal
669 requirements, or to obtain technical assistance, and must
670 incorporate members of local workforce development boards into
671 its structure.

672 ~~(g)-(i)~~ Each member of the state board ~~of directors~~ who is
673 not otherwise required to file a financial disclosure under
674 ~~pursuant to~~ s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution or s.
675 112.3144 must file disclosure of financial interests under

676 ~~pursuant to~~ s. 112.3145.

677 (5) The state board has ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc., shall~~
678 ~~have~~ all the powers and authority not explicitly prohibited by
679 statute which are necessary or convenient to carry out and
680 effectuate its purposes as determined by statute, Pub. L. No.
681 113-128, and the Governor, as well as its functions, duties, and
682 responsibilities, including, but not limited to, the following:

683 (a) Serving as the state's workforce development board
684 pursuant to Pub. L. No. 113-128. Unless otherwise required by
685 federal law, at least 90 percent of workforce development
686 funding must go toward direct customer service.

687 (b) Providing ~~oversight and~~ policy direction to ensure
688 that the following programs are administered by the department
689 consistent in compliance with approved plans ~~and under contract~~
690 ~~with CareerSource Florida, Inc.:~~

691 1. Programs authorized under Title I of the Workforce
692 Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, with the
693 exception of programs funded directly by the United States
694 Department of Labor under Title I, s. 167.

695 2. Programs authorized under the Wagner-Peyser Act of
696 1933, as amended, 29 U.S.C. ss. 49 et seq.

697 3. Activities authorized under Title II of the Trade Act
698 of 2002, as amended, 19 U.S.C. ss. 2272 et seq., and the Trade
699 Adjustment Assistance Program.

700 4. Activities authorized under 38 U.S.C. chapter 41,

701 including job counseling, training, and placement for veterans.

702 5. Employment and training activities carried out under
 703 funds awarded to this state by the United States Department of
 704 Housing and Urban Development.

705 6. Welfare transition services funded by the Temporary
 706 Assistance for Needy Families Program, created under the
 707 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act
 708 of 1996, as amended, Pub. L. No. 104-193, and Title IV, s. 403,
 709 of the Social Security Act, as amended.

710 7. The Florida Bonding Program, provided under Pub. L. No.
 711 97-300, s. 164(a)(1).

712 8. The Food Assistance Employment and Training Program,
 713 provided under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. ss.
 714 2011-2032; the Food Security Act of 1988, Pub. L. No. 99-198;
 715 ~~and~~ the Hunger Prevention Act, Pub. L. No. 100-435; and the
 716 Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-334.

717 9. The Quick-Response Training Program, provided under ss.
 718 288.046-288.047. Matching funds and in-kind contributions that
 719 are provided by clients of the Quick-Response Training Program
 720 ~~shall~~ count toward the requirements of s. 288.904, pertaining to
 721 the return on investment from activities of Enterprise Florida,
 722 Inc.

723 10. The Work Opportunity Tax Credit, provided under the
 724 Tax and Trade Relief Extension Act of 1998, Pub. L. No. 105-277,
 725 and the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Pub. L. No. 105-34.

726 11. Offender placement services, provided under ss.
 727 944.707-944.708.

728
 729 The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this
 730 chapter which relate to implementing and administering the
 731 programs listed in this paragraph as well as rules related to
 732 eligible training providers and auditing and monitoring
 733 subrecipients of the workforce system grant funds.

734 ~~(c) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer~~
 735 ~~this chapter which relate to implementing and administering the~~
 736 ~~programs listed in paragraph (b) as well as rules related to~~
 737 ~~eligible training providers and auditing and monitoring~~
 738 ~~subrecipients of the workforce system grant funds.~~

739 (c) ~~(d)~~ Contracting with public and private entities as
 740 necessary to further the directives of this section. All
 741 contracts executed by the state board or CareerSource Florida,
 742 Inc., must include specific performance expectations and
 743 deliverables. All ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ contracts,
 744 including those solicited, managed, or paid by the department
 745 under pursuant to s. 20.60(5)(c), are exempt from s. 112.061,
 746 but shall be governed by subsection (1).

747 (d) ~~(e)~~ Notifying the Governor and the department of
 748 statewide or local workforce development and training needs that
 749 may require policy changes or an update to the state plan
 750 required under s. 445.003, and notifying the Governor, the

751 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
752 Representatives of noncompliance by the department or other
753 agencies or obstruction of the state board's efforts by such
754 agencies. Upon such notification, the Executive Office of the
755 Governor shall assist agencies to bring them into compliance
756 with state board objectives.

757 (e) ~~(f)~~ Ensuring that the state does not waste valuable
758 training resources. The state board's policy is ~~board shall~~
759 ~~direct~~ that all resources, including equipment purchased for
760 training Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act clients, be
761 available for use at all times by eligible populations as first
762 priority users. At times when eligible populations are not
763 available, such resources shall be used for any other state-
764 authorized education and training purpose. The state board
765 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ may authorize expenditures to award
766 suitable framed certificates, pins, or other tokens of
767 recognition for performance by a local workforce development
768 board, its committees and subdivisions, and other units of the
769 workforce system. The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~
770 may also authorize expenditures for promotional items, such as
771 t-shirts, hats, or pens printed with messages promoting the
772 state's workforce system to employers, job seekers, and program
773 participants. However, such expenditures are subject to federal
774 regulations applicable to the expenditure of federal funds.

775 (f) ~~(g)~~ Establishing a dispute resolution process for all

776 memoranda of understanding or other contracts or agreements
 777 entered into between the department and local workforce
 778 development boards.

779 (g) ~~(h)~~ Archiving records with the Bureau of Archives and
 780 Records Management of the Division of Library and Information
 781 Services of the Department of State.

782 (6) The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, may take
 783 action that it deems necessary to achieve the purposes of this
 784 section, including, but not limited to:

785 (a) Creating a state employment, education, and training
 786 policy that ensures that programs to prepare workers are
 787 responsive to present and future business and industry needs and
 788 complement the initiatives of Enterprise Florida, Inc.

789 (b) Establishing policy direction for a funding system
 790 that provides incentives to improve the outcomes of career
 791 education, registered apprenticeship, and work-based learning
 792 programs and that focuses resources on occupations related to
 793 new or emerging industries that add greatly to the value of the
 794 state's economy.

795 (c) Establishing a comprehensive policy related to the
 796 education and training of target populations such as those who
 797 have disabilities, are economically disadvantaged, receive
 798 public assistance, are not proficient in English, or are
 799 dislocated workers. This approach should ensure the effective
 800 use of federal, state, local, and private resources in reducing

801 the need for public assistance.

802 (d) Designating Institutes of Applied Technology composed
803 of public and private postsecondary institutions working
804 together with business and industry to ensure that career
805 education programs use the most advanced technology and
806 instructional methods available and respond to the changing
807 needs of business and industry.

808 (e) Providing policy direction for a system to project and
809 evaluate labor market supply and demand using the results of the
810 Workforce Estimating Conference created in s. 216.136 and the
811 career education performance standards identified under s.
812 1008.43.

813 (f) Reviewing the performance of public programs that are
814 responsible for economic development, education, employment, and
815 training. The review must include an analysis of the return on
816 investment of these programs.

817 (g) Expanding the occupations identified by the Workforce
818 Estimating Conference to meet needs created by local emergencies
819 or plant closings or to capture occupations within emerging
820 industries.

821 (7) By December 1 of each year, the state board
822 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, shall submit to the Governor, the
823 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
824 Representatives, the Senate Minority Leader, and the House
825 Minority Leader a complete and detailed annual report setting

826 | forth:

827 | (a) All audits, including any audit conducted under
828 | subsection (8).

829 | (b) The operations and accomplishments of the state board,
830 | including the programs or entities specified in subsection (6).

831 | (8) Pursuant to his or her own authority or at the
832 | direction of the Legislative Auditing Committee, the Auditor
833 | General may conduct an audit of the state board and CareerSource
834 | Florida, Inc., or the programs or entities created by the state
835 | board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~ The Office of Program Policy
836 | Analysis and Government Accountability, pursuant to its
837 | authority or at the direction of the Legislative Auditing
838 | Committee, may review the systems and controls related to
839 | performance outcomes and quality of services of the state board
840 | and CareerSource Florida, Inc.

841 | (9) The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, in
842 | collaboration with the local workforce development boards and
843 | appropriate state agencies and local public and private service
844 | providers, shall establish uniform performance accountability
845 | measures that apply across the core programs to gauge the
846 | performance of the state and local workforce development boards
847 | in achieving the workforce development strategy.

848 | (a) The performance accountability measures for the core
849 | programs consist of the primary indicators of performance, any
850 | additional indicators of performance, and a state-adjusted level

851 of performance for each indicator pursuant to Pub. L. No. 113-
852 128, Title I, s. 116(b).

853 (b) The performance accountability measures for each local
854 area consist of the primary indicators of performance, any
855 additional indicators of performance, and a local level of
856 performance for each indicator pursuant to Pub. L. No. 113-128.
857 The local level of performance is determined by the local board,
858 the chief elected official, and the Governor pursuant to Pub. L.
859 No. 113-128, Title I, s. 116(c).

860 (c) Performance accountability measures shall be used to
861 generate performance reports pursuant to Pub. L. No. 113-128,
862 Title I, s. 116(d).

863 (d) The performance accountability measures of success
864 that are adopted by the state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~
865 or the local workforce development boards must be developed in a
866 manner that provides for an equitable comparison of the relative
867 success or failure of any service provider in terms of positive
868 outcomes.

869 (10) The workforce development strategy for the state
870 shall be designed by the state board, in consultation with the
871 department, and approved by the Governor ~~CareerSource Florida,~~
872 ~~Inc.~~ The strategy must include efforts that enlist business,
873 education, and community support for students to achieve long-
874 term career goals, ensuring that young people have the academic
875 and occupational skills required to succeed in the workplace.

876 The strategy must also assist employers in upgrading or updating
877 the skills of their employees and assisting workers to acquire
878 the education or training needed to secure a better job with
879 better wages. The strategy must assist the state's efforts to
880 attract and expand job-creating businesses offering high-paying,
881 high-demand occupations.

882 (11) The workforce development system must encourage ~~use a~~
883 ~~charter process approach aimed at encouraging~~ local design and
884 control of service delivery and targeted activities. The state
885 board, in consultation with the department ~~CareerSource Florida,~~
886 ~~Inc., is~~ shall be responsible for ensuring that ~~granting~~
887 ~~charters to~~ local workforce development boards ~~that~~ have a
888 membership consistent with the requirements of federal and state
889 law and have developed a plan consistent with the state's
890 workforce development strategy. The plan must specify methods
891 for allocating the resources and programs in a manner that
892 eliminates unwarranted duplication, minimizes administrative
893 costs, meets the existing job market demands and the job market
894 demands resulting from successful economic development
895 activities, ensures access to quality workforce development
896 services for all Floridians, allows for pro rata or partial
897 distribution of benefits and services, prohibits the creation of
898 a waiting list or other indication of an unserved population,
899 serves as many individuals as possible within available
900 resources, and maximizes successful outcomes. The state board ~~As~~

901 ~~part of the charter process, CareerSource Florida, Inc., shall~~
902 establish incentives for effective coordination of federal and
903 state programs, outline rewards for successful job placements,
904 and institute collaborative approaches among local service
905 providers. ~~Local decisionmaking and control shall be important~~
906 ~~components for inclusion in this charter application.~~

907 (12) CareerSource Florida, Inc., under the direction of
908 the state board, shall enter into agreement with Space Florida
909 and collaborate with vocational institutes, community colleges,
910 colleges, and universities in this state to develop a workforce
911 development strategy to implement the workforce provisions of s.
912 331.3051.

913 (13) The department may consult with the state board to
914 issue technical assistance letters on the operation of federal
915 programs and the expenditure of federal funds by the state board
916 or any local workforce development board. A technical assistance
917 letter must be in writing, must be posted on the department's
918 website, and remains in effect until superseded or terminated. A
919 technical assistance letter is not a rule of general
920 applicability under s. 120.54 and is not a declaratory statement
921 issued under s. 120.565 or an order issued under s. 120.569.
922 Section 120.53 does not apply to technical assistance letters.

923 Section 6. Section 445.006, Florida Statutes, is amended
924 to read:

925 445.006 State plan for workforce development.—

926 (1) STATE PLAN.—The state board ~~CareerSource Florida,~~
 927 ~~Inc.~~, in conjunction with state and local partners in the
 928 workforce system, shall develop a state plan that produces an
 929 educated and skilled workforce. The state plan must consist of
 930 strategic and operational planning elements. The state plan
 931 shall be submitted by the Governor to the United States
 932 Department of Labor pursuant to the requirements of Pub. L. No.
 933 113-128.

934 (2) STRATEGIC PLANNING ELEMENTS.—The state board
 935 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, in conjunction with state and local
 936 partners in the workforce system, shall develop strategic
 937 planning elements, pursuant to Pub. L. No. 113-128, Title I, s.
 938 102, for the state plan.

939 (a) The strategic planning elements of the state plan must
 940 include, but need not be limited to, strategies for:

941 1. Fulfilling the workforce system goals and strategies
 942 prescribed in s. 445.004;

943 2. Aggregating, integrating, and leveraging workforce
 944 system resources;

945 3. Coordinating the activities of federal, state, and
 946 local workforce system partners;

947 4. Addressing the workforce needs of small businesses; and

948 5. Fostering the participation of rural communities and
 949 distressed urban cores in the workforce system.

950 (b) The strategic planning elements must include criteria

951 for allocating workforce resources to local workforce
952 development boards. With respect to allocating funds to serve
953 customers of the welfare transition program, such criteria may
954 include weighting factors that indicate the relative degree of
955 difficulty associated with securing and retaining employment
956 placements for specific subsets of the welfare transition
957 caseload.

958 (3) OPERATIONAL PLANNING ELEMENTS.—The state board
959 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, in conjunction with state and local
960 partners in the workforce system, shall develop operational
961 planning elements, pursuant to Pub. L. No. 113-128, Title I, s.
962 102, for the state plan.

963 Section 7. Subsection (1), paragraph (b) of subsection
964 (2), and subsections (3) through (7) and (9) through (13) of
965 section 445.007, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph
966 (c) is added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:

967 445.007 Local workforce development boards.—

968 (1) One local workforce development board shall be
969 appointed in each designated service delivery area and shall
970 serve as the local workforce development board pursuant to Pub.
971 L. No. 113-128. The membership of the local board must be
972 consistent with Pub. L. No. 113-128, Title I, s. 107(b). If a
973 public education or training provider is represented on the
974 local board, a representative of a private education provider
975 must also be appointed to the local board. The state board

976 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ may waive this requirement if
977 requested by a local workforce development board if it is
978 demonstrated that such representatives do not exist in the
979 region. The importance of minority and gender representation
980 shall be considered when making appointments to the local board.
981 The local board, its committees, subcommittees, and
982 subdivisions, and other units of the workforce system, including
983 units that may consist in whole or in part of local governmental
984 units, may use any method of telecommunications to conduct
985 meetings, including establishing a quorum through
986 telecommunications, provided that the public is given proper
987 notice of the telecommunications meeting and reasonable access
988 to observe and, when appropriate, participate. Local workforce
989 development boards are subject to chapters 119 and 286 and s.
990 24, Art. I of the State Constitution. If the local workforce
991 development board enters into a contract with an organization or
992 individual represented on the local board ~~of directors~~, the
993 contract must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the local
994 board, a quorum having been established, and the local board
995 member who could benefit financially from the transaction must
996 abstain from voting on the contract. A local board member must
997 disclose any such conflict in a manner that is consistent with
998 the procedures outlined in s. 112.3143. Each member of a local
999 workforce development board who is not otherwise required to
1000 file a full and public disclosure of financial interests under

1001 ~~pursuant to~~ s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution or s.
 1002 112.3144 shall file a statement of financial interests under
 1003 ~~pursuant to~~ s. 112.3145. The executive director or designated
 1004 person responsible for the operational and administrative
 1005 functions of the local workforce development board who is not
 1006 otherwise required to file a full and public disclosure of
 1007 financial interests under ~~pursuant to~~ s. 8, Art. II of the State
 1008 Constitution or s. 112.3144 shall file a statement of financial
 1009 interests under ~~pursuant to~~ s. 112.3145.

1010 (2)

1011 (b) The Governor may remove a member of the local board,
 1012 the executive director of the local board, or the designated
 1013 person responsible for the operational and administrative
 1014 functions of the local board for cause. ~~As used in this~~
 1015 ~~paragraph, the term "cause" includes, but is not limited to,~~
 1016 ~~engaging in fraud or other criminal acts, incapacity, unfitness,~~
 1017 ~~neglect of duty, official incompetence and irresponsibility,~~
 1018 ~~misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, or lack of performance.~~

1019 (c) The chief elected official for the local workforce
 1020 development board may remove a member of the local board, the
 1021 executive director of the local board, or the designated person
 1022 responsible for the operational and administrative functions of
 1023 the local board for cause.

1024 (3) The department ~~of Economic Opportunity, under the~~
 1025 ~~direction of CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ shall assign staff to

1026 meet with each local workforce development board annually to
1027 review the local board's performance and to certify that the
1028 local board is in compliance with applicable state and federal
1029 law.

1030 (4) In addition to the duties and functions specified by
1031 the state board CareerSource Florida, Inc., and by the
1032 interlocal agreement approved by the local county or city
1033 governing bodies, the local workforce development board shall
1034 have the following responsibilities:

1035 (a) Develop, submit, ratify, or amend the local plan
1036 pursuant to Pub. L. No. 113-128, Title I, s. 108 and this act.

1037 (b) Conclude agreements necessary to designate the fiscal
1038 agent and administrative entity. A public or private entity,
1039 including an entity established under ~~pursuant to~~ s. 163.01,
1040 which makes a majority of the appointments to a local workforce
1041 development board may serve as the local board's administrative
1042 entity if approved by the department ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~,
1043 based upon a showing that a fair and competitive process was
1044 used to select the administrative entity.

1045 (c) ~~Complete assurances required for the charter process~~
1046 ~~of CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, and Provide ongoing oversight
1047 related to administrative costs, duplicated services, career
1048 counseling, economic development, equal access, compliance and
1049 accountability, and performance outcomes.

1050 (d) Oversee the one-stop delivery system in its local

1051 area.

1052 (5) The department, in conjunction with the state board
 1053 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, shall implement a training program
 1054 for the local workforce development boards to familiarize local
 1055 board members with the state's workforce development goals and
 1056 strategies.

1057 (6) The local workforce development board shall designate
 1058 all local service providers and may not transfer this authority
 1059 to a third party. Consistent with the intent of the Workforce
 1060 Innovation and Opportunity Act, local workforce development
 1061 boards should provide the greatest possible choice of training
 1062 providers to those who qualify for training services. A local
 1063 workforce development board may not restrict the choice of
 1064 training providers based upon cost, location, or historical
 1065 training arrangements. However, a local board may restrict the
 1066 amount of training resources available to any one client. Such
 1067 restrictions may vary based upon the cost of training in the
 1068 client's chosen occupational area. The local workforce
 1069 development board may be designated as a one-stop operator and
 1070 direct provider of intake, assessment, eligibility
 1071 determinations, or other direct provider services except
 1072 training services. Such designation may occur only with the
 1073 agreement of the chief elected official and the Governor as
 1074 specified in 29 U.S.C. s. 2832(f)(2). The state board
 1075 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, shall establish procedures by which

1076 a local workforce development board may request permission to
 1077 operate under this section and the criteria under which such
 1078 permission may be granted. The criteria shall include, but need
 1079 not be limited to, a reduction in the cost of providing the
 1080 permitted services. Such permission shall be granted for a
 1081 period not to exceed 3 years for any single request submitted by
 1082 the local workforce development board.

1083 (7) Local workforce development boards shall adopt a
 1084 committee structure consistent with applicable federal law and
 1085 state policies established by the state board ~~CareerSource~~
 1086 ~~Florida, Inc.~~

1087 (9) For purposes of procurement, local workforce
 1088 development boards and their administrative entities are not
 1089 state agencies and are exempt from chapters 120 and 287. The
 1090 local workforce development boards shall apply the procurement
 1091 and expenditure procedures required by federal law and policies
 1092 of the department ~~of Economic Opportunity~~ and the state board
 1093 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ for the expenditure of federal,
 1094 state, and nonpass-through funds. The making or approval of
 1095 smaller, multiple payments for a single purchase with the intent
 1096 to avoid or evade the monetary thresholds and procedures
 1097 established by federal law and policies of the department ~~of~~
 1098 ~~Economic Opportunity~~ and the state board ~~CareerSource Florida,~~
 1099 ~~Inc.,~~ is grounds for removal for cause. Local workforce
 1100 development boards, their administrative entities, committees,

1101 and subcommittees, and other workforce units may authorize
1102 expenditures to award suitable framed certificates, pins, or
1103 other tokens of recognition for performance by units of the
1104 workforce system. Local workforce development boards; their
1105 administrative entities, committees, and subcommittees; and
1106 other workforce units may authorize expenditures for promotional
1107 items, such as t-shirts, hats, or pens printed with messages
1108 promoting Florida's workforce system to employers, job seekers,
1109 and program participants. However, such expenditures are subject
1110 to federal regulations applicable to the expenditure of federal
1111 funds. All contracts executed by local workforce development
1112 boards must include specific performance expectations and
1113 deliverables.

1114 (10) State and federal funds provided to the local
1115 workforce development boards may not be used directly or
1116 indirectly to pay for meals, food, or beverages for ~~board~~
1117 members, staff, or employees of local workforce development
1118 boards, the state board CareerSource Florida, Inc., or the
1119 department ~~of Economic Opportunity~~ except as expressly
1120 authorized by state law. Preapproved, reasonable, and necessary
1121 per diem allowances and travel expenses may be reimbursed. Such
1122 reimbursement shall be at the standard travel reimbursement
1123 rates established in s. 112.061 and shall be in compliance with
1124 all applicable federal and state requirements. The department
1125 shall provide fiscal and programmatic guidance CareerSource

1126 ~~Florida, Inc., shall develop a statewide fiscal policy~~
 1127 ~~applicable to the state board, CareerSource Florida, Inc., and~~
 1128 ~~all local workforce development boards,~~ to hold both the state
 1129 and local workforce development boards strictly accountable for
 1130 adherence to the policy and subject to regular and periodic
 1131 monitoring by the department ~~of Economic Opportunity, the~~
 1132 ~~administrative entity for CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~ Local
 1133 boards are prohibited from expending state or federal funds for
 1134 entertainment costs and recreational activities for local board
 1135 members and employees as these terms are defined by 2 C.F.R.
 1136 part 200 ~~230~~.

1137 (11) To increase transparency and accountability, a local
 1138 workforce development board must comply with the requirements of
 1139 this section before contracting with a member of the local board
 1140 or a relative, as defined in s. 112.3143(1)(c), of a local board
 1141 member or of an employee of the local board. Such contracts may
 1142 not be executed before or without the prior approval of the
 1143 department ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~ Such contracts, as well as
 1144 documentation demonstrating adherence to this section as
 1145 specified by the department ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, must be
 1146 submitted to the department ~~of Economic Opportunity~~ for review
 1147 and approval ~~recommendation according to criteria to be~~
 1148 ~~determined by CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~ Such a contract must be
 1149 approved by a two-thirds vote of the local board, a quorum
 1150 having been established; all conflicts of interest must be

1151 disclosed before the vote; and any member who may benefit from
 1152 the contract, or whose relative may benefit from the contract,
 1153 must abstain from the vote. A contract under \$25,000 between a
 1154 local workforce development board and a member of that board or
 1155 between a relative, as defined in s. 112.3143(1)(c), of a local
 1156 board member or of an employee of the local board is not
 1157 required to have the prior approval of the department
 1158 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, but must be approved by a two-thirds
 1159 vote of the local board, a quorum having been established, and
 1160 must be reported to the department ~~of Economic Opportunity~~ and
 1161 the state board CareerSource Florida, Inc., within 30 days after
 1162 approval. If a contract cannot be approved by the department
 1163 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, a review of the decision to
 1164 disapprove the contract may be requested by the local workforce
 1165 development board or other parties to the disapproved contract.

1166 (12) Each local workforce development board shall develop
 1167 a budget for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the local
 1168 board under this section, subject to the approval of the chief
 1169 elected official. Each local workforce development board shall
 1170 submit its annual budget for review to the department
 1171 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, no later than 2 weeks after the
 1172 chair approves the budget.

1173 ~~(13) By March 1, 2018, CareerSource Florida, Inc., shall~~
 1174 ~~establish regional planning areas in accordance with Pub. L. No.~~
 1175 ~~113-128, Title I, s. 106(a)(2). Local workforce development~~

1176 ~~boards and chief elected officials within identified regional~~
 1177 ~~planning areas shall prepare a regional workforce development~~
 1178 ~~plan as required under Pub. L. No. 113-128, Title I, s.~~
 1179 ~~106(e)(2).~~

1180 Section 8. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 445.0071,
 1181 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1182 445.0071 Florida Youth Summer Jobs Pilot Program.—

1183 (1) CREATION.—Contingent upon appropriations, there is
 1184 created the Florida Youth Summer Jobs Pilot Program within
 1185 workforce development district 22 served by the Broward
 1186 Workforce Development Board. The board shall, in consultation
 1187 with the state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, provide a
 1188 program offering at-risk and disadvantaged children summer jobs
 1189 in partnership with local communities and public employers.

1190 (4) GOVERNANCE.—

1191 (a) The pilot program shall be administered by the local
 1192 workforce development board in consultation with the state board
 1193 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~

1194 (b) The local workforce development board shall report to
 1195 the state board and the department ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~,
 1196 the number of at-risk and disadvantaged children who enter the
 1197 program, the types of work activities they participate in, and
 1198 the number of children who return to school, go on to
 1199 postsecondary school, or enter the workforce full time at the
 1200 end of the program. The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~,

1201 shall report to the Legislature by November 1 of each year on
1202 the performance of the program.

1203 Section 9. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 445.008,
1204 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1205 445.008 Workforce Training Institute.—

1206 (1) The state board, through CareerSource Florida, Inc.,
1207 may create the Workforce Training Institute, which shall be a
1208 comprehensive program of workforce training courses designed to
1209 meet the unique needs of, and shall include Internet-based
1210 training modules suitable for and made available to,
1211 professionals integral to the workforce system, including
1212 advisors and counselors in educational institutions.

1213 (2) The state board, through CareerSource Florida, Inc.,
1214 may enter into a contract for the provision of administrative
1215 support services for the institute and shall adopt policies for
1216 the administration and operation of the institute and establish
1217 admission fees in an amount which, in the aggregate, does not
1218 exceed the cost of the program. CareerSource Florida, Inc., may
1219 accept donations or grants of any type for any function or
1220 purpose of the institute. All donations and grants received by
1221 CareerSource Florida, Inc., must be reported to the state board
1222 and the department.

1223 Section 10. Subsections (2), (3), and (4), paragraph (b)
1224 of subsection (6), subsection (7), paragraphs (a), (c), and (d)
1225 of subsection (8), and subsection (9) of section 445.009,

1226 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1227 445.009 One-stop delivery system.—

1228 (2) (a) Subject to a process designed by the state board
 1229 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, and in compliance with Pub. L. No.
 1230 113-128, local workforce development boards shall designate one-
 1231 stop delivery system operators.

1232 (b) A local workforce development board may designate as
 1233 its one-stop delivery system operator any public or private
 1234 entity that is eligible to provide services under any state or
 1235 federal workforce program that is a mandatory or discretionary
 1236 partner in the local workforce development area's one-stop
 1237 delivery system if approved by the department ~~CareerSource~~
 1238 ~~Florida, Inc.~~, upon a showing by the local workforce development
 1239 board that a fair and competitive process was used in the
 1240 selection. As a condition of authorizing a local workforce
 1241 development board to designate such an entity as its one-stop
 1242 delivery system operator, the department ~~CareerSource Florida,~~
 1243 ~~Inc.~~, must require the local workforce development board to
 1244 demonstrate that safeguards are in place to ensure that the one-
 1245 stop delivery system operator will not exercise an unfair
 1246 competitive advantage or unfairly refer or direct customers of
 1247 the one-stop delivery system to services provided by that one-
 1248 stop delivery system operator. A local workforce development
 1249 board may retain its current one-stop career center operator
 1250 without further procurement action if the local board has an

1251 established one-stop career center that has complied with
1252 federal and state law.

1253 (c) The local workforce development board must enter into
1254 a memorandum of understanding with each mandatory or optional
1255 partner participating in the one-stop delivery system which
1256 details the partner's required contribution to infrastructure
1257 costs, as required by Pub. L. No. 113-128, s. 121(h). ~~If the~~
1258 ~~local workforce development board and the one-stop partner are~~
1259 ~~unable to come to an agreement regarding infrastructure costs by~~
1260 ~~July 1, 2017, the costs shall be allocated pursuant to a policy~~
1261 ~~established by the Governor.~~

1262 (3) Local workforce development boards shall enter into a
1263 memorandum of understanding with the department ~~of Economic~~
1264 ~~Opportunity~~ for the delivery of employment services authorized
1265 by the federal Wagner-Peyser Act. This memorandum of
1266 understanding must be performance based.

1267 (a) Unless otherwise required by federal law, at least 90
1268 percent of the Wagner-Peyser funding must go into direct
1269 customer service costs.

1270 (b) Employment services must be provided through the one-
1271 stop delivery system, under the guidance of one-stop delivery
1272 system operators. One-stop delivery system operators shall have
1273 overall authority for directing the staff of the workforce
1274 system. Personnel matters shall remain under the ultimate
1275 authority of the department. However, the one-stop delivery

1276 system operator shall submit to the department information
 1277 concerning the job performance of employees of the department
 1278 who deliver employment services. The department shall consider
 1279 any such information submitted by the one-stop delivery system
 1280 operator in conducting performance appraisals of the employees.

1281 (c) The department shall retain fiscal responsibility and
 1282 accountability for the administration of funds allocated to the
 1283 state under the Wagner-Peyser Act. An employee of the department
 1284 who is providing services authorized under the Wagner-Peyser Act
 1285 shall be paid using Wagner-Peyser Act funds.

1286 (4) One-stop delivery system partners shall enter into a
 1287 memorandum of understanding pursuant to Pub. L. No. 113-128,
 1288 Title I, s. 121, with the local workforce development board.
 1289 Failure of a local partner to participate cannot unilaterally
 1290 block the majority of partners from moving forward with their
 1291 one-stop delivery system, and the state board, in conjunction
 1292 with the department, may notify the Governor CareerSource
 1293 Florida, Inc., pursuant to s. 445.004(5) (e), may make
 1294 ~~notification~~ of a local partner that fails to participate.

1295 (6)

1296 (b) To expand electronic capabilities, the state board and
 1297 the department CareerSource Florida, Inc., working with local
 1298 workforce development boards, shall develop a centralized help
 1299 center to assist local workforce development boards in
 1300 fulfilling core services, minimizing the need for fixed-site

1301 one-stop delivery system centers.

1302 (7) Intensive services and training provided pursuant to
 1303 Pub. L. No. 113-128 shall be provided to individuals through
 1304 Intensive Service Accounts and Individual Training Accounts. The
 1305 state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ shall develop an
 1306 implementation plan, including identification of initially
 1307 eligible training providers, transition guidelines, and criteria
 1308 for use of these accounts. Individual Training Accounts must be
 1309 compatible with Individual Development Accounts for education
 1310 allowed in federal and state welfare reform statutes.

1311 (8) (a) Individual Training Accounts must be expended on
 1312 programs that prepare people to enter high-wage occupations
 1313 identified by the Workforce Estimating Conference created by s.
 1314 216.136, and on other programs recommended by the state board
 1315 and approved by the department ~~as approved by CareerSource~~
 1316 ~~Florida, Inc.~~

1317 (c) The department ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ shall
 1318 periodically review Individual Training Account pricing
 1319 schedules developed by local workforce development boards and
 1320 present findings and recommendations for process improvement to
 1321 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
 1322 Representatives.

1323 (d) To the maximum extent possible, training providers
 1324 shall use funding sources other than the funding provided under
 1325 Pub. L. No. 113-128. The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~

1326 shall develop a system to encourage the leveraging of
 1327 appropriated resources for the workforce system and shall report
 1328 on such efforts as part of the required annual report.

1329 (9) (a) The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, working
 1330 with the department, shall coordinate among the agencies a plan
 1331 for a One-Stop Electronic Network made up of one-stop delivery
 1332 system centers and other partner agencies that are operated by
 1333 authorized public or private for-profit or not-for-profit
 1334 agents. The plan shall identify resources within existing
 1335 revenues to establish and support this electronic network for
 1336 service delivery that includes Government Services Direct. If
 1337 necessary, the plan shall identify additional funding needed to
 1338 achieve the provisions of this subsection.

1339 (b) The network shall assure that a uniform method is used
 1340 to determine eligibility for and management of services provided
 1341 by agencies that conduct workforce development activities. The
 1342 Department of Management Services shall develop strategies to
 1343 allow access to the databases and information management systems
 1344 of the following systems in order to link information in those
 1345 databases with the one-stop delivery system:

- 1346 1. The Reemployment Assistance Program under chapter 443.
- 1347 2. The public employment service described in s. 443.181.
- 1348 3. The public assistance information system used by the
 1349 Department of Children and Families and the components related
 1350 to temporary cash assistance, food assistance, and Medicaid

1351 eligibility.

1352 4. The Student Financial Assistance System of the
1353 Department of Education.

1354 5. Enrollment in the public postsecondary education
1355 system.

1356 6. Other information systems determined appropriate by the
1357 state board, in consultation with the department CareerSource
1358 Florida, Inc.

1359 Section 11. Section 445.011, Florida Statutes, is amended
1360 to read:

1361 445.011 Workforce information systems.—

1362 (1) The department, in consultation with the state board
1363 CareerSource Florida, Inc., shall implement, subject to
1364 legislative appropriation, automated information systems that
1365 are necessary for the efficient and effective operation and
1366 management of the workforce development system. These
1367 information systems shall include, but need not be limited to,
1368 the following:

1369 (a) An integrated management system for the one-stop
1370 service delivery system, which includes, at a minimum, common
1371 registration and intake, screening for needs and benefits, case
1372 planning and tracking, training benefits management, service and
1373 training provider management, performance reporting, executive
1374 information and reporting, and customer-satisfaction tracking
1375 and reporting.

1376 | 1. The system should report current budgeting,
1377 | expenditure, and performance information for assessing
1378 | performance related to outcomes, service delivery, and financial
1379 | administration for workforce programs pursuant to s. 445.004(5)
1380 | and (9).

1381 | 2. The information system should include auditable systems
1382 | and controls to ensure financial integrity and valid and
1383 | reliable performance information.

1384 | 3. The system should support service integration and case
1385 | management by providing for case tracking for participants in
1386 | welfare transition programs.

1387 | (b) An automated job-matching information system that is
1388 | accessible to employers, job seekers, and other users via the
1389 | Internet, and that includes, at a minimum:

1390 | 1. Skill match information, including skill gap analysis;
1391 | resume creation; job order creation; skill tests; job search by
1392 | area, employer type, and employer name; and training provider
1393 | linkage;

1394 | 2. Job market information based on surveys, including
1395 | local, state, regional, national, and international occupational
1396 | and job availability information; and

1397 | 3. Service provider information, including education and
1398 | training providers, child care facilities and related
1399 | information, health and social service agencies, and other
1400 | providers of services that would be useful to job seekers.

1401 (2) The department ~~In procuring workforce information~~
 1402 ~~systems, CareerSource Florida, Inc., shall employ competitive~~
 1403 ~~processes, including requests for proposals, competitive~~
 1404 ~~negotiation, and other competitive processes to ensure that the~~
 1405 ~~procurement results in the most cost-effective investment of~~
 1406 ~~state funds.~~

1407 ~~(3) CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ may procure independent
 1408 verification and validation services associated with developing
 1409 and implementing any workforce information system.

1410 ~~(3)(4) The department~~ CareerSource Florida, Inc., shall
 1411 coordinate development and implementation of workforce
 1412 information systems with the state chief information officer to
 1413 ensure compatibility with the state's information system
 1414 strategy and enterprise architecture.

1415 Section 12. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 445.014,
 1416 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1417 445.014 Small business workforce service initiative.—

1418 (1) Subject to legislative appropriation, the state board
 1419 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ shall establish a program to
 1420 encourage local workforce development boards to establish one-
 1421 stop delivery systems that maximize the provision of workforce
 1422 and human-resource support services to small businesses. Under
 1423 the program, a local workforce development board may apply, on a
 1424 competitive basis, for funds to support the provision of such
 1425 services to small businesses through the local workforce

1426 development area's one-stop delivery system.

1427 (3) The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, shall
1428 establish guidelines governing the administration of this
1429 program and shall establish criteria to be used in evaluating
1430 applications for funding. Such criteria must include, but need
1431 not be limited to, a showing that the local workforce
1432 development board has in place a detailed plan for establishing
1433 a one-stop delivery system designed to meet the workforce needs
1434 of small businesses and for leveraging other funding sources in
1435 support of such activities.

1436 Section 13. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (2)
1437 and subsection (4) of section 445.021, Florida Statutes, are
1438 amended to read:

1439 445.021 Relocation assistance program.—

1440 (2) The relocation assistance program shall involve five
1441 steps by the local workforce development board, in cooperation
1442 with the Department of Children and Families:

1443 (b) A determination that there is a basis for believing
1444 that relocation will contribute to the ability of the applicant
1445 to achieve self-sufficiency. For example, the applicant:

1446 1. Is unlikely to achieve economic self-sufficiency at the
1447 current community of residence;

1448 2. Has secured a job that provides an increased salary or
1449 improved benefits and that requires relocation to another
1450 community;

1451 3. Has a family support network that will contribute to
1452 job retention in another community;

1453 4. Is determined, pursuant to criteria or procedures
1454 established by the state board ~~of directors of CareerSource~~
1455 ~~Florida, Inc.~~, to be a victim of domestic violence who would
1456 experience reduced probability of further incidents through
1457 relocation; or

1458 5. Must relocate in order to receive education or training
1459 that is directly related to the applicant's employment or career
1460 advancement.

1461 (c) Establishment of a relocation plan that includes such
1462 requirements as are necessary to prevent abuse of the benefit
1463 and provisions to protect the safety of victims of domestic
1464 violence and avoid provisions that place them in anticipated
1465 danger. The payment to defray relocation expenses shall be
1466 determined based on criteria approved by the state board ~~of~~
1467 ~~directors of CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~ Participants in the
1468 relocation program shall be eligible for diversion or
1469 transitional benefits.

1470 (d) A determination, pursuant to criteria adopted by the
1471 state board ~~of directors of CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, that a
1472 community receiving a relocated family has the capacity to
1473 provide needed services and employment opportunities.

1474 (4) The state board ~~of directors of CareerSource Florida,~~
1475 ~~Inc.~~ may establish criteria for developing and implementing

1476 relocation plans and for drafting agreements to restrict a
1477 family from applying for temporary cash assistance for a
1478 specified period after receiving a relocation assistance
1479 payment.

1480 Section 14. Section 445.022, Florida Statutes, is amended
1481 to read:

1482 445.022 Retention Incentive Training Accounts.—To promote
1483 job retention and to enable upward job advancement into higher
1484 skilled, higher paying employment, the state board ~~of directors~~
1485 ~~of CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ and the local workforce
1486 development boards may assemble a list of programs and courses
1487 offered by postsecondary educational institutions which may be
1488 available to participants who have become employed to promote
1489 job retention and advancement.

1490 (1) The state board ~~of directors of CareerSource Florida,~~
1491 ~~Inc.,~~ may establish Retention Incentive Training Accounts
1492 (RITAs) to use Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
1493 block grant funds specifically appropriated for this purpose.
1494 RITAs must complement the Individual Training Account required
1495 by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L.
1496 No. 113-128.

1497 (2) RITAs may pay for tuition, fees, educational
1498 materials, coaching and mentoring, performance incentives,
1499 transportation to and from courses, child care costs during
1500 education courses, and other such costs as the local workforce

1501 development boards determine are necessary to effect successful
 1502 job retention and advancement.

1503 (3) Local workforce development boards shall retain only
 1504 those courses that continue to meet their performance standards
 1505 as established in their local plan.

1506 (4) Local workforce development boards shall report
 1507 annually to the Legislature on the measurable retention and
 1508 advancement success of each program provider and the
 1509 effectiveness of RITAs, making recommendations for any needed
 1510 changes or modifications.

1511 Section 15. Paragraph (e) of subsection (5) of section
 1512 445.024, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1513 445.024 Work requirements.—

1514 (5) USE OF CONTRACTS.—Local workforce development boards
 1515 shall provide work activities, training, and other services, as
 1516 appropriate, through contracts. In contracting for work
 1517 activities, training, or services, the following applies:

1518 (e) The administrative costs associated with a contract
 1519 for services provided under this section may not exceed the
 1520 applicable administrative cost ceiling established in federal
 1521 law. An agency or entity that is awarded a contract under this
 1522 section may not charge more than 7 percent of the value of the
 1523 contract for administration unless an exception is approved by
 1524 the local workforce development board. A list of any exceptions
 1525 approved must be submitted to the state board ~~of directors of~~

1526 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, for review, and the state board may
1527 rescind approval of the exception.

1528 Section 16. Subsection (6) of section 445.026, Florida
1529 Statutes, is amended to read:

1530 445.026 Cash assistance severance benefit.—An individual
1531 who meets the criteria listed in this section may choose to
1532 receive a lump-sum payment in lieu of ongoing cash assistance
1533 payments, provided the individual:

1534 (6) Signs an agreement not to apply for or accept cash
1535 assistance for 6 months after receipt of the one-time payment.
1536 In the event of an emergency, such agreement shall provide for
1537 an exception to this restriction, provided that the one-time
1538 payment shall be deducted from any cash assistance for which the
1539 family subsequently is approved. This deduction may be prorated
1540 over an 8-month period. The state board ~~of directors of~~
1541 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~ shall adopt criteria defining the
1542 conditions under which a family may receive cash assistance due
1543 to such emergency.

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1545 Such individual may choose to accept a one-time, lump-sum
1546 payment of \$1,000 in lieu of receiving ongoing cash assistance.
1547 Such payment shall only count toward the time limitation for the
1548 month in which the payment is made in lieu of cash assistance. A
1549 participant choosing to accept such payment shall be terminated
1550 from cash assistance. However, eligibility for Medicaid, food

1551 assistance, or child care shall continue, subject to the
1552 eligibility requirements of those programs.

1553 Section 17. Section 445.028, Florida Statutes, is amended
1554 to read:

1555 445.028 Transitional benefits and services.—In cooperation
1556 with the department ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, the Department
1557 of Children and Families shall develop procedures to ensure that
1558 families leaving the temporary cash assistance program receive
1559 transitional benefits and services that will assist the family
1560 in moving toward self-sufficiency. At a minimum, such procedures
1561 must include, but are not limited to, the following:

1562 (1) Each recipient of cash assistance who is determined
1563 ineligible for cash assistance for a reason other than a work
1564 activity sanction shall be contacted by the workforce system
1565 case manager and provided information about the availability of
1566 transitional benefits and services. Such contact shall be
1567 attempted prior to closure of the case management file.

1568 (2) Each recipient of temporary cash assistance who is
1569 determined ineligible for cash assistance due to noncompliance
1570 with the work activity requirements shall be contacted and
1571 provided information in accordance with s. 414.065(1).

1572 (3) The department, in consultation with the state board
1573 ~~of directors of CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, shall develop
1574 informational material, including posters and brochures, to
1575 better inform families about the availability of transitional

1576 benefits and services.

1577 (4) The department ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, in
1578 cooperation with the Department of Children and Families, shall,
1579 to the extent permitted by federal law, develop procedures to
1580 maximize the utilization of transitional Medicaid by families
1581 who leave the temporary cash assistance program.

1582 Section 18. Section 445.030, Florida Statutes, is amended
1583 to read:

1584 445.030 Transitional education and training.—In order to
1585 assist former recipients of temporary cash assistance who are
1586 working or actively seeking employment in continuing their
1587 training and upgrading their skills, education, or training,
1588 support services may be provided for up to 2 years after the
1589 family is no longer receiving temporary cash assistance. This
1590 section does not constitute an entitlement to transitional
1591 education and training. If funds are not sufficient to provide
1592 services under this section, the state board ~~of directors of~~
1593 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, may limit or otherwise prioritize
1594 transitional education and training.

1595 (1) Education or training resources available in the
1596 community at no additional cost shall be used whenever possible.

1597 (2) Local workforce development boards may authorize child
1598 care or other support services in addition to services provided
1599 in conjunction with employment. For example, a participant who
1600 is employed full time may receive child care services related to

1601 that employment and may also receive additional child care
1602 services in conjunction with training to upgrade the
1603 participant's skills.

1604 (3) Transitional education or training must be job-
1605 related, but may include training to improve job skills in a
1606 participant's existing area of employment or may include
1607 training to prepare a participant for employment in another
1608 occupation.

1609 (4) A local workforce development board may enter into an
1610 agreement with an employer to share the costs relating to
1611 upgrading the skills of participants hired by the employer. For
1612 example, a local workforce development board may agree to
1613 provide support services such as transportation or a wage
1614 subsidy in conjunction with training opportunities provided by
1615 the employer.

1616 Section 19. Section 445.033, Florida Statutes, is amended
1617 to read:

1618 445.033 Evaluation.—The state board ~~of directors of~~
1619 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~ and the Department of Children and
1620 Families shall arrange for evaluation of TANF-funded programs
1621 operated under this chapter, as follows:

1622 (1) If required by federal waivers or other federal
1623 requirements, the state board ~~of directors of CareerSource~~
1624 ~~Florida, Inc.~~ and the department may provide for evaluation
1625 according to these requirements.

1626 (2) The state board ~~of directors of CareerSource Florida,~~
1627 ~~Inc.,~~ and the department shall participate in the evaluation of
1628 this program in conjunction with evaluation of the state's
1629 workforce development programs or similar activities aimed at
1630 evaluating program outcomes, cost-effectiveness, or return on
1631 investment, and the impact of time limits, sanctions, and other
1632 welfare reform measures set out in this chapter. Evaluation
1633 shall also contain information on the number of participants in
1634 work experience assignments who obtain unsubsidized employment,
1635 including, but not limited to, the length of time the
1636 unsubsidized job is retained, wages, and the public benefits, if
1637 any, received by such families while in unsubsidized employment.
1638 The evaluation must solicit the input of consumers, community-
1639 based organizations, service providers, employers, and the
1640 general public, and must publicize, especially in low-income
1641 communities, the process for submitting comments.

1642 (3) The state board ~~of directors of CareerSource Florida,~~
1643 ~~Inc.,~~ and the department may share information with and develop
1644 protocols for information exchange with the Florida Education
1645 and Training Placement Information Program.

1646 (4) The state board ~~of directors of CareerSource Florida,~~
1647 ~~Inc.,~~ and the department may initiate or participate in
1648 additional evaluation or assessment activities that will further
1649 the systematic study of issues related to program goals and
1650 outcomes.

1651 (5) In providing for evaluation activities, the state
1652 board ~~of directors of CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ and the
1653 department shall safeguard the use or disclosure of information
1654 obtained from program participants consistent with federal or
1655 state requirements. Evaluation methodologies may be used which
1656 are appropriate for evaluation of program activities, including
1657 random assignment of recipients or participants into program
1658 groups or control groups. To the extent necessary or
1659 appropriate, evaluation data shall provide information with
1660 respect to the state, district, or county, or other substate
1661 area.

1662 (6) The state board ~~of directors of CareerSource Florida,~~
1663 ~~Inc.,~~ and the department may contract with a qualified
1664 organization for evaluations conducted under this section.

1665 Section 20. Section 445.035, Florida Statutes, is amended
1666 to read:

1667 445.035 Data collection and reporting.—The Department of
1668 Children and Families and the state board ~~of directors of~~
1669 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ shall collect data necessary to
1670 administer this chapter and make the reports required under
1671 federal law to the United States Department of Health and Human
1672 Services and the United States Department of Agriculture.

1673 Section 21. Subsections (1), (2), and (3), paragraph (b)
1674 of subsection (4), and subsection (5) of section 445.048,
1675 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1676 445.048 Passport to Economic Progress program.—

1677 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding any law to the
1678 contrary, the state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, in
1679 conjunction with the department and the Department of Children
1680 and Families ~~and the Department of Economic Opportunity~~, shall
1681 implement a Passport to Economic Progress program consistent
1682 with this section. The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~,
1683 may designate local workforce development boards to participate
1684 in the program. Expenses for the program may come from
1685 appropriated revenues or from funds otherwise available to a
1686 local workforce development board which may be legally used for
1687 such purposes. The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, must
1688 consult with the applicable local workforce development boards
1689 and the applicable local offices of the Department of Children
1690 and Families which serve the program areas and must encourage
1691 community input into the implementation process.

1692 (2) WAIVERS.—If the state board ~~CareerSource Florida,~~
1693 ~~Inc.~~, in consultation with the Department of Children and
1694 Families, finds that federal waivers would facilitate
1695 implementation of the program, the department shall immediately
1696 request such waivers, and the state board ~~CareerSource Florida,~~
1697 ~~Inc.~~, shall report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
1698 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives if any refusal
1699 of the federal government to grant such waivers prevents the
1700 implementation of the program. If the state board ~~CareerSource~~

1701 ~~Florida, Inc.,~~ finds that federal waivers to provisions of the
1702 Food Assistance Program would facilitate implementation of the
1703 program, the Department of Children and Families shall
1704 immediately request such waivers in accordance with s. 414.175.

1705 (3) TRANSITIONAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES.—In order to assist
1706 them in making the transition to economic self-sufficiency,
1707 former recipients of temporary cash assistance participating in
1708 the passport program shall be eligible for the following
1709 benefits and services:

1710 (a) Notwithstanding the time period specified in s.
1711 445.030, transitional education and training support services as
1712 specified in s. 445.030 for up to 4 years after the family is no
1713 longer receiving temporary cash assistance;

1714 (b) Notwithstanding the time period specified in s.
1715 445.031, transitional transportation support services as
1716 specified in s. 445.031 for up to 4 years after the family is no
1717 longer receiving temporary cash assistance; and

1718 (c) Notwithstanding the time period specified in s.
1719 445.032, transitional child care as specified in s. 445.032 for
1720 up to 4 years after the family is no longer receiving temporary
1721 cash assistance.

1722
1723 All other provisions of ss. 445.030, 445.031, and 445.032 apply
1724 to such individuals, as appropriate. This subsection does not
1725 constitute an entitlement to transitional benefits and services.

1726 If funds are insufficient to provide benefits and services under
 1727 this subsection, the state board ~~of directors of CareerSource~~
 1728 ~~Florida, Inc.~~, or its agent, may limit such benefits and
 1729 services or otherwise establish priorities for the provisions of
 1730 such benefits and services.

1731 (4) INCENTIVES TO ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY.—

1732 (b) The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, in
 1733 cooperation with the department and the Department of Children
 1734 and Families ~~and the Department of Economic Opportunity~~, shall
 1735 offer performance-based incentive bonuses as a component of the
 1736 Passport to Economic Progress program. The bonuses do not
 1737 represent a program entitlement and are contingent on achieving
 1738 specific benchmarks prescribed in the self-sufficiency plan. If
 1739 the funds appropriated for this purpose are insufficient to
 1740 provide this financial incentive, the state board ~~of directors~~
 1741 ~~of CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, may reduce or suspend the bonuses
 1742 in order not to exceed the appropriation or may direct the local
 1743 workforce development boards to use resources otherwise given to
 1744 the local workforce development board to pay such bonuses if
 1745 such payments comply with applicable state and federal laws.

1746 (5) EVALUATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—The state board
 1747 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, in conjunction with the department,
 1748 the Department of Children and Families, ~~the Department of~~
 1749 ~~Economic Opportunity~~, and the local workforce development
 1750 boards, shall conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the

1751 effectiveness of the program operated under this section.
1752 Evaluations and recommendations for the program shall be
1753 submitted by the state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, as part
1754 of its annual report to the Legislature.

1755 Section 22. Subsections (6), (8), and (13) of section
1756 445.051, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1757 445.051 Individual development accounts.—

1758 (6) The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, shall
1759 establish procedures for local workforce development boards to
1760 include in their annual program and financial plan an
1761 application to offer an individual development account program
1762 as part of their TANF allocation. These procedures must include,
1763 but need not be limited to, administrative costs permitted for
1764 the fiduciary organization and policies relative to identifying
1765 the match ratio and limits on the deposits for which the match
1766 will be provided in the application process. The state board
1767 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, shall establish policies and
1768 procedures necessary to ensure that funds held in an individual
1769 development account are not withdrawn except for one or more of
1770 the qualified purposes described in this section.

1771 (8) The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, shall
1772 establish procedures for controlling the withdrawal of funds for
1773 uses other than qualified purposes, including specifying
1774 conditions under which an account must be closed.

1775 (13) Pursuant to policy direction by the state board

1776 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, the department of ~~Economic~~
 1777 ~~Opportunity~~ shall adopt such rules as are necessary to implement
 1778 this act.

1779 Section 23. Subsection (2) of section 445.055, Florida
 1780 Statutes, is amended to read:

1781 445.055 Employment advocacy and assistance program
 1782 targeting military spouses and dependents.—

1783 (2) The state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, shall
 1784 establish an employment advocacy and assistance program
 1785 targeting military spouses and dependents. This program shall
 1786 deliver employment assistance services through military family
 1787 employment advocates colocated within selected one-stop career
 1788 centers. Persons eligible for assistance through this program
 1789 include spouses and dependents of active duty military
 1790 personnel, Florida National Guard members, and military
 1791 reservists.

1792 Section 24. Paragraph (p) of subsection (3) of section
 1793 11.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1794 11.45 Definitions; duties; authorities; reports; rules.—

1795 (3) AUTHORITY FOR AUDITS AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS.—The
 1796 Auditor General may, pursuant to his or her own authority, or at
 1797 the direction of the Legislative Auditing Committee, conduct
 1798 audits or other engagements as determined appropriate by the
 1799 Auditor General of:

1800 (p) CareerSource Florida, Inc., the state board as defined

1801 in s. 445.002, or the programs or entities created by the state
 1802 board under ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc., created pursuant to s.~~
 1803 445.004.

1804 Section 25. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
 1805 288.901, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1806 288.901 Enterprise Florida, Inc.—

1807 (5) APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

1808 (a) In addition to the Governor or his or her designee,
 1809 the board of directors shall consist of the following appointed
 1810 members:

- 1811 1. The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee.
- 1812 2. The Chief Financial Officer or his or her designee.
- 1813 3. The Attorney General or his or her designee.
- 1814 4. The Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee.
- 1815 5. The chairperson of the state board as defined in s.
 1816 445.002 ~~board of directors of CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~
- 1817 6. The Secretary of State or his or her designee.
- 1818 7. Twelve members from the private sector, six of whom
 1819 shall be appointed by the Governor, three of whom shall be
 1820 appointed by the President of the Senate, and three of whom
 1821 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 1822 Representatives. Members appointed by the Governor are subject
 1823 to Senate confirmation.

1824
 1825 All board members shall serve without compensation, but are

1826 entitled to receive reimbursement for per diem and travel
 1827 expenses pursuant to s. 112.061. Such expenses must be paid out
 1828 of funds of Enterprise Florida, Inc.

1829 Section 26. Subsection (5) of section 331.369, Florida
 1830 Statutes, is amended to read:

1831 331.369 Space Industry Workforce Initiative.—

1832 (5) The state board as defined in s. 445.002 CareerSource
 1833 ~~Florida, Inc.~~, as part of its statutorily prescribed annual
 1834 report to the Legislature, shall provide recommendations for
 1835 policies, programs, and funding to enhance the workforce needs
 1836 of the aerospace industry.

1837 Section 27. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) and subsection
 1838 (9) of section 413.405, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1839 413.405 Florida Rehabilitation Council.—There is created
 1840 the Florida Rehabilitation Council to assist the division in the
 1841 planning and development of statewide rehabilitation programs
 1842 and services, to recommend improvements to such programs and
 1843 services, and to perform the functions listed in this section.

1844 (1) The council shall be composed of:

1845 (k) At least one representative of the state board as
 1846 defined in s. 445.002 ~~board of directors of CareerSource~~
 1847 ~~Florida, Inc.~~

1848 (9) In addition to the other functions specified in this
 1849 section, the council shall, after consulting with the state
 1850 board as defined in s. 445.002 ~~board of directors of~~

1851 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.:~~

1852 (a) Review, analyze, and advise the division regarding the
 1853 performance of the responsibilities of the division under Title
 1854 I of the act, particularly responsibilities relating to:

1855 1. Eligibility, including order of selection.

1856 2. The extent, scope, and effectiveness of services
 1857 provided.

1858 3. Functions performed by state agencies which affect or
 1859 potentially affect the ability of individuals with disabilities
 1860 to achieve employment outcomes under Title I.

1861 (b) In partnership with the division:

1862 1. Develop, agree to, and review state goals and
 1863 priorities in accordance with 34 C.F.R. s. 361.29(c); and

1864 2. Evaluate the effectiveness of the vocational
 1865 rehabilitation program and submit reports of progress to the
 1866 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
 1867 of Representatives, and the United States Secretary of Education
 1868 in accordance with 34 C.F.R. s. 361.29(e).

1869 (c) Advise the department and the division and assist in
 1870 the preparation of the state plan and amendments to the plan,
 1871 applications, reports, needs assessments, and evaluations
 1872 required by Title I.

1873 (d) To the extent feasible, conduct a review and analysis
 1874 of the effectiveness of, and consumer satisfaction with:

1875 1. The functions performed by state agencies and other

1876 public and private entities responsible for performing functions
1877 for individuals who have disabilities.

1878 2. Vocational rehabilitation services:

1879 a. Provided or paid for from funds made available under
1880 the act or through other public or private sources.

1881 b. Provided by state agencies and other public and private
1882 entities responsible for providing vocational rehabilitation
1883 services to individuals who have disabilities.

1884 3. The employment outcomes achieved by eligible
1885 individuals receiving services under this part, including the
1886 availability of health or other employment benefits in
1887 connection with those employment outcomes.

1888 (e) Prepare and submit an annual report on the status of
1889 vocational rehabilitation programs in the state to the Governor,
1890 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
1891 Representatives, and the United States Secretary of Education
1892 and make the report available to the public.

1893 (f) Coordinate with other councils within Florida,
1894 including the Florida Independent Living Council, the advisory
1895 panel established under s. 612(a)(21) of the Individuals with
1896 Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. s. 1412(a)(21), the State
1897 Planning Council described in s. 124 of the Developmental
1898 Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. s.
1899 15024, the state mental health planning council established
1900 under s. 1914 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. s.

1901 300x-3, and the state board as defined in s. 445.002 ~~board of~~
 1902 ~~directors of CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~

1903 (g) Advise the department and division and provide for
 1904 coordination and the establishment of working relationships
 1905 among the department, the division, the Florida Independent
 1906 Living Council, and centers for independent living in the state.

1907 (h) Perform other functions that are consistent with the
 1908 duties and responsibilities of the council under this section.

1909 Section 28. Section 414.045, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1910 to read:

1911 414.045 Cash assistance program.—Cash assistance families
 1912 include any families receiving cash assistance payments from the
 1913 state program for temporary assistance for needy families as
 1914 defined in federal law, whether such funds are from federal
 1915 funds, state funds, or commingled federal and state funds. Cash
 1916 assistance families may also include families receiving cash
 1917 assistance through a program defined as a separate state
 1918 program.

1919 (1) For reporting purposes, families receiving cash
 1920 assistance shall be grouped into the following categories. The
 1921 department may develop additional groupings in order to comply
 1922 with federal reporting requirements, to comply with the data-
 1923 reporting needs of the state board as defined in s. 445.002
 1924 ~~board of directors of CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, or to better
 1925 inform the public of program progress.

1926 (a) Work-eligible cases.—Work-eligible cases shall
 1927 include:

1928 1. Families containing an adult or a teen head of
 1929 household, as defined by federal law. These cases are generally
 1930 subject to the work activity requirements provided in s. 445.024
 1931 and the time limitations on benefits provided in s. 414.105.

1932 2. Families with a parent where the parent's needs have
 1933 been removed from the case due to sanction or disqualification
 1934 shall be considered work-eligible cases to the extent that such
 1935 cases are considered in the calculation of federal participation
 1936 rates or would be counted in such calculation in future months.

1937 3. Families participating in transition assistance
 1938 programs.

1939 4. Families otherwise eligible for temporary cash
 1940 assistance which receive diversion services, a severance
 1941 payment, or participate in the relocation program.

1942 (b) Child-only cases.—Child-only cases include cases that
 1943 do not have an adult or teen head of household as defined in
 1944 federal law. Such cases include:

1945 1. Children in the care of caretaker relatives, if the
 1946 caretaker relatives choose to have their needs excluded in the
 1947 calculation of the amount of cash assistance.

1948 2. Families in the Relative Caregiver Program as provided
 1949 in s. 39.5085.

1950 3. Families in which the only parent in a single-parent

1951 family or both parents in a two-parent family receive
1952 supplemental security income (SSI) benefits under Title XVI of
1953 the Social Security Act, as amended. To the extent permitted by
1954 federal law, individuals receiving SSI shall be excluded as
1955 household members in determining the amount of cash assistance,
1956 and such cases shall not be considered families containing an
1957 adult. Parents or caretaker relatives who are excluded from the
1958 cash assistance group due to receipt of SSI may choose to
1959 participate in work activities. An individual whose ability to
1960 participate in work activities is limited who volunteers to
1961 participate in work activities shall be assigned to work
1962 activities consistent with such limitations. An individual who
1963 volunteers to participate in a work activity may receive child
1964 care or support services consistent with such participation.

1965 4. Families in which the only parent in a single-parent
1966 family or both parents in a two-parent family are not eligible
1967 for cash assistance due to immigration status or other
1968 limitation of federal law. To the extent required by federal
1969 law, such cases shall not be considered families containing an
1970 adult.

1971 5. To the extent permitted by federal law and subject to
1972 appropriations, special needs children who have been adopted
1973 pursuant to s. 409.166 and whose adopting family qualifies as a
1974 needy family under the state program for temporary assistance
1975 for needy families. Notwithstanding any provision to the

1976 | contrary in s. 414.075, s. 414.085, or s. 414.095, a family
 1977 | shall be considered a needy family if:
 1978 | a. The family is determined by the department to have an
 1979 | income below 200 percent of the federal poverty level;
 1980 | b. The family meets the requirements of s. 414.095(2) and
 1981 | (3) related to residence, citizenship, or eligible noncitizen
 1982 | status; and
 1983 | c. The family provides any information that may be
 1984 | necessary to meet federal reporting requirements specified under
 1985 | Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act.
 1986 | 6. Families in the Guardianship Assistance Program as
 1987 | provided in s. 39.6225.
 1988 |
 1989 | Families described in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or
 1990 | subparagraph 3. may receive child care assistance or other
 1991 | supports or services so that the children may continue to be
 1992 | cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives. Such
 1993 | assistance or services may be funded from the temporary
 1994 | assistance for needy families block grant to the extent
 1995 | permitted under federal law and to the extent funds have been
 1996 | provided in the General Appropriations Act.
 1997 | (2) Oversight by the state board as defined in s. 445.002
 1998 | ~~board of directors of CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ and the
 1999 | service delivery and financial planning responsibilities of the
 2000 | local workforce development boards apply to the families defined

2001 as work-eligible cases in paragraph (1) (a). The department shall
 2002 be responsible for program administration related to families in
 2003 groups defined in paragraph (1) (b), and the department shall
 2004 coordinate such administration with the state board of directors
 2005 ~~of CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, to the extent needed for
 2006 operation of the program.

2007 Section 29. Subsection (2) of section 420.622, Florida
 2008 Statutes, is amended to read:

2009 420.622 State Office on Homelessness; Council on
 2010 Homelessness.—

2011 (2) The Council on Homelessness is created to consist of
 2012 17 representatives of public and private agencies who shall
 2013 develop policy and advise the State Office on Homelessness. The
 2014 council members shall be: the Secretary of Children and
 2015 Families, or his or her designee; the executive director of the
 2016 Department of Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee, who
 2017 shall advise the council on issues related to rural development;
 2018 the State Surgeon General, or his or her designee; the Executive
 2019 Director of Veterans' Affairs, or his or her designee; the
 2020 Secretary of Corrections, or his or her designee; the Secretary
 2021 of Health Care Administration, or his or her designee; the
 2022 Commissioner of Education, or his or her designee; the Executive
 2023 Director of CareerSource Florida, Inc., or his or her designee;
 2024 one representative of the Florida Association of Counties; one
 2025 representative of the Florida League of Cities; one

2026 representative of the Florida Supportive Housing Coalition; the
 2027 Executive Director of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation,
 2028 or his or her designee; one representative of the Florida
 2029 Coalition for the Homeless; and four members appointed by the
 2030 Governor. The council members shall be nonpaid volunteers and
 2031 shall be reimbursed only for travel expenses. The appointed
 2032 members of the council shall be appointed to staggered 2-year
 2033 terms, and the council shall meet at least four times per year.
 2034 The importance of minority, gender, and geographic
 2035 representation shall be considered in appointing members to the
 2036 council.

2037 Section 30. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 443.171,
 2038 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2039 443.171 Department of Economic Opportunity and commission;
 2040 powers and duties; records and reports; proceedings; state-
 2041 federal cooperation.—

2042 (1) POWERS AND DUTIES.—The Department of Economic
 2043 Opportunity shall administer this chapter. The department may
 2044 employ persons, make expenditures, require reports, conduct
 2045 investigations, and take other action necessary or suitable to
 2046 administer this chapter. The department shall annually submit
 2047 information to the state board as defined in s. 445.002
 2048 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, covering the administration and
 2049 operation of this chapter during the preceding calendar year for
 2050 inclusion in the strategic plan under s. 445.006 and may make

2051 recommendations for amendment to this chapter.

2052 (4) EMPLOYMENT STABILIZATION.—The Department of Economic
 2053 Opportunity, under the direction of the state board as defined
 2054 in s. 445.002 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, shall take all
 2055 appropriate steps to reduce and prevent unemployment; to
 2056 encourage and assist in the adoption of practical methods of
 2057 career training, retraining, and career guidance; to
 2058 investigate, recommend, advise, and assist municipalities,
 2059 counties, school districts, and the state in the establishment
 2060 and operation of reserves for public works to be used in times
 2061 of business depression and unemployment; to promote the
 2062 reemployment of unemployed workers throughout the state in every
 2063 other way that may be feasible; to refer a claimant entitled to
 2064 extended benefits to suitable work that meets the criteria of
 2065 this chapter; and, to these ends, to carry on and publish the
 2066 results of investigations and research studies.

2067 Section 31. Subsection (1) of section 443.181, Florida
 2068 Statutes, is amended to read:

2069 443.181 Public employment service.—

2070 (1) The one-stop delivery system established under s.
 2071 445.009 is this state's public employment service as part of the
 2072 national system of public employment offices established under
 2073 29 U.S.C. s. 49. The Department of Economic Opportunity, under
 2074 policy direction from the state board as defined in s. 445.002
 2075 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, shall cooperate with any official or

2076 agency of the United States having power or duties under 29
 2077 U.S.C. ss. 49-491-1 and shall perform those duties necessary to
 2078 secure to this state the funds provided under federal law for
 2079 the promotion and maintenance of the state's public employment
 2080 service. In accordance with 29 U.S.C. s. 49c, this state accepts
 2081 29 U.S.C. ss. 49-491-1. The department is designated the state
 2082 agency responsible for cooperating with the United States
 2083 Secretary of Labor under 29 U.S.C. s. 49c. The department shall
 2084 appoint sufficient employees to administer this section. The
 2085 department may cooperate with or enter into agreements with the
 2086 Railroad Retirement Board for the establishment, maintenance,
 2087 and use of one-stop career centers.

2088 Section 32. Subsection (1) of section 446.71, Florida
 2089 Statutes, is amended to read:

2090 446.71 Everglades Restoration Agricultural Community
 2091 Employment Training Program.—

2092 (1) The Department of Economic Opportunity, in cooperation
 2093 with the state board as defined in s. 445.002 CareerSource
 2094 ~~Florida, Inc.~~, shall establish the Everglades Restoration
 2095 Agricultural Community Employment Training Program within the
 2096 Department of Economic Opportunity. The Department of Economic
 2097 Opportunity shall use funds appropriated to the program by the
 2098 Legislature to provide grants to stimulate and support training
 2099 and employment programs that seek to match persons who complete
 2100 such training programs to nonagricultural employment

2101 opportunities in areas of high agricultural unemployment, and to
 2102 provide other training, educational, and information services
 2103 necessary to stimulate the creation of jobs in the areas of high
 2104 agricultural unemployment. In determining whether to provide
 2105 funds to a particular program, the Department of Economic
 2106 Opportunity shall consider the location of the program in
 2107 proximity to the program's intended participants.

2108 Section 33. Subsection (9) of section 1011.80, Florida
 2109 Statutes, is amended to read:

2110 1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education
 2111 programs.—

2112 (9) The State Board of Education and the state board as
 2113 defined in s. 445.002 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.,~~ shall provide
 2114 the Legislature with recommended formulas, criteria, timeframes,
 2115 and mechanisms for distributing performance funds. The
 2116 commissioner shall consolidate the recommendations and develop a
 2117 consensus proposal for funding. The Legislature shall adopt a
 2118 formula and distribute the performance funds to the State Board
 2119 of Education for Florida College System institutions and school
 2120 districts through the General Appropriations Act. These
 2121 recommendations shall be based on formulas that would discourage
 2122 low-performing or low-demand programs and encourage through
 2123 performance-funding awards:

2124 (a) Programs that prepare people to enter high-wage
 2125 occupations identified by the Workforce Estimating Conference

2126 created by s. 216.136 and other programs as approved by the
2127 state board as defined in s. 445.002 CareerSource Florida, Inc.
2128 At a minimum, performance incentives shall be calculated for
2129 adults who reach completion points or complete programs that
2130 lead to specified high-wage employment and to their placement in
2131 that employment.

2132 (b) Programs that successfully prepare adults who are
2133 eligible for public assistance, economically disadvantaged,
2134 disabled, not proficient in English, or dislocated workers for
2135 high-wage occupations. At a minimum, performance incentives
2136 shall be calculated at an enhanced value for the completion of
2137 adults identified in this paragraph and job placement of such
2138 adults upon completion. In addition, adjustments may be made in
2139 payments for job placements for areas of high unemployment.

2140 (c) Programs that are specifically designed to be
2141 consistent with the workforce needs of private enterprise and
2142 regional economic development strategies, as defined in
2143 guidelines set by the state board as defined in s. 445.002
2144 CareerSource Florida, Inc. The state board CareerSource Florida,
2145 Inc., shall develop guidelines to identify such needs and
2146 strategies based on localized research of private employers and
2147 economic development practitioners.

2148 (d) Programs identified by the state board as defined in
2149 s. 445.002 CareerSource Florida, Inc., as increasing the
2150 effectiveness and cost efficiency of education.

2151 Section 34. Subsection (3) of section 1011.801, Florida
2152 Statutes, is amended to read:

2153 1011.801 Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive
2154 Grant Program.—The Legislature recognizes that the need for
2155 school districts and Florida College System institutions to be
2156 able to respond to emerging local or statewide economic
2157 development needs is critical to the workforce development
2158 system. The Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant
2159 Program is created to provide grants to school districts and
2160 Florida College System institutions on a competitive basis to
2161 fund some or all of the costs associated with the creation or
2162 expansion of workforce development programs that serve specific
2163 employment workforce needs.

2164 (3) The State Board of Education shall give highest
2165 priority to programs that train people to enter high-skill,
2166 high-wage occupations identified by the Workforce Estimating
2167 Conference and other programs approved by the state board as
2168 defined in s. 445.002, CareerSource Florida, Inc.; programs that
2169 train people to enter occupations under the welfare transition
2170 program, ~~+~~ or programs that train for the workforce adults who
2171 are eligible for public assistance, economically disadvantaged,
2172 disabled, not proficient in English, or dislocated workers. The
2173 State Board of Education shall consider the statewide geographic
2174 dispersion of grant funds in ranking the applications and shall
2175 give priority to applications from education agencies that are

2176 making maximum use of their workforce development funding by
 2177 offering high-performing, high-demand programs.

2178 Section 35. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5), subsection
 2179 (6), paragraph (b) of subsection (10), and subsection (11) of
 2180 section 20.60, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (c)
 2181 is added to subsection (9) of that section, to read:

2182 20.60 Department of Economic Opportunity; creation; powers
 2183 and duties.—

2184 (5) The divisions within the department have specific
 2185 responsibilities to achieve the duties, responsibilities, and
 2186 goals of the department. Specifically:

2187 (c) The Division of Workforce Services shall:

2188 1. Prepare and submit a unified budget request for
 2189 workforce development in accordance with chapter 216 for, and in
 2190 conjunction with, the state ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc., and its~~
 2191 board as defined in s. 445.002.

2192 2. Ensure that the state appropriately administers federal
 2193 and state workforce funding by administering plans and policies
 2194 of the state board as defined in s. 445.002 ~~CareerSource~~
 2195 ~~Florida, Inc., under contract with CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~
 2196 The operating budget and midyear amendments thereto must be part
 2197 of such contract.

2198 a. All program and fiscal instructions to local workforce
 2199 development boards shall emanate from the Department of Economic
 2200 Opportunity pursuant to plans and policies of the state board as

2201 defined in s. 445.002 CareerSource Florida, Inc., which shall be
 2202 responsible for all policy directions to the local workforce
 2203 development boards.

2204 b. Unless otherwise provided by agreement with the state
 2205 board as defined in s. 445.002 CareerSource Florida, Inc.,
 2206 administrative and personnel policies of the Department of
 2207 Economic Opportunity apply.

2208 3. Implement the state's reemployment assistance program.
 2209 The Department of Economic Opportunity shall ensure that the
 2210 state appropriately administers the reemployment assistance
 2211 program pursuant to state and federal law.

2212 4. Assist in developing the 5-year statewide strategic
 2213 plan required by this section.

2214 (6) (a) The Department of Economic Opportunity is the
 2215 administrative agency designated for receipt of federal
 2216 workforce development grants and other federal funds. The
 2217 department shall administer the duties and responsibilities
 2218 assigned by the Governor under each federal grant assigned to
 2219 the department. The department shall expend each revenue source
 2220 as provided by federal and state law and as provided in plans
 2221 developed by and agreements with the state board as defined in
 2222 s. 445.002 CareerSource Florida, Inc. The department may serve
 2223 as the contract administrator for contracts entered into by the
 2224 state board under CareerSource Florida, Inc., ~~pursuant to s.~~
 2225 ~~445.004 (5), as directed by CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~

2226 (b) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall serve as
 2227 the designated agency for purposes of each federal workforce
 2228 development grant assigned to it for administration. The
 2229 department shall carry out the duties assigned to it by the
 2230 Governor, under the terms and conditions of each grant. The
 2231 department shall have the level of authority and autonomy
 2232 necessary to be the designated recipient of each federal grant
 2233 assigned to it and shall disburse such grants pursuant to the
 2234 plans and policies of the state board as defined in s. 445.002
 2235 ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~ The executive director may, upon
 2236 delegation from the Governor and pursuant to agreement with the
 2237 state board ~~CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~, sign contracts, grants,
 2238 and other instruments as necessary to execute functions assigned
 2239 to the department. Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the
 2240 department shall administer other programs funded by federal or
 2241 state appropriations, as determined by the Legislature in the
 2242 General Appropriations Act or other law.

2243 (9) The executive director shall:

2244 (c) Serve as a member of the board of directors of the
 2245 Florida Development Finance Corporation. The executive director
 2246 may designate an employee of the department to serve in this
 2247 capacity.

2248 (10) The department, with assistance from Enterprise
 2249 Florida, Inc., shall, by November 1 of each year, submit an
 2250 annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and

2251 the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the condition of
 2252 the business climate and economic development in the state.

2253 (b) The report must incorporate annual reports of other
 2254 programs, including:

2255 1. Information provided by the Department of Revenue under
 2256 s. 290.014.

2257 2. Information provided by enterprise zone development
 2258 agencies under s. 290.0056 and an analysis of the activities and
 2259 accomplishments of each enterprise zone.

2260 3. The Economic Gardening Business Loan Pilot Program
 2261 established under s. 288.1081 and the Economic Gardening
 2262 Technical Assistance Pilot Program established under s.
 2263 288.1082.

2264 4. A detailed report of the performance of the Black
 2265 Business Loan Program and a cumulative summary of quarterly
 2266 report data required under s. 288.714.

2267 5. The Rural Economic Development Initiative established
 2268 under s. 288.0656.

2269 6. The Florida Unique Abilities Partner Program.

2270 7. A detailed report of the performance of the Florida
 2271 Development Finance Corporation and a summary of the
 2272 corporation's report that is required under s. 288.9610.

2273 (11) The department shall establish annual performance
 2274 standards for Enterprise Florida, Inc., CareerSource Florida,
 2275 Inc., the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation, the

2276 Florida Development Finance Corporation, and Space Florida and
2277 report annually on how these performance measures are being met
2278 in the annual report required under subsection (10).

2279 Section 36. Subsection (2), paragraphs (a), (b), and (c)
2280 of subsection (3), and subsection (4) of section 288.9604,
2281 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to
2282 that section, to read:

2283 288.9604 Creation of the authority.—

2284 (2) The board of directors of the corporation shall
2285 consist of seven directors. The executive director of the
2286 department, or his or her designee, shall serve as chair of the
2287 board of directors of the corporation. The director of the
2288 Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration,
2289 or his or her designee, shall serve as a director on the board.
2290 The Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, shall
2291 appoint the remaining five directors of the board of directors
2292 of the corporation, ~~who shall be five in number~~. The terms of
2293 office for the appointed directors are for ~~shall be for~~ 4 years
2294 after ~~from~~ the date of their appointment. A vacancy occurring
2295 during a term of an appointed director shall be filled for the
2296 unexpired term. An appointed ~~A director is~~ ~~shall be~~ eligible for
2297 reappointment. At least three of the appointed directors of the
2298 corporation must have experience in finance ~~shall be bankers who~~
2299 ~~have been selected by the Governor from a list of bankers who~~
2300 ~~were nominated by Enterprise Florida, Inc., and one of the~~

2301 appointed directors must have experience in ~~shall be an~~ economic
2302 development ~~specialist~~.

2303 (3) (a) 1. A director may not receive compensation for his
2304 or her services, but is entitled to necessary expenses,
2305 including travel expenses, incurred in the discharge of his or
2306 her duties. Each appointed director shall hold office until his
2307 or her successor has been appointed.

2308 2. Directors are subject to ss. 112.313(1)-(8), (10),
2309 (12), and (15); 112.3135; and 112.3143(2). For purposes of
2310 applying ss. 112.313(1)-(8), (10), (12), and (15); 112.3135; and
2311 112.3143(2) to activities of directors, directors are ~~shall be~~
2312 considered public officers and the corporation is ~~shall be~~
2313 considered their agency.

2314 (b) The powers of the corporation shall be exercised by
2315 the directors thereof. A majority of the directors constitutes a
2316 quorum for the purposes of conducting business and exercising
2317 the powers of the corporation and for all other purposes.
2318 Meetings of the directors may be conducted by teleconference.

2319 Action may be taken by the corporation upon a vote of a majority
2320 of the directors present, unless in any case the bylaws require
2321 a larger number. Any person may be appointed as director if he
2322 or she resides, or is engaged in business, which means owning a
2323 business, practicing a profession, or performing a service for
2324 compensation or serving as an officer or director of a
2325 corporation or other business entity so engaged, within the

2326 state.

2327 (c) The directors of the corporation shall annually elect,
 2328 by a majority vote, one of their members as ~~chair and one as~~
 2329 vice chair. The corporation may employ a president, technical
 2330 experts, and such other agents and employees, permanent and
 2331 temporary, as it requires and determine their qualifications,
 2332 duties, and compensation. For such legal services as it
 2333 requires, the corporation may employ or retain its own counsel
 2334 and legal staff.

2335 (4) The board may remove an appointed ~~a~~ director for
 2336 inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office. Such
 2337 director may be removed only after a hearing and only if he or
 2338 she has been given a copy of the charges at least 10 days before
 2339 such hearing and has had an opportunity to be heard in person or
 2340 by counsel. The removal of an appointed ~~a~~ director creates ~~shall~~
 2341 ~~create~~ a vacancy on the board which must ~~shall~~ be filled
 2342 pursuant to subsection (2).

2343 (5) This section is repealed July 1, 2023, and July 1 of
 2344 every fourth year thereafter, unless reviewed and saved from
 2345 repeal by the Legislature.

2346 Section 37. In order to implement the changes made by this
 2347 act to s. 288.9604, Florida Statutes, the chair and vice chair
 2348 of the board of directors of the Florida Development Finance
 2349 Corporation on June 30, 2020, shall serve as regular members
 2350 beginning on July 1, 2020. This act does not affect the terms of

2351 the directors serving on the board on July 1, 2020.

2352 Section 38. Subsection (3) is added to section 288.9605,
2353 Florida Statutes, to read:

2354 288.9605 Corporation powers.—

2355 (3) Documents, agreements, and instruments executed by the
2356 corporation may be executed and delivered in accordance with the
2357 Electronic Signature Act of 1996.

2358 Section 39. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 288.9606,
2359 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2360 288.9606 Issue of revenue bonds.—

2361 (1) When authorized by a public agency pursuant to s.
2362 163.01(7), the corporation has power in its corporate capacity,
2363 in its discretion, to issue revenue bonds or other evidences of
2364 indebtedness which a public agency has the power to issue, from
2365 time to time to finance the undertaking of any purpose of this
2366 act, including, without limiting the generality thereof, the
2367 payment of principal and interest upon any advances for surveys
2368 and plans or preliminary loans, and has the power to issue
2369 refunding bonds for the payment or retirement of bonds
2370 previously issued. Bonds issued under ~~pursuant to~~ this section
2371 shall bear the name "Florida Development Finance Corporation
2372 Revenue Bonds." The security for such bonds may be based upon
2373 such revenues as are legally available. In anticipation of the
2374 sale of such revenue bonds, the corporation may issue bond
2375 anticipation notes and may renew such notes from time to time,

2376 | but the maximum maturity of any such note, including renewals
 2377 | thereof, may not exceed 5 years after ~~from~~ the date of issuance
 2378 | of the original note. Such notes shall be paid from any revenues
 2379 | of the corporation available therefor and not otherwise pledged
 2380 | or from the proceeds of sale of the revenue bonds in
 2381 | anticipation of which they were issued. Any bond, note, or other
 2382 | form of indebtedness issued under ~~pursuant to~~ this act may not
 2383 | exceed 35 years after their respective dates of issuance shall
 2384 | ~~mature no later than the end of the 30th fiscal year after the~~
 2385 | ~~fiscal year in which the bond, note, or other form of~~
 2386 | ~~indebtedness was issued.~~

2387 | (2) Bonds issued under this section do not constitute an
 2388 | indebtedness within the meaning of any constitutional or
 2389 | statutory debt limitation or restriction, and are not subject to
 2390 | ~~the provisions of~~ any other law or charter relating to the
 2391 | authorization, issuance, or sale of bonds. Bonds issued under
 2392 | ~~the provisions of~~ this act are declared to be for an essential
 2393 | public and governmental purpose. Bonds issued under this act,
 2394 | ~~the interest on which is exempt from income taxes of the United~~
 2395 | ~~States,~~ together with interest thereon and income therefrom, are
 2396 | exempted from all taxes, except those taxes imposed by chapter
 2397 | 220, on interest, income, or profits on debt obligations owned
 2398 | by corporations pursuant to s. 159.31. Bonds issued under this
 2399 | act are not a debt, liability, or obligation of the state or any
 2400 | subdivision thereof, or a pledge of faith and credit of the

2401 corporation or of the state or any political subdivisions
 2402 thereof, but are payable solely from the revenues provided
 2403 therefor. Each bond issued under this act shall contain on its
 2404 face a statement in substantially the following form:

2405
 2406 The corporation is not obligated to pay the same or interest
 2407 thereon from the revenues and proceeds pledged therefor, and
 2408 that the faith and credit or the taxing power of the corporation
 2409 or of the state or any political subdivision thereof is not
 2410 pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest on
 2411 this bond.

2412 Section 40. Section 288.9610, Florida Statutes, is amended
 2413 to read:

2414 288.9610 Annual reports of Florida Development Finance
 2415 Corporation.—On or before 90 days after the close of the Florida
 2416 Development Finance Corporation's fiscal year, the corporation
 2417 shall submit to the Governor, the Legislature, the Auditor
 2418 General, the Department of Economic Opportunity, and the
 2419 governing body of each public entity for which the corporation
 2420 issues revenue bonds under s. 288.9606 or with which it has
 2421 entered into an interlocal agreement a complete and detailed
 2422 report setting forth:

2423 (1) The results of any audit conducted under ~~pursuant to~~
 2424 s. 11.45.

2425 (2) The activities, operations, and accomplishments of the

2426 Florida Development Finance Corporation, including the number of
2427 businesses assisted by the corporation.

2428 (3) Its assets, liabilities, income, and operating
2429 expenses at the end of its most recent fiscal year, including a
2430 description of all of its outstanding revenue bonds.

2431 Section 41. Section 288.9619, Florida Statutes, is created
2432 to read:

2433 288.9619 Conflicts of interest.-If any director has a
2434 direct or indirect interest associated with any party to an
2435 application on which the corporation has taken or will take
2436 action in exercising its power for the issuance of revenue bonds
2437 or other evidences of indebtedness, such interest must be
2438 publicly disclosed to the corporation and recorded in the
2439 minutes of the corporation. The director that has such interest
2440 may not participate in any action by the corporation with
2441 respect to such party and application.

2442 Section 42. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.