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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Post-Secondary Education & Lifelong Learning Subcommittee

Representative Yarborough offered the following:

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Amendment (with directory amendment)

Remove lines 2036-2222 and insert:

Section 25. Subsections (10), (11), and (12), of section 1011.80, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (9), (10), and (11), respectively, and subsection (2), paragraph (a) of subsection (6), paragraph (b) of subsection (7), and subsection (9) of that section are amended, to read:

1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education programs.—

(2) <u>Upon approval by the State Board of Education</u>, any workforce education program may be conducted by a Florida College System institution or a school district, except that

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college credit in an associate in applied science or an associate in science degree may be awarded only by a Florida College System institution. However, if an associate in applied science or an associate in science degree program contains within it an occupational completion point that confers a certificate or an applied technology diploma, that portion of the program may be conducted by a school district career center. Any instruction designed to articulate to a degree program is subject to guidelines and standards adopted by the State Board of Education under pursuant to s. 1007.25.

- (a) The State Board of Education shall establish criteria for review and approval of new workforce education programs by a Florida College System institution or a school district that considers local demand as well as local program offerings at public and private institutions to avoid wasteful duplication of programs. Priority shall be given to institutions that have implemented the money-back-guarantee program in excess of the minimum number of programs required by s. 1011.803. The criteria must include, but is not limited to, the following:
- 1. A notice of intent to propose a new workforce education program that includes all of the following:
 - a. A brief description of the program.
- b. An analysis of workforce demand and unmet need for graduates of the program on a district, regional, or statewide basis, as appropriate, including evidence from entities

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- c. The geographic region to be served.
- d. An estimated timeframe for implementation.
- 2. Documentation of collaboration among technical centers and institutions serving the same students in a geographical or service area that enhances program offerings and prevents program duplication. Unnecessary duplication of programs offered by public and private institutions must be avoided.
- 3. Beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, alignment of program offering with offerings identified on the Master Credential List under s. 445.004(4).
- 4. Articulation agreements between technical centers and Florida College System institutions for the enrollment of graduates in related workforce education programs.
- 5. Documentation of alignment between the exit requirements of a technical center and the admissions requirements of a Florida College System institution into which students typically transfer.
- 6. Performance and compliance indicators that will be used in determining the program's success.
- (b) The State Board of Education, upon review of the workforce education program, may require a school district postsecondary technical career center, charter technical career center, or Florida College System institution, to modify or terminate a program authorized under this section.

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- (6) State funding and student fees for workforce education instruction shall be established as follows:
- (a) Expenditures for the continuing workforce education programs, except apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs defined under s. 446.021, provided by the Florida College System institutions or school districts must be fully supported by fees. Enrollments in continuing workforce education courses, except apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs defined under s. 446.021, shall not be counted for purposes of funding full-time equivalent enrollment.
- (b) For all other workforce education programs, state funding shall be calculated based on a weighted enrollment and program cost minus fee revenues generated to offset program operational costs, including any supplemental cost factors recommended by the District Workforce Education Funding Steering Committee. Fees for courses within a program shall not vary according to the cost of the individual program, but instead shall be as provided in s. 1009.22, unless otherwise specified in the General Appropriations Act.
- (c) For fee-exempt students pursuant to s. 1009.25, unless otherwise provided for in law, state funding shall equal 100 percent of the average cost of instruction.
- (d) For a public educational institution that has been fully funded by an external agency for direct instructional costs of any course or program, the FTE generated shall not be

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reported for state funding.

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- (b) Performance funding for industry certifications for school district workforce education programs is contingent upon specific appropriation in the General Appropriations Act and shall be determined as follows:
- 1. Occupational areas for which industry certifications may be earned, as established in the General Appropriations Act, are eligible for performance funding. Priority shall be given to the occupational areas emphasized in state, national, or corporate grants provided to Florida educational institutions.
- 1.2. The Chancellor of Career and Adult Education shall identify the Industry certifications identified eligible for funding on the CAPE Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List approved by the State Board of Education under pursuant to s. 1008.44, are eligible for performance funding based on the occupational areas specified in the General Appropriations Act.
- 2.3. Each school district shall be provided \$1,000 for each industry certification earned by a workforce education student. If funds are insufficient to fully fund the calculated total award, such funds shall be prorated. Beginning with the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the Credentials Review Committee established in s. 445.004 shall develop a returned-value funding formula to allocate school district performance funds that rewards student job placements and wages for students earning

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industry certifications. One-third of the performance funds shall be allocated based on student job placements. The remaining two-thirds shall be allocated using a three tiered weighted system based on aggregate student wages that exceed minimum wage with the highest weight applied to the highest wage tier. Student wages above minimum wage are considered to be the value added by the institution's training.

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

(a) Programs that prepare people to enter high-wage occupations identified by the Workforce Estimating Conference created by s. 216.136 and other programs as approved by the state board as defined in s. 445.002. At a minimum, performance incentives shall be calculated for adults who reach completion points or complete programs that lead to specified high-wage

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employment and to their placement in that employment.

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

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

(d) Programs identified by the state board as defined in s. 445.002 as increasing the effectiveness and cost efficiency of education.

Section 26. Subsection (3) of section 1011.801, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.801 Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program.—The Legislature recognizes that the need for school districts and Florida College System institutions to be able to respond to emerging local or statewide economic

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development needs is critical to the workforce development system. The Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program is created to provide grants to school districts and Florida College System institutions on a competitive basis to fund some or all of the costs associated with the creation or expansion of workforce development programs that serve specific employment workforce needs.

(3) The State Board of Education shall give highest priority to programs that train people to enter high-skill, high-wage occupations identified by the Labor Market Workforce
Estimating Conference and other programs approved by the state board as defined in s. 445.002, programs that train people to enter occupations under the welfare transition program, or programs that train for the workforce adults who are eligible for public assistance, economically disadvantaged, disabled, not proficient in English, or dislocated workers. The State Board of Education shall consider the statewide geographic dispersion of grant funds in ranking the applications and shall give priority to applications from education agencies that are making maximum use of their workforce development funding by offering high-performing, high-demand programs.

Section 27. Subsection (4) of section 1011.802, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (6), subsection (3) of that section is amended, and new subsections (4) and (5) are added to that section, to read:

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192	1011.802	Florida	Pathways	to	Career	Opportunities	Grant
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- (3) (a) The department shall award grants for preapprenticeship or give priority to apprenticeship programs with demonstrated regional demand that:
- 1. Address a critical statewide or regional shortage as identified by the Labor Market Estimating Conference created in s. 216.136 and that are industry sectors not adequately represented throughout the state, such as health care;
- 2. Address a critical statewide or regional shortage as identified by the Labor Market Estimating Conference created in s. 216.136; or
- 3. Expand existing programs that exceed the median completion rate and employment rate 1 year after completion of similar programs in the region, or the state if there are no similar programs in the region.
- (b) Grant funds may be used for instructional equipment, supplies, instructional personnel, student services, and other expenses associated with the creation or expansion of an apprenticeship program. Grant funds may not be used for recurring instructional costs or for indirect costs. Grant recipients must submit quarterly reports in a format prescribed by the department.
 - (4) The department shall annually report on its website:
 - (a) The number of programs funded and represented

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- (b) Retention, completion, and employment rates, categorized by program and provider.
- (c) Starting and ending salaries, as categorized by program and provider, for participants who complete the program.
- (5) Up to \$200,000 of the total amount allocated may be used by the department to administer the grant program.
- $\underline{(6)}$ (4) The State Board of Education $\underline{\text{shall}}$ $\underline{\text{may}}$ adopt rules to administer this section.

DIRECTORY AMENDMENT

Remove lines 164-166 and insert:

meet certain criteria; authorizing grant funds to be used on
instructional personnel; requiring the department to report
certain information annually on its website; authorizing the
department to use funds to administer the grant; requiring the
State Board of Education to adopt rules;

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