

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/SB 366, 1st Eng.

INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee; Education Committee; and Senator Hutson and others

SUBJECT: Educational Opportunities Leading to Employment

DATE: April 28, 2021

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 854589 (body with title)

House Amendment 2 – 358433 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 modifies a provision of the bill to shift from the state to school districts and state colleges the entity considered the employer for purposes of securing workers' compensation insurance coverage for students 18 years of age or younger who are in unpaid work-based learning opportunities. The amendment also provides that a student 18 years of age or younger who is in a paid work-based learning opportunity must be covered by the workers' compensation insurance of his or her employer.

The amendment authorizes the Department of Education (DOE), subject to appropriation, to reimburse employers, including school districts and state colleges, for the proportionate cost of workers' compensation insurance premiums for students in work-based learning opportunities in accordance with DOE rules.

House Amendment 2 appropriates \$2 million to the DOE for reimbursement of workers' compensation insurance premiums under s. 446.54, F.S., which relates to the designation of an employer and provision of workers' compensation insurance coverage for certain individuals in work-based learning opportunities. This amends the provision of the bill that would otherwise appropriate \$2 million to the State Risk Management Trust Fund in the Department of Financial Services for workers' compensation costs associated with coverage for such students.