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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to apprenticeship and  
3       preapprenticeship programs; amending s. 446.011, F.S.;  
4       revising legislative intent; amending s. 446.032,  
5       F.S.; revising the requirements for the Department of  
6       Education's annual report on apprenticeship and  
7       preapprenticeship programs; amending s. 446.041, F.S.;  
8       revising and providing additional duties for the  
9       department relating to apprenticeship programs;  
10      specifying that apprenticeship program sponsors who  
11      meet certain conditions are eligible to receive direct  
12      reimbursements from the department for apprenticeship  
13      programs; amending s. 446.045, F.S.; revising the  
14      membership of the State Apprenticeship Advisory  
15      Council; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; expanding the  
16      rights of parents of public school students to include  
17      rights relating to workforce education opportunities;  
18      requiring that parents of public school students be  
19      informed of certain workforce education opportunities  
20      and the costs and benefits of postsecondary workforce  
21      education; providing an effective date.

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

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25       Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 446.011, Florida  
26       Statutes, is amended to read:

27       446.011 Legislative intent regarding apprenticeship  
28       training.—

29       (4) ~~It is the intent of~~ The Legislature does not intend for

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30 ~~that~~ this act to not require, or authorize the requirement of,  
31 the use of apprentices on construction projects financed by the  
32 state or any county, municipality, town or township, public  
33 authority, special district, municipal service taxing unit, or  
34 other agency of state or local government. Notwithstanding this  
35 intent, whenever any government or agency of government employs,  
36 of its own choice, apprentices or employs contractors who employ  
37 apprentices, the behavior of the government and the contractors  
38 employed by the government shall be governed by the provisions  
39 of this act.

40 Section 2. Present paragraphs (b) through (f) of subsection  
41 (2) of section 446.032, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
42 paragraphs (c) through (g), respectively, a new paragraph (b) is  
43 added to that subsection, and present paragraph (b) of that  
44 subsection is amended, to read:

45 446.032 General duties of the department for apprenticeship  
46 training.—The department shall:

47 (2) By September 1 of each year, publish an annual report  
48 on apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs. The report  
49 must be published on the department's website and, at a minimum,  
50 include all of the following:

51 (b) The total amount of funding appropriated by the  
52 Legislature for workforce education programs pursuant to s.  
53 1011.80(7).

54 (c) ~~(b)~~ A detailed summary of each local educational  
55 agency's expenditure of funds for apprenticeship and  
56 preapprenticeship programs, including all of the following:

57 1. The ~~total~~ amount of state funds expended by local  
58 educational agencies received for apprenticeship and

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59 preapprenticeship programs, itemized by local educational agency  
60 and apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program, and the amount  
61 of funding per program offering.

62 2. The total amount of funds expended by each local  
63 educational agency for workforce education programs, as defined  
64 in s. 1011.80(1), and the amount of funding per local  
65 educational agency per program offering.†

66 3.2. The total amount of funds allocated to each trade or  
67 occupation.†

68 4.3. The total amount of funds expended for administrative  
69 costs per trade or occupation.† and

70 5.4. The total amount of funds expended for instructional  
71 costs per trade and occupation.

72 Section 3. Subsection (7) of section 446.041, Florida  
73 Statutes, is amended, and subsections (14) and (15) are added to  
74 that section, to read:

75 446.041 Apprenticeship program, duties of the department.-  
76 The department shall:

77 (7) Lead and coordinate outreach efforts to educate  
78 students in grades 6 through 12 and veterans about  
79 apprenticeship and career opportunities.

80 (14) Develop detailed instructions on the process by which  
81 a local educational agency may partner with a private  
82 apprenticeship program sponsor to offer apprenticeship education  
83 and training services in the state. The instructions must be  
84 easily accessible and located under the Apprenticeship Programs  
85 webpage in the Career and Adult Education section of the  
86 department's website. The instructions must include the elements  
87 required for an agreement with an apprenticeship program

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88 sponsor, including information on how the local educational  
89 agency may expend state funding for its workforce education  
90 programs and the current FTE weight attributed to each  
91 apprenticeable occupation, by industry.

92 (15) Develop criteria for an apprenticeship program sponsor  
93 to attain high-performing status. If an apprenticeship program  
94 sponsor meets the criteria and attains high-performing status,  
95 such sponsor is eligible to receive direct reimbursement for its  
96 apprenticeship program from the department. In developing such  
97 criteria, the department shall consider all of the following:

98 (a) The relevant licenses and certifications held by an  
99 apprenticeship sponsor.

100 (b) The number of apprentices graduating on an annual  
101 basis.

102 (c) The number of apprenticeship program graduates, by  
103 program offering.

104 (d) The percentage of apprenticeship program graduates who  
105 continue to work in their respective fields after graduation.

106 Section 4. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (2)  
107 of section 446.045, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

108 446.045 State Apprenticeship Advisory Council.—

109 (2) (a) There is created a State Apprenticeship Advisory  
110 Council to be composed of 10 voting members appointed by the  
111 Governor and 3 ~~two~~ ex officio nonvoting members. The purpose of  
112 the advisory council is to advise the department on matters  
113 relating to apprenticeship. The advisory council may not  
114 establish policy, adopt rules, or consider whether particular  
115 apprenticeship programs should be approved by the department.

116 (b) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's

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117 designee shall serve ex officio as chair of the State  
118 Apprenticeship Advisory Council, but may not vote. The state  
119 director of the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States  
120 Department of Labor and the executive director of the Department  
121 of Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee, shall serve ex  
122 officio as ~~a~~ nonvoting members ~~member~~ of the council. The  
123 Governor shall appoint to the council four members representing  
124 employee organizations and four members representing employer  
125 organizations. Each of these eight members shall represent  
126 industries that have registered apprenticeship programs. The  
127 Governor shall also appoint two public members who are  
128 knowledgeable about registered apprenticeship and apprenticeable  
129 occupations and who are independent of any joint or nonjoint  
130 organization. Members shall be appointed for 4-year staggered  
131 terms. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the  
132 unexpired term.

133 (c) The council shall meet at the call of the chair or at  
134 the request of a majority of its membership, but at least twice  
135 a year. A majority of the voting members constitutes ~~shall~~  
136 ~~constitute~~ a quorum, and the affirmative vote of a majority of a  
137 quorum is necessary to take action.

138 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
139 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

140 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public  
141 school students must receive accurate and timely information  
142 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed  
143 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12  
144 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory  
145 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

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146 (6) EDUCATIONAL CHOICE.—

147 (a) *Public educational school choices.*—

148 1. Parents of public school students may seek any public  
149 educational school choice options that are applicable and  
150 available to students throughout the state. These options may  
151 include controlled open enrollment, single-gender programs, lab  
152 schools, virtual instruction programs, charter schools, charter  
153 technical career centers, magnet schools, alternative schools,  
154 special programs, auditory-oral education programs, advanced  
155 placement, dual enrollment, International Baccalaureate,  
156 International General Certificate of Secondary Education (pre-  
157 AICE), CAPE digital tools, CAPE industry certifications,  
158 collegiate high school programs, Advanced International  
159 Certificate of Education, early admissions, credit by  
160 examination or demonstration of competency, the New World School  
161 of the Arts, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and  
162 the Florida Virtual School. These options may also include the  
163 public educational choice options of the Opportunity Scholarship  
164 Program and the McKay Scholarships for Students with  
165 Disabilities Program.

166 2. Parents of public school students may seek any workforce  
167 education opportunities that are available to students  
168 throughout the state. These options may include  
169 preapprenticeship or apprenticeship programs, career and  
170 technical education, industry credentialing, or any other  
171 workforce education opportunity. Parents must be informed of  
172 these opportunities as other pathways that are available to  
173 their student and must also be informed of the relative costs  
174 and benefits of postsecondary workforce education opportunities

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175 as compared to other postsecondary pathways.

176 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.