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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee
 2 Representative Plasencia offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 419 and 420, insert:

Section 4. Section 1009.895, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.895 Open Door Grant Program.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Cost of the program" means the cost of tuition, fees, examination, books, and materials to a student enrolled in an eligible program.

(b) "Department" means the Department of Education.

(c) "Institution" means school district postsecondary technical career centers under s. 1001.44, Florida College System institutions under s. 1000.21(3), ~~and~~ charter technical

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17 career centers under s. 1002.34, and school districts with
18 eligible integrated education and training programs.

19 (d) "Program" means a noncredit industry certification
20 preparation, clock hour career certificate programs, or for-
21 credit short-term career and technical education programs that
22 result in the award of credentials identified under s.
23 445.004(4).

24 (e) "Student" means a person who is a resident of this
25 state as determined under s. 1009.21 and is unemployed,
26 underemployed, or furloughed.

27 (2) The Open Door Grant Program is established for the
28 purpose of:

29 (a) Creating and sustaining a demand-driven supply of
30 credentialed workers for high-demand occupations by addressing
31 and closing the gap between the skills needed by workers in the
32 state and the skills of the available workforce in the state.

33 (b) Expanding the affordability of workforce training and
34 credentialing.

35 (c) Increasing the interest of current and future workers
36 in short-term, high-demand career and technical education
37 credentialing and certificate programs.

38 (3) The department shall provide grants to institutions on
39 a first-come, first-serve basis for students who enroll in an
40 eligible program. The department shall prioritize funding for
41 integrated education and training programs in which institutions

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42 establish partnerships with local workforce development boards
43 to provide basic skills instruction, contextually and
44 concurrently, with workforce training that results in the award
45 of credentials under s. 445.004(4). One-quarter of the
46 appropriated funds must be prioritized to serve students
47 attending rural institutions. No more than one-quarter of the
48 appropriated funds may be disbursed annually to any eligible
49 institution.

50 ~~(4) To be eligible to receive an open door grant under~~
51 ~~this section, a student must complete the Free Application for~~
52 ~~Federal Student Aid for each academic year in which the grant is~~
53 ~~sought.~~

54 (4) ~~(5)~~ Subject to the availability of funds:

55 (a) A student who enrolls in an eligible program offered
56 by an institution and who does not receive state or federal
57 financial aid may apply for and be awarded a grant to cover two-
58 thirds of the cost of the program, if at the time of enrollment
59 the student pays one-third of the cost of the program and signs
60 an agreement to either complete the program or pay an additional
61 one-third of the cost of the program in the event of
62 noncompletion. The department shall reimburse the institution in
63 an amount equal to one-third of the cost of the program upon a
64 student's completion of the program. An additional one-third
65 shall be provided upon attainment of a workforce credential or
66 certificate by the student. Grant funds may be used to cover the

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67 student's one-third of the cost of the program for students in
68 integrated education and training programs and students who do
69 not have a high school diploma and meet the requirements
70 established by the department. An institution may cover the
71 student's one-third of the cost of the program based on student
72 need, as determined by the institution.

73 (b) A student receiving state or federal financial aid who
74 enrolls in an eligible program offered by an institution may
75 apply for and be awarded a grant to cover the unmet need of the
76 cost of the program after the application of all eligible
77 financial aid. Financial aid and grants received by the student
78 shall be credited first to the student's costs before the award
79 of an open door grant. After a student is enrolled in an
80 eligible program, the department shall award the grant to the
81 institution for the amount of unmet need for the eligible
82 student.

83 (5) ~~(6)~~ The department may not reimburse any institution
84 more than \$3,000 per completed workforce training program by an
85 eligible student.

86 (6) ~~(7)~~ The department shall administer the grant and
87 shall carry out the goals and purposes of the grant set forth in
88 subsection (2). In administering the grant, the department
89 shall:

90 (a) Require eligible institutions to provide student-
91 specific data.

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92 (b) Undertake periodic assessments of the overall success
93 of the grant program and recommend modifications, interventions,
94 and other actions based on such assessments.

95 (c) Establish the procedure by which eligible institutions
96 shall notify the department when eligible students enroll in
97 eligible programs.

98 (d) Require each eligible institution to submit a report
99 with data from the previous fiscal year on program completion
100 and credential attainment by students participating in the grant
101 program that, at a minimum, includes:

- 102 1. A list of the programs offered.
- 103 2. The number of students who enrolled in the programs.
- 104 3. The number of students who completed the programs.
- 105 4. The number of students who attained workforce
106 credentials, categorized by credential name and relevant
107 occupation, after completing training programs.
- 108 5. The average cost per workforce credential attained,
109 categorized by credential name and relevant occupation.

110 (7) ~~(8)~~ The department shall compile the data provided
111 under paragraph (6) ~~(7)~~ (d) and annually report such data, in
112 the aggregate and categorize such information by eligible
113 institution, to the State Board of Education. The report shall
114 also include information on the average wage, age, gender, race,
115 ethnicity, veteran status, and other relevant information, of
116 students who have completed workforce training programs

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117 categorized by credential name and relevant occupation.

118 (9) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
119 implement this section

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123 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

124 Remove line 44 and insert:

125 institutions; amending s. 1009.895, F.S.; expanding the
126 definition of institutions; removing the requirement for
127 completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid;
128 providing that institutions may cover certain costs for students
129 in the program; creating s. 1009.896, F.S.; providing a