

By Senator Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to education for student inmates;
3 amending ss. 944.801 and 951.176, F.S.; authorizing
4 the Department of Corrections and each county,
5 respectively, to contract with Florida College System
6 institutions to provide education services for student
7 inmates; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; authorizing the
8 expenditure of state funds for the education of state
9 and federal inmates who have a specified amount of
10 time remaining to serve on their sentences; providing
11 an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 944.801, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 944.801 Education for state prisoners.—

18 (7) The department may contract with a district school
19 board, the Florida Virtual School, ~~or~~ a charter school
20 authorized to operate under s. 1002.33, or a Florida College
21 System institution to provide education services in the
22 Correctional Education Program. The education services may
23 include any educational, career, or vocational training ~~that is~~
24 authorized by the department.

25 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 951.176, Florida
26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 951.176 Provision of education.—

28 (1) Each county may contract with a district school board,
29 the Florida Virtual School, ~~or~~ a charter school authorized to

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30 operate under s. 1002.33, or a Florida College System
31 institution to provide education services for inmates at county
32 detention facilities. The education services may include any
33 educational, career, or vocational training ~~that is~~ authorized
34 by the sheriff or chief correctional officer, or his or her
35 designee.

36 Section 3. Upon the expiration and reversion of the
37 amendment made to section 1011.80, Florida Statutes, pursuant to
38 section 25 of chapter 2021-37, Laws of Florida, paragraph (b) of
39 subsection (8) of section 1011.80, Florida Statutes, is amended
40 to read:

41 1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education
42 programs.—

43 (8)

44 (b) State funds provided for the operation of postsecondary
45 workforce programs may ~~not~~ be expended for the education of
46 state or federal inmates with ~~more than~~ 24 months or less of
47 time remaining to serve on their sentences ~~or federal inmates~~.

48 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.