

By Senator Thompson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Workforce Education Facilities
3 Grant Program; creating s. 1013.739, F.S.; creating
4 the Workforce Education Facilities Grant Program
5 within the Department of Education; providing the
6 purpose of the program; providing for the award of
7 grants through the program, subject to legislative
8 funding; providing requirements for the use of grant
9 funds; providing requirements for certain workforce
10 education programs; authorizing the State Board of
11 Education to adopt rules; providing 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. Section 1013.739, Florida Statutes, is created
16 to read:

17 1013.739 Workforce Education Facilities Grant Program.—

18 (1) The Workforce Education Facilities Grant Program is
19 created within the Department of Education. The grant program is
20 created to provide one-time grants to school districts to
21 provide upgrades and additions to school facilities for
22 workforce education programs.

23 (2) Subject to legislative funding, the department shall
24 provide a one-time grant award to school districts, on a first-
25 come, first-served basis and in a format prescribed by the
26 department. Such award must be used to fund upgrades to school
27 facilities or the construction of new school facilities which
28 must be used for workforce education. The workforce education
29 offered in such facilities must:

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30 (a) Include programs that provide training for trades or
31 occupations in high-paying, high-demand fields and industries in
32 the area.

33 (b) Lead to an industry certification or credential.

34 (3) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to
35 administer the program.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.