

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative Shoaf offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 292-371 and insert:

5 based grants to training programs located in a rural area of  
6 opportunity with a boundary that is within 75 miles of the  
7 Everglades Agricultural Area.

8 (3)-(2) The Legislature supports projects that improve the  
9 economy in the Everglades Agricultural Area and in rural areas  
10 of opportunity with a boundary that is within 75 miles of the  
11 Everglades Agriculture Area that provide for water storage and  
12 dispersed water storage as part of Everglades restoration  
13 efforts. In recognition of the employment opportunities and

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14 economic development generated by new and expanding industries  
15 in such areas ~~the area~~, such as the Airglades Airport in Hendry  
16 County and the development of an inland port in Palm Beach  
17 County, the Legislature finds that training the citizens of the  
18 state to fill the needs of these industries significantly  
19 enhances the economic viability of such areas ~~the region~~.

20 ~~(4)-(3)~~ Funds may be used for grants for tuition for public  
21 or private technical or vocational programs and matching grants  
22 to employers to conduct employer-based training programs. Grant  
23 funds provided to employer-based or institution-based training  
24 programs may be used, or for the purchase of equipment to be  
25 used for training purposes, the hiring of instructors, or any  
26 other purpose directly associated with the program. For the  
27 first 6 months of each fiscal year, the department shall set  
28 aside up to 50 percent of the amount appropriated by the  
29 Legislature to fund employer-based training programs. Any  
30 unencumbered funds remaining undisbursed from the set-aside  
31 amount at the end of the 6-month period may be used to provide  
32 funding for institution-based training programs. The allocation  
33 of funds must be included in the notice of grant opportunities.

34 ~~(5)-(4)~~ The department ~~of Economic Opportunity~~ may not  
35 award an employer-based a grant to any given training program  
36 which exceeds 50 percent of the total cost of the program,  
37 unless the training program is located within a rural area of  
38 opportunity, in which case the grant may exceed 50 percent of

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39 the total cost of the program and up to 100 percent. Matching  
40 contributions may include in-kind services, including, but not  
41 limited to, the provision of training instructors, equipment,  
42 and training facilities.

43 ~~(6)-(5)~~ Before granting a request for funds made in  
44 accordance with this section, the department ~~of Economic~~  
45 ~~Opportunity~~ shall enter into a grant agreement with the  
46 requester of funds and the employer or training institution  
47 receiving funding through the program. Such agreement must  
48 include all of the following information:

49 (a) An identification of the personnel necessary to  
50 conduct the instructional program, the qualifications of such  
51 personnel, and the respective responsibilities of the parties  
52 for paying costs associated with the employment of such  
53 personnel.

54 (b) An identification of the estimated length of the  
55 instructional program.

56 (c) An identification of all direct, training-related  
57 costs, including tuition and fees, curriculum development, books  
58 and classroom materials, and overhead or indirect costs.

59 (d) An identification of special program requirements that  
60 are not otherwise addressed in the agreement.

61 ~~(7)-(6)~~ The department ~~of Economic Opportunity~~ may grant up  
62 to 100 percent of the tuition for a training program participant  
63 who currently resides, and has resided for the preceding 12

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64 ~~months at least 3 of the 5 immediately preceding years, in~~  
65 ~~within the Everglades Agricultural Area or as described in a~~  
66 ~~rural area of opportunity with a boundary that is within 75~~  
67 ~~miles of the Everglades Agricultural Area s. 373.4592 and in~~  
68 ~~counties that provides provide for water storage and dispersed~~  
69 ~~water storage as part of Everglades restoration efforts that are~~  
70 ~~located in rural areas of opportunity as described in s.~~  
71 ~~288.0656.~~

72 ~~(8)-(7)~~ Employer-based training programs established in the  
73 Everglades Agricultural Area or in a rural area of opportunity  
74 with a boundary that is within 75 miles of the Everglades  
75 Agriculture Area must include opportunities to obtain the  
76 qualifications and skills necessary for jobs related to federal  
77 and state restoration projects, the Airglades Airport in Hendry  
78 County, an inland port in Palm Beach County, or other industries  
79 with verifiable, demonstrated interest in operating in within  
80 the Everglades Agricultural Area or in a rural area of  
81 opportunity with a boundary that is within 75 miles of the  
82 Everglades Agriculture Area and in counties that provide for  
83 water storage and dispersed water storage as part of Everglades  
84 restoration efforts that are located in rural areas of  
85 opportunity as described in s. 288.0656.

86 ~~(9)-(8)~~ The department ~~of Economic Opportunity~~ shall adopt  
87 rules to implement this section.

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Remove lines 32-38 and insert:

revising residency requirements that a training  
program participant must meet to receive a certain  
grant from the department; revising the requirements  
for employer-based training programs established in  
the Everglades Agricultural Area or in certain rural  
areas of opportunity; providing that certain