

1                                    A bill to be entitled  
 2                    An act relating to veterans; amending s. 295.21, F.S.;  
 3                    revising the purpose of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.;  
 4                    revising the duties of the corporation to require that  
 5                    it conduct specified activities directed toward its  
 6                    target market; defining the term "target market";  
 7                    deleting obsolete language; providing that the  
 8                    President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House  
 9                    of Representatives may each appoint only one member  
 10                  from his or her chamber to the corporation's board of  
 11                  directors; making technical changes; amending s.  
 12                  295.22, F.S.; defining terms; revising the purpose of  
 13                  the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program;  
 14                  revising the functions that Florida Is For Veterans,  
 15                  Inc., must perform in administering a specified  
 16                  program; authorizing the program to prioritize grant  
 17                  funds; revising the uses of specified grant funds;  
 18                  authorizing a business to receive certain other grant  
 19                  funds in addition to specified grant funds;  
 20                  authorizing the use of grant funds to provide for a  
 21                  specified educational stipend; requiring the  
 22                  corporation and the University of Florida to enter  
 23                  into a grant agreement before certain funds are  
 24                  expended; requiring the corporation to determine the  
 25                  amount of the stipend; providing that specified

26 training must occur for a specified duration;  
27 authorizing the corporation to provide certain  
28 assistance to state agencies and entities, to provide  
29 a website that has relevant hyperlinks, and to  
30 collaborate with specified state agencies and other  
31 entities for specified purposes;; conforming  
32 provisions to changes made by the act; making  
33 technical changes; creating s. 295.25, F.S.;  
34 prohibiting the Department of State from charging  
35 veterans who reside in this state fees for the filing  
36 of specified documents; amending s. 379.353, F.S.;  
37 providing free hunting, freshwater fishing, and  
38 saltwater fishing licenses to certain disabled  
39 veterans; providing that such licenses expire after a  
40 certain period of time; requiring such licenses to be  
41 reissued in specified circumstances; amending s.  
42 381.78, F.S.; revising the membership, appointment,  
43 and meetings of the advisory council on brain and  
44 spinal cord injuries; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.;  
45 requiring instruction on the history and importance of  
46 Veterans' Day and Memorial Day; requiring certain  
47 instruction to consist of two 45-minute lessons that  
48 occur within a certain timeframe; amending s.  
49 288.0001, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference;  
50 reenacting ss. 379.3581(2)(b) and 379.401(2)(b) and

51 (3)(b), F.S., relating to special authorization  
52 hunting licenses and the suspension and forfeiture of  
53 licenses and permits, respectively, to incorporate the  
54 amendment made to s. 379.353, F.S., in references  
55 thereto; providing an effective date.  
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57 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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59 Section 1. Subsection (2), paragraph (a) of subsection  
60 (3), and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 295.21,  
61 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

62 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

63 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the corporation is to serve as  
64 the state's initial point of military transition assistance  
65 dedicated to promoting ~~promote~~ Florida as a veteran-friendly  
66 state helping ~~that seeks~~ to provide veterans and their spouses  
67 with employment opportunities and promoting ~~that promotes~~ the  
68 hiring of veterans and their spouses by the business community.  
69 The corporation shall encourage retired and recently separated  
70 military personnel to remain in this ~~the~~ state or to make this  
71 ~~the~~ state their permanent residence. The corporation shall  
72 promote the value of military skill sets to businesses in this  
73 ~~the~~ state, assist in tailoring the training of veterans and  
74 their spouses to match the needs of the employment marketplace,  
75 and enhance the entrepreneurial skills of veterans and their

76 spouses.

77 (3) DUTIES.—The corporation shall:

78 (a) Conduct marketing, awareness, and outreach activities  
 79 directed toward its target market. As used in this section, the  
 80 term "target market" means those members, and their spouses, of  
 81 the United States Armed Forces with 24 months or less until  
 82 discharge, veterans with 36 months or less since discharge, and  
 83 members of the Florida National Guard or reserves ~~research to~~  
 84 ~~identify the target market and the educational and employment~~  
 85 ~~needs of those in the target market. The corporation shall~~  
 86 ~~contract with at least one entity pursuant to the competitive~~  
 87 ~~bidding requirements in s. 287.057 and the provisions of s.~~  
 88 ~~295.187 to perform the research. Such entity must have~~  
 89 ~~experience conducting market research on the veteran~~  
 90 ~~demographic. The corporation shall seek input from the Florida~~  
 91 ~~Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation on the scope, process,~~  
 92 ~~and focus of such research.~~

93 (4) GOVERNANCE.—

94 (a) The corporation shall be governed by a nine-member  
 95 board of directors. The Governor, the President of the Senate,  
 96 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each  
 97 appoint three members to the board. In making appointments, the  
 98 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
 99 House of Representatives must consider representation by active  
 100 or retired military personnel and their spouses, representing a

101 range of ages and persons with expertise in business, education,  
 102 marketing, and information management. The President of the  
 103 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may each  
 104 appoint only one member from the body over which he or she  
 105 presides.

106 Section 2. Section 295.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 107 read:

108 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

109 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—The Legislature finds  
 110 that the state has a compelling interest in ensuring that each  
 111 veteran or his or her spouse who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state  
 112 finds employment that meets his or her professional goals and  
 113 receives the training or education necessary to meet those  
 114 goals. The Legislature also finds that connecting dedicated,  
 115 well-trained veterans with businesses that need a dedicated,  
 116 well-trained workforce is of paramount importance. The  
 117 Legislature recognizes that veterans or their spouses may not  
 118 currently have the skills to meet the workforce needs of Florida  
 119 employers and may require assistance in obtaining additional  
 120 workforce training or in transitioning their skills to meet the  
 121 demands of the marketplace. It is the intent of the Legislature  
 122 that the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program  
 123 coordinate and meet the needs of veterans and their spouses and  
 124 the business community to enhance the economy of this state.

125 (2) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section, the

126 term:

127 (a) "Secondary industry business" is a business that the  
 128 state has an additional interest in supporting and for which  
 129 veterans and their spouses may have directly transferrable  
 130 skills. These businesses are in the fields of health care,  
 131 agriculture, commercial construction, education, law  
 132 enforcement, and public service.

133 (b) "Servicemember" has the same meaning as in s. 250.01.

134 (c) "Spouse" means a person who is married to a veteran or  
 135 an unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran.

136 (d) "Target industry business" is a business as defined in  
 137 s. 288.005.

138 (e) "Target market" has the same meaning as in s.  
 139 295.21(3)(a).

140 (f) "Veteran" means, irrespective of discharge status, a  
 141 person who otherwise meets the definition of the term veteran in  
 142 s. 1.01(14) or who is a servicemember.

143 (3) CREATION.—The Veterans Employment and Training  
 144 Services Program is created within the Department of Veterans'  
 145 Affairs to assist in connecting ~~linking~~ veterans or their  
 146 spouses ~~in search of employment~~ with businesses seeking to hire  
 147 dedicated, well-trained workers and with opportunities for  
 148 entrepreneurship education, training, and resources. The purpose  
 149 of the program is to meet the workforce demands of businesses in  
 150 this ~~the~~ state by facilitating access to training and education

151 in high-demand fields for veterans or their spouses and to  
152 inspire the growth and development of veteran-owned small  
153 businesses.

154 (4)~~(3)~~ ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.,  
155 shall administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services  
156 Program and perform all of the following functions:

157 (a) Conduct marketing and recruiting efforts directed at  
158 veterans or their spouses within the target market who reside in  
159 or ~~who~~ have an interest in relocating to this state and who are  
160 seeking employment. Marketing must include information related  
161 to how a veteran's military experience can be valuable to a  
162 target industry or secondary industry business. Such efforts may  
163 include attending veteran job fairs and events, hosting events  
164 for veterans and their spouses or the business community, and  
165 using digital and social media and direct mail campaigns. The  
166 corporation shall also include such marketing as part of its  
167 main marketing campaign.

168 (b) Assist veterans or their spouses who reside in or  
169 relocate to this state and who are seeking employment with  
170 target industry or secondary industry businesses. The  
171 corporation shall offer skills assessments to veterans or their  
172 spouses and assist them in establishing employment goals and  
173 applying for and achieving gainful employment.

174 1. Assessment may include skill match information, skill  
175 gap analysis, résumé creation, translation of military skills

176 into civilian workforce skills, and translation of military  
177 achievements and experience into generally understood civilian  
178 workforce skills.

179 2. Assistance may include providing the veteran or his or  
180 her spouse with information on current workforce demand by  
181 industry or geographic region, creating employment goals, and  
182 aiding or teaching general knowledge related to completing  
183 applications. ~~The corporation may provide information related to~~  
184 ~~industry certifications approved by the Department of Education~~  
185 ~~under s. 1008.44 as well as information related to earning~~  
186 ~~academic college credit at public postsecondary educational~~  
187 ~~institutions for college-level training and education acquired~~  
188 ~~in the military under s. 1004.096.~~

189 3. ~~The corporation shall encourage veterans or their~~  
190 ~~spouses to register with the state's job bank system and may~~  
191 ~~refer veterans to local one-stop career centers for further~~  
192 ~~services. The corporation shall provide each veteran with~~  
193 ~~information about state workforce programs and shall consolidate~~  
194 ~~information about all available resources on one website that,~~  
195 ~~if possible, includes a hyperlink to each resource's website and~~  
196 ~~contact information, if available.~~

197 4. Assessment and assistance may be in person or by  
198 electronic means, as determined by the corporation to be most  
199 efficient and best meet the needs of veterans or their spouses.

200 (c) Assist Florida target industry and secondary industry



201 businesses in recruiting and hiring veterans and veterans'  
202 spouses. The corporation shall provide services to Florida  
203 businesses to meet their hiring needs by connecting businesses  
204 with suitable veteran applicants for employment. Suitable  
205 applicants include veterans or veterans' spouses who have  
206 appropriate job skills or may need additional training to meet  
207 the specific needs of a business. The corporation shall also  
208 provide information about the state and federal benefits of  
209 hiring veterans.

210 (d) Create a grant program to provide funding to assist  
211 veterans in meeting the workforce-skill needs of target industry  
212 and secondary industry businesses seeking to hire, promote, or  
213 generally improve specialized skills of veterans, establish  
214 criteria for approval of requests for funding, and maximize the  
215 use of funding for this program. Grant funds may be used only in  
216 the absence of available veteran-specific federally funded  
217 programs. Grants may fund specialized training specific to a  
218 particular business.

219 1. The program may prioritize ~~if~~ grant funds to be ~~are~~  
220 used to provide a ~~technical~~ certificate, a license ~~licensure~~, or  
221 nondegree training from the Master Credentials List pursuant to  
222 s. 445.004(4)(h); any federally created certifications or  
223 licenses; and any skills-based industry certifications or  
224 licenses deemed relevant or necessary by the corporation. a  
225 ~~degree~~, Funds may be allocated only upon a review that includes,

226 but is not limited to, documentation of accreditation and  
227 licensure. ~~Instruction funded through the program terminates~~  
228 ~~when participants demonstrate competence at the level specified~~  
229 ~~in the request but may not exceed 12 months. Preference shall be~~  
230 ~~given to target industry businesses, as defined in s. 288.005,~~  
231 ~~and to businesses in the defense supply, cloud virtualization,~~  
232 ~~health care, or commercial aviation manufacturing industries.~~

233 2. Costs and expenditures are ~~shall be~~ limited to \$8,000  
234 per veteran trainee. Qualified businesses must cover the entire  
235 cost for all of the training provided before receiving  
236 reimbursement from the corporation equal to 50 percent of the  
237 cost to train a veteran who is a permanent, full-time employee.  
238 Eligible costs and expenditures include, but are not limited to:

- 239 a. Tuition and fees.  
240 b. Books and classroom materials.  
241 c. Rental fees for facilities.

242 3. Before funds are allocated for a request pursuant to  
243 this section, the corporation shall prepare a grant agreement  
244 between the business requesting funds and the corporation. Such  
245 agreement must include, but need not be limited to:

246 a. Identification of the personnel necessary to conduct  
247 the instructional program, instructional program description,  
248 and any vendors used to conduct the instructional program.

249 b. Identification of the estimated duration of the  
250 instructional program.

251 c. Identification of all direct, training-related costs.

252 d. Identification of special program requirements that are  
253 not otherwise addressed in the agreement.

254 e. Permission to access aggregate information specific to  
255 the wages and performance of participants upon the completion of  
256 instruction for evaluation purposes. The agreement must specify  
257 that any evaluation published subsequent to the instruction may  
258 not identify the employer or any individual participant.

259 4. A business may receive a grant under any state program  
260 ~~the Quick-Response Training Program created under s. 288.047~~ and  
261 a grant under this section for the same veteran trainee.

262 5. A portion of grant funds, as determined by the  
263 corporation, may be used for veterans who are not active members  
264 of the United States Armed Forces for educational stipends while  
265 training at any location of the University of Florida's  
266 Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences within this state.  
267 The corporation and the University of Florida shall enter into a  
268 grant agreement before funds are expended. The corporation must  
269 determine the amount of the stipend. The training for any  
270 individual may not be less than 4 months and not more than 6  
271 months.

272 (e) Contract with one or more entities to administer an  
273 entrepreneur initiative program for veterans in this state which  
274 connects business leaders in the state with veterans seeking to  
275 become entrepreneurs.

276 1. The corporation shall award each contract in accordance  
 277 with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 to one  
 278 or more public or private entities that:

279 a. Demonstrate the ability to implement the program and  
 280 the commitment of resources, including financial resources, to  
 281 such programs.

282 b. Have a demonstrated experience working with veteran  
 283 entrepreneurs.

284 c. As determined by the corporation, have been recognized  
 285 for their performance in assisting entrepreneurs to launch  
 286 successful businesses in this ~~the~~ state.

287 2. Each contract must include performance metrics,  
 288 including a focus on employment and business creation. The  
 289 entity may also work with a university or college offering  
 290 related programs to refer veterans or to provide services. The  
 291 entrepreneur initiative program may include activities and  
 292 assistance such as peer-to-peer learning sessions, mentoring,  
 293 technical assistance, business roundtables, networking  
 294 opportunities, support of student organizations, speaker series,  
 295 or other tools within a virtual environment.

296 (f) Administer a ~~As the state's principal assistance~~  
 297 ~~organization under the United States Department of Defense's~~  
 298 SkillBridge initiative program for target industry and secondary  
 299 industry ~~qualified~~ businesses in this state and for eligible  
 300 veterans ~~transitioning servicemembers~~ who reside in, or who wish

301 to reside in, this state. In administering the initiative, the  
302 corporation shall:

303 1. Establish and maintain, as applicable, its  
304 certification for the SkillBridge initiative ~~program~~ or any  
305 other similar workforce training and transition programs  
306 established by the United States Department of Defense;

307 2. Educate businesses, business associations, and eligible  
308 veterans ~~transitioning servicemembers~~ on the SkillBridge  
309 initiative ~~program~~ and its benefits, and educate military  
310 command and personnel within the state on the opportunities  
311 available to eligible veterans ~~transitioning servicemembers~~  
312 ~~through the SkillBridge program~~;

313 3. Assist businesses in obtaining approval for skilled  
314 workforce training curricula under the SkillBridge initiative  
315 ~~program~~, including, but not limited to, apprenticeships,  
316 internships, or fellowships; and

317 4. Match eligible veterans ~~transitioning servicemembers~~  
318 ~~who are deemed eligible for SkillBridge participation by their~~  
319 ~~military command~~ with training opportunities offered by the  
320 corporation or participating businesses, with the intent of  
321 having them ~~transitioning servicemembers~~ achieve gainful  
322 employment in this state upon completion of their SkillBridge  
323 training.

324 ~~(g) Assist veterans and their spouses in accessing~~  
325 ~~training, education, and employment in health care professions.~~

326 ~~(h) Coordinate with the Office of Veteran Licensure~~  
 327 ~~Services within the Department of Health to assist veterans and~~  
 328 ~~their spouses in obtaining licensure pursuant to s. 456.024.~~

329 (5) COLLABORATION.—The corporation may assist state  
 330 agencies and entities with recruiting veteran talent into their  
 331 workforce. The corporation is encouraged to, and may collaborate  
 332 with state agencies and other entities in efforts to, maximize  
 333 access to and provide information on one website that, if  
 334 possible, includes hyperlinks to the websites of and contact  
 335 information, if available, for state agencies and other entities  
 336 that maintain benefits, services, training, education, and other  
 337 resources that are available to veterans and their spouses.

338 (a) Outreach, information exchange, marketing, and  
 339 referrals between agencies, entities, and the corporation  
 340 regarding programs and initiatives that may be conducted  
 341 include, but are not limited to, the Veterans Employment and  
 342 Training Services Program and those within any of the following:

343 1. The Department of Veterans' Affairs:

344 a. Access to benefits and assistance programs.

345 b. Hope Navigators Program.

346 2. The Department of Commerce:

347 a. The Disabled Veteran Outreach Program and Local Veteran  
 348 Employment Representatives.

349 b. CareerSource Florida, Inc., and local workforce boards  
 350 employment and recruitment services.

351        c. The Quick-Response Training Program.  
 352        d. Select Florida.  
 353        3. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation,  
 354 reciprocity and the availability of certain license and fee  
 355 waivers.  
 356        4. The Department of Education:  
 357        a. CAPE industry certifications under s. 1008.44.  
 358        b. Information related to earning postsecondary credit at  
 359 public postsecondary educational institutions for college-level  
 360 training and education acquired in the military under s.  
 361 1004.096.  
 362        5. The Department of Health:  
 363        a. The Office of Veteran Licensure Services.  
 364        b. The Florida Veterans Application for Licensure Online  
 365 Response expedited licensing.  
 366        (b) The corporation may coordinate and collaborate with  
 367 the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help, the State  
 368 University System, the Florida College System, the Florida  
 369 Defense Support Task Force, the Florida Small Business  
 370 Development Center Network, and the Florida Talent Development  
 371 Council, as necessary.  
 372        Section 3. Section 295.25, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 373 read:  
 374        295.25 Veterans exempt from certain filing fees.—The  
 375 Department of State may not charge veterans who reside in this

376 state the applicable fees for filing articles of organization,  
 377 articles of incorporation, a certificate of limited partnership,  
 378 or a partnership registration statement, or for the designation  
 379 of a registered agent, if applicable, as provided in s.  
 380 605.0213, s. 607.0122, s. 617.0122, s. 620.1109, or s.  
 381 620.81055.

382 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 379.353, Florida  
 383 Statutes, is amended to read:

384 379.353 Recreational licenses and permits; exemptions from  
 385 fees and requirements.—

386 (1) The commission shall issue without fee hunting,  
 387 freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing licenses and permits  
 388 ~~shall be issued without fee~~ to any resident who is certified or  
 389 determined to be:

390 (a) ~~To be~~ Totally and permanently disabled for purposes of  
 391 workers' compensation under chapter 440 as verified by an order  
 392 of a judge of compensation claims or written confirmation by the  
 393 carrier providing workers' compensation benefits, or to be  
 394 totally and permanently disabled by the Railroad Retirement  
 395 Board, by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or  
 396 its predecessor, or by any branch of the United States Armed  
 397 Forces, or who holds a valid identification card issued under  
 398 ~~the provisions of~~ s. 295.17, upon proof of such certification or  
 399 determination ~~same~~. Any license issued under this paragraph  
 400 after January 1, 1997, expires after 5 years and must be



401 reissued, upon request, every 5 years thereafter.

402 (b) ~~To be~~ Disabled by the United States Social Security  
 403 Administration, upon proof of such certification or  
 404 determination ~~same~~. Any license issued under this paragraph  
 405 after October 1, 1999, expires after 2 years and must be  
 406 reissued, upon proof of certification of disability, every 2  
 407 years thereafter.

408 (c) A disabled veteran of the United States Armed Forces  
 409 who was honorably discharged upon separation from service and  
 410 who is certified by the United States Department of Veterans  
 411 Affairs or its predecessor or by any branch of the United States  
 412 Armed Forces as having a service-connected disability percentage  
 413 rating of 50 percent or greater, upon proof of such  
 414 certification or determination. Any license issued under this  
 415 paragraph after July 1, 2024, expires after 5 years and must be  
 416 reissued, upon request, every 5 years thereafter.

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 418 A disability license issued after July 1, 1997, and before July  
 419 1, 2000, retains the rights vested thereunder until the license  
 420 has expired.

421 Section 5. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section  
 422 381.78, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

423 381.78 Advisory council on brain and spinal cord  
 424 injuries.—

425 (1) There is created within the department a 16-member

426 advisory council on brain and spinal cord injuries. The council  
427 shall be composed of a minimum of:

428 (a) Two ~~four~~ individuals who have brain injuries or are  
429 family members of individuals who have brain injuries, with one  
430 individual appointed by the President of the Senate and the  
431 other individual appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
432 Representatives. ~~, a minimum of four~~

433 (b) Two individuals who have spinal cord injuries or are  
434 family members of individuals who have spinal cord injuries,  
435 with one individual appointed by the President of the Senate and  
436 the other individual appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
437 Representatives. ~~, and a minimum of~~

438 (c) Two individuals who represent the special needs of  
439 children who have brain or spinal cord injuries, with one  
440 individual appointed by the President of the Senate and the  
441 other individual appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
442 Representatives.

443 (d) Two individuals who have, or who are family members of  
444 individuals who have or had, a traumatic brain injury, chronic  
445 traumatic encephalopathy, or subconcussive impacts due to  
446 sports, with one individual appointed by the President of the  
447 Senate and the other individual appointed by the Speaker of the  
448 House of Representatives.

449 (e) Two veterans as defined in s. 1.01(14) who have or  
450 have had a traumatic brain injury, chronic traumatic

451 encephalopathy, or subconcussive impacts due to military  
452 service, or family members of such veterans, with one individual  
453 appointed by the President of the Senate and the other  
454 individual appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
455 Representatives.

456 (f) Six individuals appointed by the State Surgeon General  
457 who are ~~The balance of the council members shall be~~ physicians,  
458 other allied health professionals, administrators of brain and  
459 spinal cord injury programs, or ~~and~~ representatives from support  
460 groups who ~~that~~ have expertise in areas related to the  
461 rehabilitation of individuals who have brain or spinal cord  
462 injuries.

463 ~~(2) Members of the council shall be appointed to serve by~~  
464 ~~the State Surgeon General.~~ All members' terms shall be staggered  
465 terms of ~~for~~ 4 years. An individual may not serve more than two  
466 terms. Any council member who is unwilling or unable to properly  
467 fulfill the duties of the office shall be succeeded by an  
468 individual chosen by the State Surgeon General to serve out the  
469 unexpired balance of the replaced council member's term. If the  
470 unexpired balance of the replaced council member's term is less  
471 than 18 months, ~~then,~~ notwithstanding the provisions of this  
472 subsection, the succeeding council member may be reappointed by  
473 the State Surgeon General twice.

474 (3) The council shall meet at least quarterly and may  
475 adjourn a meeting only by unanimous consent ~~two times annually.~~

476 Section 6. Paragraph (u) of subsection (2) of section  
477 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

478 1003.42 Required instruction.—

479 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public  
480 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education  
481 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and  
482 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the  
483 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,  
484 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing  
485 approved methods of instruction, the following:

486 (u)1. In order to encourage patriotism, the sacrifices  
487 that ~~veterans and~~ Medal of Honor recipients have made in serving  
488 our country and protecting democratic values worldwide. Such  
489 instruction must occur on or before Medal of Honor Day~~,~~  
490 ~~Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day.~~ Members of the instructional  
491 staff are encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans and  
492 Medal of Honor recipients when practicable.

493 2. The history and importance of Veterans' Day and  
494 Memorial Day. Such instruction must include two 45-minute  
495 lessons that occur on or before the respective holidays.

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497 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards  
498 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.  
499 Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the  
500 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is

501 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or  
 502 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness  
 503 initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (u).

504 Section 7. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
 505 288.0001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

506 288.0001 Economic Development Programs Evaluation.—The  
 507 Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of  
 508 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)  
 509 shall develop and present to the Governor, the President of the  
 510 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
 511 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the Economic  
 512 Development Programs Evaluation.

513 (2) The Office of Economic and Demographic Research and  
 514 OPPAGA shall provide a detailed analysis of economic development  
 515 programs as provided in the following schedule:

516 (c) By January 1, 2016, and every 3 years thereafter, an  
 517 analysis of the following:

518 1. The tax exemption for semiconductor, defense, or space  
 519 technology sales established under s. 212.08(5)(j).

520 2. The Military Base Protection Program established under  
 521 s. 288.980.

522 3. The Quick Response Training Program established under  
 523 s. 288.047.

524 4. The Incumbent Worker Training Program established under  
 525 s. 445.003.

526           5. The direct-support organization and international trade  
 527 and business development programs established or funded under s.  
 528 288.012 or s. 288.826.

529           6. The program established under s. 295.22(3) ~~s.~~  
 530 ~~295.22(2)~~.

531           Section 8. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
 532 made by this act to section 379.353, Florida Statutes, in a  
 533 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
 534 379.3581, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

535           379.3581 Hunter safety course; requirements; penalty.—  
 536           (2)

537           (b) A person born on or after June 1, 1975, who has not  
 538 successfully completed a hunter safety course may apply to the  
 539 commission for a special authorization to hunt under  
 540 supervision. The special authorization for supervised hunting  
 541 shall be designated on any license or permit required under this  
 542 chapter for a person to take game or fur-bearing animals. A  
 543 person issued a license with a special authorization to hunt  
 544 under supervision must hunt under the supervision of, and in the  
 545 presence of, a person 21 years of age or older who is licensed  
 546 to hunt pursuant to s. 379.354 or who is exempt from licensing  
 547 requirements or eligible for a free license pursuant to s.  
 548 379.353.

549           Section 9. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
 550 made by this act to section 379.353, Florida Statutes, in

551 references thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and  
552 paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 379.401, Florida  
553 Statutes, are reenacted to read:

554 379.401 Penalties and violations; civil penalties for  
555 noncriminal infractions; criminal penalties; suspension and  
556 forfeiture of licenses and permits.—

557 (2) LEVEL TWO VIOLATIONS.—

558 (b)1. A person who commits a Level Two violation but who  
559 has not been convicted of a Level Two or higher violation within  
560 the past 3 years commits a misdemeanor of the second degree,  
561 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

562 2. Unless the stricter penalties in subparagraph 3. or  
563 subparagraph 4. apply, a person who commits a Level Two  
564 violation within 3 years after a previous conviction for a Level  
565 Two or higher violation commits a misdemeanor of the first  
566 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with  
567 a minimum mandatory fine of \$250.

568 3. Unless the stricter penalties in subparagraph 4. apply,  
569 a person who commits a Level Two violation within 5 years after  
570 two previous convictions for a Level Two or higher violation,  
571 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as  
572 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum mandatory  
573 fine of \$500 and a suspension of any recreational license or  
574 permit issued under s. 379.354 for 1 year. Such suspension shall  
575 include the suspension of the privilege to obtain such license

576 or permit and the suspension of the ability to exercise any  
577 privilege granted under any exemption in s. 379.353.

578 4. A person who commits a Level Two violation within 10  
579 years after three previous convictions for a Level Two or higher  
580 violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable  
581 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum  
582 mandatory fine of \$750 and a suspension of any recreational  
583 license or permit issued under s. 379.354 for 3 years. Such  
584 suspension shall include the suspension of the privilege to  
585 obtain such license or permit and the suspension of the ability  
586 to exercise any privilege granted under s. 379.353. If the  
587 recreational license or permit being suspended was an annual  
588 license or permit, any privileges under ss. 379.353 and 379.354  
589 may not be acquired for a 3-year period following the date of  
590 the violation.

591 (3) LEVEL THREE VIOLATIONS.—

592 (b)1. A person who commits a Level Three violation but who  
593 has not been convicted of a Level Three or higher violation  
594 within the past 10 years commits a misdemeanor of the first  
595 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

596 2. A person who commits a Level Three violation within 10  
597 years after a previous conviction for a Level Three or higher  
598 violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable  
599 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum  
600 mandatory fine of \$750 and a suspension of any recreational



601 license or permit issued under s. 379.354 for the remainder of  
602 the period for which the license or permit was issued up to 3  
603 years. Such suspension shall include the suspension of the  
604 privilege to obtain such license or permit and the ability to  
605 exercise any privilege granted under s. 379.353. If the  
606 recreational license or permit being suspended was an annual  
607 license or permit, any privileges under ss. 379.353 and 379.354  
608 may not be acquired for a 3-year period following the date of  
609 the violation.

610 3. A person who commits a violation of s. 379.354(17)  
611 shall receive a mandatory fine of \$1,000. Any privileges under  
612 ss. 379.353 and 379.354 may not be acquired for a 5-year period  
613 following the date of the violation.

614 Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.