

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to career and technical education;
3 amending s. 14.36, F.S.; revising the duties of the
4 Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help;
5 requiring the office, in coordination with specified
6 entities, to publish and disseminate specified career
7 and technical education information by a specified
8 date; amending s. 446.021, F.S.; revising the
9 definition of the term "journeyworker"; amending s.
10 450.061, F.S.; providing an exemption for minors to
11 work in specified conditions; amending s. 489.117,
12 F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending ss.
13 489.1455 and 489.5335, F.S.; requiring counties and
14 municipalities to recognize certain persons as
15 journeymen for specified occupations if such persons
16 meet specified criteria; deleting provisions
17 authorizing a local government to charge a specified
18 registration fee; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; providing
19 an alternative to career fairs through other career
20 and industry networking opportunities; amending s.
21 1003.41, F.S.; revising a list of individuals who are
22 required to review and comment on certain revisions to
23 the state academic standards; amending s. 1003.4282,
24 F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to convene
25 a workgroup by a specified date for specified

26 | purposes; amending s. 1004.91, F.S.; authorizing
 27 | certain students to be exempt from completing an
 28 | entry-level examination; providing an effective date.

30 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

32 | Section 1. Paragraph (1) is added to subsection (3) of
 33 | section 14.36, Florida Statutes, to read:

34 | 14.36 Reimagining Education and Career Help Act.—The
 35 | Reimagining Education and Career Help Act is created to address
 36 | the evolving needs of Florida's economy by increasing the level
 37 | of collaboration and cooperation among state businesses and
 38 | education communities while improving training within and equity
 39 | and access to a more integrated workforce and education system
 40 | for all Floridians.

41 | (3) The duties of the office are to:

42 | (1) Coordinate with the Department of Education, the
 43 | Department of Commerce, and CareerSource Florida, Inc., to
 44 | publish and disseminate, by March 1, 2025, a statewide asset map
 45 | of career and technical education to inform workforce and
 46 | industry partners of opportunities to partner and expand career
 47 | and technical education in the state. The information must be
 48 | disseminated in a user-friendly form and must:

49 | 1. List secondary career and technical education courses
 50 | offered by each school district in the state categorized by

51 career cluster, school, grade level, and the number of students
52 enrolled.

53 2. Identify the total amount of funding provided for the
54 secondary career and technical education programs offered by
55 each school district in the state.

56 3. Compare existing secondary career and technical
57 education program offerings with data on in-demand careers and
58 the state's economic needs to identify industry opportunities in
59 which increased program offerings would support state and local
60 needs.

61 4. List career dual enrollment programs offered in each
62 school district in the state categorized by program type,
63 offering location, and the number of students enrolled. The list
64 must indicate the credential earned upon completion of the
65 program and if the credential is part of a sequence as
66 identified by the Credentials Review Committee pursuant to s.
67 445.004(4).

68 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 446.021, Florida
69 Statutes, is amended to read:

70 446.021 Definitions of terms used in ss. 446.011-446.092.—
71 As used in ss. 446.011-446.092, the term:

72 (4) "Journeyworker" means a person working in an
73 apprenticeable occupation who has successfully completed a
74 registered and state-approved apprenticeship program or who has
75 worked the number of years required by established industry

76 | practices for the particular trade or occupation and, if
 77 | required for the specific industry, has passed the appropriate
 78 | state-approved industry test.

79 | Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 450.061, Florida
 80 | Statutes, is amended to read:

81 | 450.061 Hazardous occupations prohibited; exemptions.—

82 | (2) A ~~no~~ minor under 18 years of age, regardless of
 83 | whether such person's disabilities of nonage have been removed,
 84 | may not shall be employed or permitted or suffered to work in
 85 | any of the following places of employment or in any of the
 86 | following occupations, provided that ~~the provisions of~~
 87 | paragraphs (b), (e), (g), (h), (j), (m), (o), and (q) do shall
 88 | not apply to the employment of student learners under the
 89 | conditions prescribed in s. 450.161:

90 | (a) In or around explosive or radioactive materials.

91 | (b) On any scaffolding, roof, superstructure, residential
 92 | or nonresidential building construction, or ladder above 6 feet.
 93 | A minor 16 or 17 years of age may be employed on any residential
 94 | building construction if:

95 | 1. The minor 16 or 17 years of age has earned his or her
 96 | Occupational Safety and Health Administration 10 certification
 97 | and is under the direct supervision of a person who:

98 | a. Has earned his or her Occupational Safety and Health
 99 | Administration 10 certification.

100 | b. Is 21 years of age or older.

101 c. Has at least 2 years of work experience related to the
 102 work he or she is supervising.

103 2. The minor 16 or 17 years of age is not working on any
 104 scaffolding, roof, superstructure, or ladder above 6 feet.

105 3. The work being performed by the minor 16 or 17 years of
 106 age is not in violation of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act
 107 of 1938, any Occupational Safety and Health Administration rule,
 108 or any federal law related to minors in the workplace.

109 (c) In or around toxic substances or corrosives, including
 110 pesticides or herbicides, unless proper field entry time
 111 allowances have been followed.

112 (d) Any mining occupation.

113 (e) In the operation of power-driven woodworking machines.

114 (f) In the operation of power-driven hoisting apparatus.

115 (g) In the operation of power-driven metal forming,
 116 punching, or shearing machines.

117 (h) Slaughtering, meat packing, processing, or rendering,
 118 except as provided in 29 C.F.R. s. 570.61(c).

119 (i) In the operation of power-driven bakery machinery.

120 (j) In the operation of power-driven paper products and
 121 printing machines.

122 (k) Manufacturing brick, tile, and like products.

123 (l) Wrecking or demolition.

124 (m) Excavation operations.

125 (n) Logging or sawmilling.

- 126 (o) Working on electric apparatus or wiring.
- 127 (p) Firefighting.
- 128 (q) Operating or assisting to operate, including starting,
- 129 stopping, connecting or disconnecting, feeding, or any other
- 130 activity involving physical contact associated with operating, a
- 131 tractor over 20 PTO horsepower, any trencher or earthmoving
- 132 equipment, fork lift, or any harvesting, planting, or plowing
- 133 machinery, or any moving machinery.

134 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 135 489.117, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

136 489.117 Registration; specialty contractors.—

137 (4)(a)1. A person whose job scope does not substantially
 138 correspond to either the job scope of one of the contractor
 139 categories defined in s. 489.105(3)(a)-(o), or the job scope of
 140 one of the certified specialty contractor categories established
 141 by board rule, is not required to register with the board. A
 142 local government, as defined in s. 163.211, may not require a
 143 person to obtain a license, issued by the local government or
 144 the state, for a job scope which does not substantially
 145 correspond to the job scope of one of the contractor categories
 146 defined in s. 489.105(3)(a)-(o) and (q) or authorized in s.
 147 489.1455 ~~s. 489.1455(1)~~, or the job scope of one of the
 148 certified specialty contractor categories established pursuant
 149 to s. 489.113(6). A local government may not require a state or
 150 local license to obtain a permit for such job scopes. For

151 purposes of this section, job scopes for which a local
 152 government may not require a license include, but are not
 153 limited to, painting; flooring; cabinetry; interior remodeling
 154 when the scope of the project does not include a task for which
 155 a state license is required; driveway or tennis court
 156 installation; handyman services; decorative stone, tile, marble,
 157 granite, or terrazzo installation; plastering; pressure washing;
 158 stuccoing; caulking; and canvas awning and ornamental iron
 159 installation.

160 2. A county that includes an area designated as an area of
 161 critical state concern under s. 380.05 may offer a license for
 162 any job scope which requires a contractor license under this
 163 part if the county imposed such a licensing requirement before
 164 January 1, 2021.

165 3. A local government may continue to offer a license for
 166 veneer, including aluminum or vinyl gutters, siding, soffit, or
 167 fascia; rooftop painting, coating, and cleaning above three
 168 stories in height; or fence installation and erection if the
 169 local government imposed such a licensing requirement before
 170 January 1, 2021.

171 4. A local government may not require a license as a
 172 prerequisite to submit a bid for public works projects if the
 173 work to be performed does not require a license under general
 174 law.

175 Section 5. Section 489.1455, Florida Statutes, is amended

176 to read:

177 489.1455 Journeyman; reciprocity; standards.—

178 ~~(1)~~ Counties and municipalities must recognize a person as
 179 a journeyman ~~are authorized to issue journeyman licenses in the~~
 180 ~~plumbing, pipe fitting, mechanical, or HVAC trades~~ if he or she
 181 meets the following requirements:—

182 ~~(2) An individual who holds a valid, active journeyman~~
 183 ~~license in the plumbing, pipe fitting, mechanical, or HVAC~~
 184 ~~trades issued by any county or municipality in this state may~~
 185 ~~work as a journeyman in the trade in which he or she is licensed~~
 186 ~~in any county or municipality of this state without taking an~~
 187 ~~additional examination or paying an additional license fee, if~~
 188 ~~he or she:~~

189 (1)(a) Has scored at least 70 percent, or after October 1,
 190 1997, at least 75 percent, on a proctored journeyman Block and
 191 Associates examination or other proctored examination approved
 192 by the board for the trade in which he or she is licensed;

193 (2)(b) Has completed a registered and state-approved an
 194 apprenticeship program as defined in s. 446.021(6) or has at
 195 least 12,000 hours of on-the-job training in his or her specific
 196 trade registered with a registration agency defined in 29 C.F.R.
 197 s. 29.2 and demonstrates 4 years' verifiable practical
 198 experience in the trade for which he or she is licensed, or
 199 demonstrates 6 years' verifiable practical experience in the
 200 trade for which he or she is licensed; and

201 ~~(3)(e)~~ Has satisfactorily completed specialized and
 202 advanced module coursework approved by the Florida Building
 203 Commission, as part of the building code training program
 204 established in s. 553.841, specific to the discipline or,
 205 pursuant to authorization by the certifying authority, provides
 206 proof of completion of such coursework within 6 months after
 207 such certification. ~~;~~ and

208 ~~(d)~~ Has not had a license suspended or revoked within the
 209 last 5 years.

210 ~~(3)~~ A local government may charge a registration fee for
 211 reciprocity, not to exceed \$25.

212 Section 6. Section 489.5335, Florida Statutes, is amended
 213 to read:

214 489.5335 Journeyman; reciprocity; standards.—

215 ~~(1)~~ Counties and municipalities must recognize a person as
 216 a journeyman ~~are authorized to issue journeyman licenses~~ in the
 217 electrical and alarm system trades if he or she meets the
 218 following requirements:-

219 ~~(2)~~ ~~An individual who holds a valid, active journeyman~~
 220 ~~license in the electrical or alarm system trade issued by any~~
 221 ~~county or municipality in this state may work as a journeyman in~~
 222 ~~the trade in which he or she is licensed in any other county or~~
 223 ~~municipality of this state without taking an additional~~
 224 ~~examination or paying an additional license fee, if he or she:~~

225 ~~(1)(a)~~ Has scored at least 70 percent, or after October 1,

226 1997, at least 75 percent, on a proctored journeyman Block and
227 Associates examination or other proctored examination approved
228 by the board for the trade in which he or she is licensed;

229 (2)~~(b)~~ Has completed a registered and state-approved an
230 apprenticeship program as defined in s. 446.021(6) or has at
231 least 12,000 hours of on-the-job training in his or her specific
232 trade registered with a registration agency defined in 29 C.F.R.
233 s. 29.2 and demonstrates 4 years' verifiable practical
234 experience in the trade for which he or she is licensed, or
235 demonstrates 6 years' verifiable practical experience in the
236 trade for which he or she is licensed; and

237 (3)~~(e)~~ Has satisfactorily completed specialized and
238 advanced module coursework approved by the Florida Building
239 Commission, as part of the building code training program
240 established in s. 553.841, specific to the discipline or,
241 pursuant to authorization by the certifying authority, provides
242 proof of completion of such curriculum or coursework within 6
243 months after such certification.~~;~~ and

244 ~~(d) Has not had a license suspended or revoked within the~~
245 ~~last 5 years.~~

246 ~~(3) A local government may charge a registration fee for~~
247 ~~reciprocity, not to exceed \$25.~~

248 Section 7. Paragraph (c) of subsection (14) of section
249 1001.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

250 1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school

251 board.—The district school board may exercise the following
252 supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or
253 State Board of Education rule.

254 (14) RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC AND CAREER ACHIEVEMENT.—

255 (c) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, each
256 district school board shall require each high school within its
257 jurisdiction to host an annual career fair during the school
258 year and establish a process to provide students in grades 11
259 and 12 the opportunity to meet or interview with potential
260 employers during the career fair. The career fair must be held
261 on the campus of the high school, except that a group of high
262 schools in the district or a group of districts may hold a joint
263 career fair at an alternative location to satisfy the
264 requirement in this paragraph. A joint career fair must be held
265 at a location located within reasonable driving distance for
266 students at all participating schools. The career fair must be
267 held during the school day and may use Florida's online career
268 planning and work-based learning system as part of the career
269 fair activities. Alternatively, district school boards may
270 consult with local workforce development boards, advisory
271 committees, and business groups to determine free or cost-
272 effective methods to provide other career and industry
273 networking opportunities, during the school day, for secondary
274 students and exposure for elementary and secondary students to a
275 representative variety of industries, businesses, and careers.

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 277 District school board policies and procedures may include
 278 conducting assemblies or other appropriate public events in
 279 which students sign actual or ceremonial documents accepting
 280 scholarships or enrollment. The district school board may
 281 encourage holding such events in an assembly or gathering of the
 282 entire student body as a means of making academic and career
 283 success and recognition visible to all students.

284 Section 8. Subsection (3) of section 1003.41, Florida
 285 Statutes, is amended to read:

286 1003.41 State academic standards.—

287 (3) The Commissioner of Education shall, as deemed
 288 necessary ~~needed~~, ~~shall~~ develop and submit proposed revisions to
 289 the standards for review and comment by Florida educators,
 290 school administrators, representatives of the Florida College
 291 System institutions and state universities who have expertise in
 292 the content knowledge and skills necessary to prepare a student
 293 for postsecondary education and careers, a representative from
 294 the Department of Commerce, business and industry leaders for
 295 in-demand careers, and the public. The commissioner, after
 296 considering reviews and comments, shall submit the proposed
 297 revisions to the State Board of Education for adoption.

298 Section 9. Subsection (10) of section 1003.4282, Florida
 299 Statutes, is amended to read:

300 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school

301 | diploma.—

302 | (10) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CREDIT.—The Department
 303 | of Education shall convene a workgroup, no later than December
 304 | 1, 2024, to:

305 | (a) Identify best practices in career and technical
 306 | education pathways from middle school to high school to aid
 307 | middle school students in career planning and facilitate their
 308 | transition to high school programs. The career pathway must be
 309 | linked to postsecondary programs.

310 | (b) Establish three mathematics pathways for students
 311 | enrolled in secondary grades by aligning mathematics courses to
 312 | programs, postsecondary education, and careers. The workgroup
 313 | shall collaborate to identify the three mathematics pathways and
 314 | the mathematics course sequence within each pathway which align
 315 | to the mathematics skills needed for success in the
 316 | corresponding academic programs, postsecondary education, and
 317 | careers.

318 | Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
 319 | 1004.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320 | 1004.91 Requirements for career education program basic
 321 | skills.—

322 | (3) (a) The following students may be exempted from this
 323 | section:

324 | 1. An adult student with a disability.

325 | 2. A student who possesses a high school diploma from a

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326 private school that is in compliance with s. 1002.42 or, for a
327 student in a home education program or a personalized education
328 program, a signed affidavit submitted by the student's parent or
329 legal guardian attesting that the student has completed a home
330 education program pursuant to the requirements of s. 1002.41 or
331 a personalized education program pursuant to the requirements of
332 s. 1002.395 may be exempted from this section.

333 Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.