

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to workforce education; amending s.
 3 1011.801, F.S.; providing that charter schools are
 4 eligible for the Workforce Development Capitalization
 5 Incentive Grant Program; amending s. 1011.803, F.S.;
 6 revising the number of programs school districts and
 7 Florida College System institutions must offer money-
 8 back guarantees for through the money-back guarantee
 9 program; providing an effective date.

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

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 13 **Section 1. Section 1011.801, Florida Statutes, is amended**
 14 **to read:**

15 1011.801 Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive
 16 Grant Program.—The Legislature recognizes that the need for
 17 school districts, charter schools, and Florida College System
 18 institutions to be able to respond to emerging local or
 19 statewide economic development needs is critical to the
 20 workforce development system. The Workforce Development
 21 Capitalization Incentive Grant Program is created to provide
 22 grants to school districts, charter schools, and Florida College
 23 System institutions to fund some or all of the costs associated
 24 with the creation or expansion of career and technical education
 25 programs that lead to industry certifications included on the

26 | CAPE Industry Certification Funding List. The programs may serve
27 | secondary students or postsecondary students if the
28 | postsecondary career and technical education program also serves
29 | secondary students.

30 | (1) Funds awarded for a workforce development
31 | capitalization incentive grant may be used for instructional
32 | equipment, laboratory equipment, supplies, personnel, student
33 | services, or other expenses associated with the creation or
34 | expansion of a career and technical education program that
35 | serves secondary students. Expansion of a program may include
36 | either the expansion of enrollments in a program or expansion
37 | into new areas of specialization within a program. No grant
38 | funds may be used for recurring instructional costs or for
39 | institutions' indirect costs.

40 | (2) The Department of Education shall administer the
41 | program. The State Board of Education may adopt rules for
42 | program administration. The State Board of Education shall
43 | consider the statewide geographic dispersion of grant funds in
44 | ranking the applications and shall give priority to applications
45 | from education agencies that are making maximum use of their
46 | workforce development funding by offering high-performing, high-
47 | demand programs.

48 | **Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section**
49 | **1011.803, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

50 | 1011.803 Money-back Guarantee Program.—

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51 (2) Each school district and Florida College System
52 institution shall establish a money-back guarantee program to:

53 (a) Offer a money-back guarantee on at least six ~~three~~
54 programs.

55 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.