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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Simon) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

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

1011.801 Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive  
Grant Program.—The Legislature recognizes that the need for  
school districts, charter schools, and Florida College System  
institutions to be able to respond to emerging local or



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11 statewide economic development needs is critical to the  
12 workforce development system. The Workforce Development  
13 Capitalization Incentive Grant Program is created to provide  
14 grants to school districts, charter schools, and Florida College  
15 System institutions to fund some or all of the costs associated  
16 with the creation or expansion of career and technical education  
17 programs that lead to industry certifications included on the  
18 CAPE Industry Certification Funding List. The programs may serve  
19 secondary students or postsecondary students if the  
20 postsecondary career and technical education program also serves  
21 secondary students.

22 (1) Funds awarded for a workforce development  
23 capitalization incentive grant may be used for instructional  
24 equipment, laboratory equipment, supplies, personnel, student  
25 services, or other expenses associated with the creation or  
26 expansion of a career and technical education program that  
27 serves secondary students. Expansion of a program may include  
28 either the expansion of enrollments in a program or expansion  
29 into new areas of specialization within a program. No grant  
30 funds may be used for recurring instructional costs or for  
31 institutions' indirect costs.

32 (2) The Department of Education shall administer the  
33 program. The State Board of Education may adopt rules for  
34 program administration. The State Board of Education shall  
35 consider the statewide geographic dispersion of grant funds in  
36 ranking the applications and shall give priority to applications  
37 from education agencies that are making maximum use of their  
38 workforce development funding by offering high-performing, high-  
39 demand programs.



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40 Section 2. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 1011.803,  
41 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

42 1011.803 Money-back Guarantee Program.—

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

45 (a) Offer a money-back guarantee on at least three  
46 programs. However, by July 1, 2026, each school district and  
47 Florida College System institution must offer a money-back  
48 guarantee on at least three additional programs and notify the  
49 State Board of Education of such programs.

50 (b) Establish student eligibility criteria for the  
51 reimbursement of tuition under the money-back guarantee program  
52 that includes:

- 53 1. Student attendance.
- 54 2. Student program performance.
- 55 3. Career Service or Career Day attendance.
- 56 4. Participation in internship or work-study programs.
- 57 5. Job search documentation.
- 58 6. Development of a student career plan with the  
59 institution's career services department.

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61 Enrollment in a program established pursuant to this subsection  
62 constitutes enrollment in the money-back guarantee program.

63 Eligibility criteria for the reimbursement of tuition  
64 established by the school district or Florida College System  
65 institution pursuant to subparagraphs 4. and 5. may not exceed  
66 the work search requirements under s. 443.091.

67 (4) By November 1 of each year, the Department of Education  
68 shall report performance results and eligibility criteria for



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69 the reimbursement of tuition by school district, Florida College  
70 System institution, and program to the Governor, the President  
71 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

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75 And the title is amended as follows:

76 Delete everything before the enacting clause

77 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to workforce education; amending s.

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1011.801, F.S.; providing that charter schools are

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eligible for the Workforce Development Capitalization

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Incentive Grant Program; amending s. 1011.803, F.S.;

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revising the number of programs school districts and

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Florida College System institutions must offer money-

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back guarantees for through the money-back guarantee

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program by a specified date; requiring school

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districts and Florida College System institutions to

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report such programs to the State Board of Education;

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providing requirements for specified student

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eligibility criteria for tuition reimbursement under

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the program; revising reporting requirements;

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providing an effective date.