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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

1011.803 Money-back Guarantee Program.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to workforce education; amending s. 1011.801, F.S.; providing that charter schools are eligible for the Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program; amending s. 1011.803, F.S.; revising the number of programs school districts and Florida College System institutions must offer money-back guarantees for through the money-back guarantee program by a specified date; requiring school districts and Florida College System institutions to report such programs to the State Board of Education; providing requirements for specified student eligibility criteria for tuition reimbursement under the program; revising reporting requirements; providing an effective date.