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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to workforce development; amending s.
3 1011.801, F.S.; providing that the Workforce
4 Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program
5 includes charter schools; amending s. 1011.803, F.S.;
6 revising the number of workforce education programs
7 that each school district and Florida College System
8 institution must offer a money-back guarantee on;
9 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 and Florida College System institutions to be
18 able to respond to emerging local or statewide economic
19 development needs is critical to the workforce development
20 system. The Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant
21 Program is created to provide grants to school districts, and
22 charter schools, and Florida College System institutions to fund
23 some or all of the costs associated with the creation or
24 expansion of career and technical education programs that lead
25 to industry certifications included on the CAPE Industry
26 Certification Funding List. The programs may serve secondary
27 students or postsecondary students if the postsecondary career
28 and technical education program also serves secondary students.

29 (1) Funds awarded for a workforce development

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

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

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

49 1011.803 Money-back Guarantee Program.—

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

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

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