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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Drug-Free Workplace Act;
3 amending s. 112.0455, F.S.; revising the definition of
4 the term "job applicant"; defining the term "random
5 testing"; removing the definition of the term "safety-
6 sensitive position"; requiring drug testing to be
7 conducted within each state agency's appropriation;
8 authorizing a state agency to conduct random drug
9 testing every 3 months; providing testing selection
10 requirements; removing provisions prohibiting a state
11 agency from discharging or disciplining an employee
12 under certain circumstances based on the employee's
13 first positive confirmed drug test; removing
14 provisions limiting the circumstances under which an
15 agency may discharge an employee in a special risk or
16 safety-sensitive position; providing that an agency
17 may discharge or discipline an employee following a
18 first-time positive confirmed drug test result;
19 authorizing an agency to refer an employee to an
20 employee assistance program or an alcohol and drug
21 rehabilitation program if the employee is not
22 discharged; requiring participation in an employee
23 assistance program or an alcohol and drug
24 rehabilitation program at the employee's own expense;
25 requiring the employer to determine if the employee is
26 able to safely and effectively perform the job duties
27 assigned to the employee while the employee is
28 participating in the employee assistance program or
29 alcohol and drug rehabilitation program; deeming that

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30 certain specified job activities cannot be performed
31 safely and effectively while the employee is
32 participating in the employee assistance program or
33 alcohol and drug rehabilitation program; requiring the
34 employer to transfer the employee to a job assignment
35 that he or she can perform safely and effectively
36 while the employee participates in the employee
37 assistance program or alcohol and drug rehabilitation
38 program; requiring the employer to place the employee
39 on leave status while the employee is participating in
40 an employee assistance program or an alcohol and drug
41 rehabilitation program if such a position is
42 unavailable; authorizing the employee to use
43 accumulated leave credits before being placed on leave
44 without pay; amending s. 440.102, F.S.; revising the
45 definition of the term "job applicant" as it pertains
46 to a public employer; removing the definition of the
47 term "safety-sensitive position" and replacing it with
48 the definition for the term "mandatory-testing
49 position;" providing that an employer remains
50 qualified for an insurer rate plan that discounts
51 rates for workers' compensation and employer's
52 liability insurance policies if the employer maintains
53 a drug-free workplace program that is broader in scope
54 than that provided for by the standards and procedures
55 established in the act; authorizing a public employer,
56 using an unbiased selection procedure, to conduct
57 random drug tests of employees occupying mandatory-
58 testing or special-risk positions if the testing is

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59 performed in accordance with drug-testing rules
60 adopted by the Agency for Health Care Administration;
61 requiring that a public sector employer assign a
62 public sector employee to a position other than a
63 mandatory-testing position if the employee enters an
64 employee assistance program or drug rehabilitation
65 program; amending s. 944.474, F.S.; revising
66 provisions governing employees of the state
67 correctional system, to conform to changes made by the
68 act; providing an effective date.
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70 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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72 Section 1. Subsections (5), (7), and (8) and paragraphs
73 (h), (i), (j), and (k) of subsection (10) of section 112.0455,
74 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

75 112.0455 Drug-Free Workplace Act.—

76 (5) DEFINITIONS.—Except where the context otherwise
77 requires, as used in this act:

78 (a) "Drug" means alcohol, including distilled spirits,
79 wine, malt beverages, and intoxicating liquors; amphetamines;
80 cannabinoids; cocaine; phencyclidine (PCP); hallucinogens;
81 methaqualone; opiates; barbiturates; benzodiazepines; synthetic
82 narcotics; designer drugs; or a metabolite of any of the
83 substances listed herein.

84 (b) "Drug test" or "test" means any chemical, biological,
85 or physical instrumental analysis administered for the purpose
86 of determining the presence or absence of a drug or its
87 metabolites.

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88 (c) "Initial drug test" means a sensitive, rapid, and
89 reliable procedure to identify negative and presumptive positive
90 specimens. All initial tests must shall use an immunoassay
91 procedure or an equivalent, or must shall use a more accurate
92 scientifically accepted method approved by the Agency for Health
93 Care Administration as ~~such~~ more accurate technology becomes
94 available in a cost-effective form.

95 (d) "Confirmation test," "confirmed test," or "confirmed
96 drug test" means a second analytical procedure used to identify
97 the presence of a specific drug or metabolite in a specimen. The
98 confirmation test must be different in scientific principle from
99 that of the initial test procedure. This confirmation method
100 must be capable of providing requisite specificity, sensitivity,
101 and quantitative accuracy.

102 (e) "Chain of custody" refers to the methodology of
103 tracking specified materials or substances for the purpose of
104 maintaining control and accountability from initial collection
105 to final disposition for all such materials or substances and
106 providing for accountability at each stage in handling, testing,
107 storing specimens, and reporting of test results.

108 (f) "Job applicant" means a person who has applied for a
109 ~~special risk or safety sensitive~~ position with an employer and
110 has been offered employment conditioned upon successfully
111 passing a drug test.

112 (g) "Employee" means a ~~any~~ person who works for salary,
113 wages, or other remuneration for an employer.

114 (h) "Employer" means an ~~any~~ agency within state government
115 that employs individuals for salary, wages, or other
116 remuneration.

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117 (i) "Prescription or nonprescription medication" means a
118 drug or medication obtained pursuant to a prescription as
119 defined by s. 893.02 or a medication that is authorized pursuant
120 to federal or state law for general distribution and use without
121 a prescription in the treatment of human diseases, ailments, or
122 injuries.

123 (j) "Random testing" means a drug test conducted on
124 employees who are selected through the use of a computer-
125 generated random sample of an employer's employees.

126 (k) ~~(j)~~ "Reasonable suspicion drug testing" means drug
127 testing based on a belief that an employee is using or has used
128 drugs in violation of the employer's policy drawn from specific
129 objective and articulable facts and reasonable inferences drawn
130 from those facts in light of experience. Reasonable suspicion
131 drug testing may shall not be required except upon the
132 recommendation of a supervisor who is at least one level of
133 supervision higher than the immediate supervisor of the employee
134 in question. Among other things, such facts and inferences may
135 be based upon:

136 1. Observable phenomena while at work, such as direct
137 observation of drug use or of the physical symptoms or
138 manifestations of being under the influence of a drug.

139 2. Abnormal conduct or erratic behavior while at work or a
140 significant deterioration in work performance.

141 3. A report of drug use, provided by a reliable and
142 credible source, which has been independently corroborated.

143 4. Evidence that an individual has tampered with a drug
144 test during employment with the current employer.

145 5. Information that an employee has caused, or contributed

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146 to, an accident while at work.

147 6. Evidence that an employee has used, possessed, sold,
148 solicited, or transferred drugs while working or while on the
149 employer's premises or while operating the employer's vehicle,
150 machinery, or equipment.

151 (l) (k) "Specimen" means a tissue, hair, or product of the
152 human body capable of revealing the presence of drugs or their
153 metabolites.

154 (m) (l) "Employee assistance program" means an established
155 program for employee assessment, counseling, and possible
156 referral to an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program.

157 (m) "~~Safety-sensitive position~~" means ~~any position,~~
158 ~~including a supervisory or management position, in which a drug~~
159 ~~impairment would constitute an immediate and direct threat to~~
160 ~~public health or safety.~~

161 (n) "Special risk" means employees who are required as a
162 condition of employment to be certified under chapter 633 or
163 chapter 943.

164 (7) TYPES OF TESTING.—Drug testing must be conducted within
165 each agency's appropriation. An employer may conduct is
166 authorized, but is not required, to conduct, the following types
167 of drug tests:

168 (a) *Job applicant testing.*—An employer may require job
169 applicants to submit to a drug test and may use a refusal to
170 submit to a drug test or a positive confirmed drug test as a
171 basis for refusal to hire the job applicant.

172 (b) *Reasonable suspicion.*—An employer may require an
173 employee to submit to reasonable suspicion drug testing.

174 (c) *Random testing.*—An employer may conduct random testing

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175 once every 3 months. The random sample of employees chosen for
176 testing must be computer-generated by an independent third
177 party. A random sample may not constitute more than 10 percent
178 of the total employee population.

179 (d) ~~(e)~~ *Routine fitness for duty.*—An employer may require an
180 employee to submit to a drug test if the test is conducted as
181 part of a routinely scheduled employee fitness-for-duty medical
182 examination that is part of the employer's established policy or
183 that is scheduled routinely for all members of an employment
184 classification or group.

185 (e) ~~(d)~~ *Followup testing.*—If the employee in the course of
186 employment enters an employee assistance program for drug-
187 related problems, or an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program,
188 the employer may require the said employee to submit to a drug
189 test as a followup to such program, and on a quarterly,
190 semiannual, or annual basis for up to 2 years thereafter.

191 (8) PROCEDURES AND EMPLOYEE PROTECTION.—All specimen
192 collection and testing for drugs under this section shall be
193 performed in accordance with the following procedures:

194 (a) A sample shall be collected with due regard to the
195 privacy of the individual providing the sample, and in a manner
196 reasonably calculated to prevent substitution or contamination
197 of the sample.

198 (b) Specimen collection shall be documented, and the
199 documentation procedures shall include:

200 1. Labeling of specimen containers so as to reasonably
201 preclude the likelihood of erroneous identification of test
202 results.

203 2. A form for the employee or job applicant to provide any

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204 information he or she considers relevant to the test, including
205 identification of currently or recently used prescription or
206 nonprescription medication, or other relevant medical
207 information. Such form shall provide notice of the most common
208 medications by brand name or common name, as applicable, as well
209 as by chemical name, which may alter or affect a drug test. The
210 providing of information does shall not preclude the
211 administration of the drug test, but shall be taken into account
212 in interpreting any positive confirmed results.

213 (c) Specimen collection, storage, and transportation to the
214 testing site shall be performed in a manner that ~~which~~ will
215 reasonably preclude specimen contamination or adulteration.

216 (d) Each initial and confirmation test conducted under this
217 section, not including the taking or collecting of a specimen to
218 be tested, shall be conducted by a licensed laboratory as
219 described in subsection (12).

220 (e) A specimen for a drug test may be taken or collected by
221 any of the following persons:

222 1. A physician, a physician's assistant, a registered
223 professional nurse, a licensed practical nurse, a nurse
224 practitioner, or a certified paramedic who is present at the
225 scene of an accident for the purpose of rendering emergency
226 medical service or treatment.

227 2. A qualified person employed by a licensed laboratory.

228 (f) A person who collects or takes a specimen for a drug
229 test conducted pursuant to this section shall collect an amount
230 sufficient for two drug tests as determined by the Agency for
231 Health Care Administration.

232 (g) Any drug test conducted or requested by an employer may

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233 occur before, during, or immediately after the regular work
234 period of the employee, and shall be deemed to be performed
235 during work time for the purposes of determining compensation
236 and benefits for the employee.

237 (h) Every specimen that produces a positive confirmed
238 result shall be preserved by the licensed laboratory that
239 conducts the confirmation test for a period of at least 210 days
240 from the time the results of the positive confirmation test are
241 mailed or otherwise delivered to the employer. However, if an
242 employee or job applicant undertakes an administrative or legal
243 challenge to the test result, the employee or job applicant
244 shall notify the laboratory and the sample shall be retained by
245 the laboratory until the case or administrative appeal is
246 settled. During the 180-day period after written notification of
247 a positive test result, the employee or job applicant who has
248 provided the specimen shall be permitted by the employer to have
249 a portion of the specimen retested, at the employee or job
250 applicant's expense, at another laboratory, licensed and
251 approved by the Agency for Health Care Administration, chosen by
252 the employee or job applicant. The second laboratory must test
253 at equal or greater sensitivity for the drug in question as the
254 first laboratory. The first laboratory that ~~which~~ performed the
255 test for the employer is ~~shall be~~ responsible for the transfer
256 of the portion of the specimen to be retested, and for the
257 integrity of the chain of custody during such transfer.

258 (i) Within 5 working days after receipt of a positive
259 confirmed test result from the testing laboratory, an employer
260 shall inform an employee or job applicant in writing of such
261 positive test result, the consequences of such results, and the

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262 options available to the employee or job applicant.

263 (j) The employer shall provide to the employee or job
264 applicant, upon request, a copy of the test results.

265 (k) Within 5 working days after receiving notice of a
266 positive confirmed test result, the employee or job applicant
267 may submit information to an employer explaining or contesting
268 the test results, and why the results do not constitute a
269 violation of the employer's policy.

270 (l) If an employee or job applicant's explanation or
271 challenge of the positive test results is unsatisfactory to the
272 employer, a written explanation as to why the employee or job
273 applicant's explanation is unsatisfactory, along with the report
274 of positive results, shall be provided by the employer to the
275 employee or job applicant. All such documentation shall be kept
276 confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) by
277 the employer pursuant to subsection (11) and shall be retained
278 by the employer for at least 1 year.

279 (m) An ~~No~~ employer may not discharge, discipline, refuse to
280 hire, discriminate against, or request or require rehabilitation
281 of an employee or job applicant on the sole basis of a positive
282 test result that has not been verified by a confirmation test.

283 ~~(n) In addition to the limitation under paragraph (m):~~

284 ~~1. Except as provided in subparagraph 3., no employer may~~
285 ~~discharge, discipline, or discriminate against an employee on~~
286 ~~the sole basis of the employee's first positive confirmed drug~~
287 ~~test, unless the employer has first given the employee an~~
288 ~~opportunity to participate in, at the employee's own expense or~~
289 ~~pursuant to coverage under a health insurance plan, an employee~~
290 ~~assistance program or an alcohol and drug rehabilitation~~

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291 program, and:

292 a. The employee has either refused to participate in the
293 employee assistance program or the alcohol and drug
294 rehabilitation program or has failed to successfully complete
295 such program, as evidenced by withdrawal from the program before
296 its completion or a report from the program indicating
297 unsatisfactory compliance, or by a positive test result on a
298 confirmation test after completion of the program; or

299 b. The employee has failed or refused to sign a written
300 consent form allowing the employer to obtain information
301 regarding the progress and successful completion of an employee
302 assistance program or an alcohol and drug rehabilitation
303 program.

304 2. An employee in a safety-sensitive position shall be
305 placed by the employer in a non-safety-sensitive position, or if
306 such position is unavailable, on leave status while
307 participating in an employee assistance program or an alcohol
308 and drug rehabilitation program. If placed on leave status
309 without pay, the employee shall be permitted to use any
310 accumulated leave credits prior to being placed on leave without
311 pay.

312 3. A special risk employee may be discharged or disciplined
313 for the first positive confirmed drug test result when illicit
314 drugs, pursuant to s. 893.13, are confirmed. No special risk
315 employee shall be permitted to continue work in a safety-
316 sensitive position, but may be placed either in a non-safety-
317 sensitive position or on leave status while participating in an
318 employee assistance program or an alcohol and drug
319 rehabilitation program.

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320 (n)~~(e)~~ Upon successful completion of an employee assistance
321 program or an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program, the
322 employee shall be reinstated to the same or equivalent position
323 that was held prior to such rehabilitation.

324 (o)~~(p)~~ An ~~No~~ employer may not discharge, discipline, or
325 discriminate against an employee, or refuse to hire a job
326 applicant, on the basis of any prior medical history revealed to
327 the employer pursuant to this section.

328 (p)~~(q)~~ An employer who performs drug testing or specimen
329 collection shall use chain-of-custody procedures as established
330 by the Agency for Health Care Administration to ensure proper
331 recordkeeping, handling, labeling, and identification of all
332 specimens to be tested.

333 (q)~~(r)~~ An employer shall pay the cost of all drug tests,
334 initial and confirmation, which the employer requires of
335 employees.

336 (r)~~(s)~~ An employee or job applicant shall pay the costs of
337 any additional drug tests not required by the employer.

338 (s)~~(t)~~ An ~~No~~ employer may not ~~shall~~ discharge, discipline,
339 or discriminate against an employee solely upon voluntarily
340 seeking treatment, while under the employ of the employer, for a
341 drug-related problem if the employee has not previously tested
342 positive for drug use, entered an employee assistance program
343 for drug-related problems, or entered an alcohol and drug
344 rehabilitation program. However, special risk employees may be
345 subject to discharge or disciplinary action when the presence of
346 illicit drugs, pursuant to s. 893.13, is confirmed.

347 (t)~~(u)~~ If ~~Where~~ testing is conducted based on reasonable
348 suspicion, each employer shall promptly detail in writing the

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349 circumstances which formed the basis of the determination that
350 reasonable suspicion existed to warrant the testing. A copy of
351 this documentation shall be given to the employee upon request
352 and the original documentation shall be kept confidential and
353 exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) by the employer
354 pursuant to subsection (11) and retained by the employer for at
355 least 1 year.

356 (u) If an employee is unable to participate in
357 outpatient rehabilitation, the employee may be placed on leave
358 status while participating in an employee assistance program or
359 an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program. If placed on leave-
360 without-pay status, the employee shall be permitted to use any
361 accumulated leave credits prior to being placed on leave without
362 pay. Upon successful completion of an employee assistance
363 program or an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program, the
364 employee shall be reinstated to the same or equivalent position
365 that was held prior to such rehabilitation.

366 (10) EMPLOYER PROTECTION.—

367 (h) An employer may discharge or discipline ~~shall refer~~ an
368 employee following with a first-time positive confirmed drug
369 test result. If the employer does not discharge the employee,
370 the employer may refer the employee to an employee assistance
371 program or an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program in which
372 the employee may participate at the expense of the employee or
373 pursuant to a health insurance plan, unless such employee is
374 discharged as provided in subparagraph (8)(n)3. If the results
375 of a subsequent confirmed drug test are positive, the employer
376 may discharge or discipline the employee.

377 1. If an employer refers an employee to an employee

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378 assistance program or an alcohol and drug rehabilitation
379 program, the employer must determine whether the employee is
380 able to safely and effectively perform the job duties assigned
381 to the employee while the employee participates in the employee
382 assistance program or the alcohol and drug rehabilitation
383 program.

384 2. An employee whose assigned duties require the employee
385 to carry a firearm, work closely with an employee who carries a
386 firearm, perform life-threatening procedures, work with heavy or
387 dangerous machinery, work as a safety inspector, work with
388 children, work with detainees in the correctional system, work
389 with confidential information or documents pertaining to
390 criminal investigations, work with controlled substances, hold a
391 position subject to s. 110.1127, or hold a position in which a
392 momentary lapse in attention could result in injury or death to
393 another person, is deemed unable to safely and effectively
394 perform the job duties assigned to the employee while the
395 employee participates in the employee assistance program or the
396 alcohol and drug rehabilitation program.

397 3. If an employer refers an employee to an employee
398 assistance program or an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program
399 and the employer determines that the employee is unable, or the
400 employee is deemed unable, to safely and effectively perform the
401 job duties assigned to the employee before he or she completes
402 the employee assistance program or the alcohol and drug
403 rehabilitation program, the employer shall place the employee in
404 a job assignment that the employer determines the employee can
405 safely and effectively perform while participating in the
406 employee assistance program or the alcohol and drug

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407 rehabilitation program.

408 4. If a job assignment in which the employee may safely and
409 effectively perform is unavailable, the employer shall place the
410 employee on leave status while the employee is participating in
411 an employee assistance program or an alcohol and drug
412 rehabilitation program. If placed on leave status without pay,
413 the employee may use accumulated leave credits before being
414 placed on leave without pay.

415 (i) ~~Nothing in This section does not~~ shall be construed to
416 prohibit an employer from conducting medical screening or other
417 tests required by any statute, rule, or regulation for the
418 purpose of monitoring exposure of employees to toxic or other
419 unhealthy substances in the workplace or in the performance of
420 job responsibilities. Such screening or tests shall be limited
421 to the specific substances expressly identified in the
422 applicable statute, rule, or regulation, unless prior written
423 consent of the employee is obtained for other tests.

424 (j) ~~An employer shall place a safety-sensitive position~~
425 ~~employee whose drug test result is confirmed positive in a non-~~
426 ~~safety sensitive position, or if such a position is unavailable,~~
427 ~~on leave status while the employee participates in an employee~~
428 ~~assistance program or an alcohol and drug rehabilitation~~
429 ~~program. If placed on leave status without pay, the employee~~
430 ~~shall be permitted to use any accumulated leave credits prior to~~
431 ~~being placed on leave without pay.~~

432 (k) ~~A special risk employee may be discharged or~~
433 ~~disciplined on the first positive confirmed drug test result~~
434 ~~when illicit drugs, pursuant to s. 893.13, are confirmed. No~~
435 ~~special risk employee shall be permitted to continue work in a~~

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436 ~~safety sensitive position, but may be placed either in a non-~~
437 ~~safety sensitive position or on leave status while participating~~
438 ~~in an employee assistance program or an alcohol and drug~~
439 ~~rehabilitation program.~~

440 Section 2. Paragraphs (j) and (o) of subsection (1),
441 subsection (2), paragraph (g) of subsection (7), and subsection
442 (11) of section 440.102, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

443 440.102 Drug-free workplace program requirements.—The
444 following provisions apply to a drug-free workplace program
445 implemented pursuant to law or to rules adopted by the Agency
446 for Health Care Administration:

447 (1) DEFINITIONS.—Except where the context otherwise
448 requires, as used in this act:

449 (j) “Job applicant” means a person who has applied for a
450 position with an employer and has been offered employment
451 conditioned upon successfully passing a drug test, and may have
452 begun work pending the results of the drug test. For a public
453 employer, “job applicant” means only a person who has applied
454 for a special-risk or mandatory-testing safety-sensitive
455 position.

456 (o) “Mandatory-testing position” means, with respect to a
457 public employer, a job assignment that requires the employee to
458 carry a firearm, work closely with an employee who carries a
459 firearm, perform life-threatening procedures, work with heavy or
460 dangerous machinery, work as a safety inspector, work with
461 children, work with detainees in the correctional system, work
462 with confidential information or documents pertaining to
463 criminal investigations, work with controlled substances, or a
464 job assignment that requires an employee security background

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check, pursuant to s. 110.1127, or a job assignment in which a momentary lapse in attention could result in injury or death to another person. "Safety-sensitive position" means, with respect to a public employer, a position in which a drug impairment constitutes an immediate and direct threat to public health or safety, such as a position that requires the employee to carry a firearm, perform life-threatening procedures, work with confidential information or documents pertaining to criminal investigations, or work with controlled substances; a position subject to s. 110.1127; or a position in which a momentary lapse in attention could result in injury or death to another person.

(2) DRUG TESTING.—An employer may test an employee or job applicant for any drug described in paragraph (1)(c). In order to qualify as having established a drug-free workplace program under this section and to qualify for the discounts provided under s. 627.0915 and deny medical and indemnity benefits under this chapter, an employer must, at a minimum, implement drug testing that conforms to the standards and procedures established in this section and all applicable rules adopted pursuant to this section as required in subsection (4). However, an employer does not have a legal duty under this section to request an employee or job applicant to undergo drug testing. If an employer fails to maintain a drug-free workplace program in accordance with the standards and procedures established in this section and in applicable rules, the employer is ineligible for discounts under s. 627.0915. However, an employer qualifies for discounts under s. 627.0915 if the employer maintains a drug-free workplace program that is broader in scope than that provided for by the standards and procedures established in this

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494 section. An employer who qualifies ~~All employers~~ qualifying for
495 and ~~receives~~ receiving discounts provided under s. 627.0915 must
496 be reported annually by the insurer to the department.

497 (7) EMPLOYER PROTECTION.—

498 (g) This section does not prohibit an employer from
499 conducting medical screening or other tests required, permitted,
500 or not disallowed by any statute, rule, or regulation for the
501 purpose of monitoring exposure of employees to toxic or other
502 unhealthy substances in the workplace or in the performance of
503 job responsibilities. Such screening or testing is limited to
504 the specific substances expressly identified in the applicable
505 statute, rule, or regulation, unless prior written consent of
506 the employee is obtained for other tests. Such screening or
507 testing need not be in compliance with the rules adopted by the
508 Agency for Health Care Administration under this chapter or
509 under s. 112.0455. A public employer may, through the use of an
510 unbiased selection procedure, conduct random drug tests of
511 employees occupying ~~mandatory-testing safety-sensitive~~ or
512 special-risk positions if the testing is performed in accordance
513 with drug-testing rules adopted by the Agency for Health Care
514 Administration and the department. ~~If applicable, random drug~~
515 ~~testing must be specified in a collective bargaining agreement~~
516 ~~as negotiated by the appropriate certified bargaining agent~~
517 ~~before such testing is implemented.~~

518 (11) PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN MANDATORY-TESTING SAFETY-SENSITIVE
519 OR SPECIAL-RISK POSITIONS.—

520 (a) If an employee who is employed by a public employer in
521 a mandatory-testing safety-sensitive position enters an employee
522 assistance program or drug rehabilitation program, the employer

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523 must assign the employee to a position other than a mandatory-
524 ~~testing safety-sensitive~~ position or, if such position is not
525 available, place the employee on leave while the employee is
526 participating in the program. However, the employee shall be
527 permitted to use any accumulated annual leave credits before
528 leave may be ordered without pay.

529 (b) An employee who is employed by a public employer in a
530 special-risk position may be discharged or disciplined by a
531 public employer for the first positive confirmed test result if
532 the drug confirmed is an illicit drug under s. 893.03. A
533 special-risk employee who is participating in an employee
534 assistance program or drug rehabilitation program may not be
535 allowed to continue to work in any special-risk or mandatory-
536 ~~testing safety-sensitive~~ position of the public employer, but
537 may be assigned to a position other than a mandatory-testing
538 ~~safety-sensitive~~ position or placed on leave while the employee
539 is participating in the program. However, the employee shall be
540 permitted to use any accumulated annual leave credits before
541 leave may be ordered without pay.

542 Section 3. Section 944.474, Florida Statutes, is amended to
543 read:

544 944.474 Legislative intent; employee wellness program; drug
545 and alcohol testing.—

546 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the state
547 correctional system provide a safe and secure environment for
548 both inmates and staff. A healthy workforce is a productive
549 workforce, and security of the state correctional system can
550 best be provided by strong and healthy employees. The Department
551 of Corrections may develop and implement an employee wellness

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552 program. The program may include, but is not limited to,
553 wellness education, smoking cessation, nutritional education,
554 and overall health-risk reduction, including the effects of
555 using drugs and alcohol.

556 (2) An employee Under no circumstances shall employees of
557 the department may not test positive for illegal use of
558 controlled substances. An employee of the department may not be
559 under the influence of alcohol while on duty. In order to ensure
560 that these prohibitions are adhered to by all employees of the
561 department and notwithstanding s. 112.0455, the department may
562 develop a program for the drug testing of all job applicants and
563 for the random drug testing of all employees. The department may
564 randomly evaluate employees for the contemporaneous use or
565 influence of alcohol through the use of alcohol tests and
566 observation methods. Notwithstanding s. 112.0455, the department
567 may develop a program for the reasonable suspicion drug testing
568 of employees who are in mandatory-testing positions, as defined
569 in s. 440.102(1)(o), safety-sensitive or special risk positions,
570 as defined in s. 112.0455(5), for the controlled substances
571 listed in s. 893.03(3)(d). The reasonable suspicion drug testing
572 authorized by this subsection shall be conducted in accordance
573 with s. 112.0455, but may also include testing upon reasonable
574 suspicion based on violent acts or violent behavior of an
575 employee who is on or off duty. The department shall adopt rules
576 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 that are necessary to
577 administer this subsection.

578 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.