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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Grimsley moved the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 789 - 820

and insert:

agricultural unemployment. In determining whether to provide funds to a particular program, the Department of Economic Opportunity shall consider the location of the program in proximity to the program's intended participants.

(2) The Legislature supports projects that improve the economy in the Everglades Agricultural Area. In recognition of the employment opportunities and economic development generated



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12 by new and expanding industries in the area, such as the
13 Airglades Airport in Hendry County and the development of an
14 inland port in Palm Beach County, the Legislature finds that
15 training the citizens of the state to fill the needs of these
16 industries significantly enhances the economic viability of the
17 region.

18 (3) Funds may be used for grants for tuition for public or
19 private technical or vocational programs and matching grants to
20 employers to conduct employer-based training programs, or for
21 the purchase of equipment to be used for training purposes, the
22 hiring of instructors, or any other purpose directly associated
23 with the program.

24 (4) The Department of Economic Opportunity may not award a
25 grant to any given training program which exceeds 50 percent of
26 the total cost of the program, unless the training program is
27 located within a rural area of opportunity, in which case the
28 grant may exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the program and
29 up to 100 percent. Matching contributions may include in-kind
30 services, including, but not limited to, the provision of
31 training instructors, equipment, and training facilities.

32 (5) Prior to granting a request for funds made in
33 accordance with this section, the Department of Economic
34 Opportunity shall enter into a grant agreement with the
35 requestor of funds and the institution receiving funding through
36 the program. Such agreement must include all of the following
37 information:

38 (a) An identification of the personnel necessary to conduct
39 the instructional program, the qualifications of such personnel,
40 and the respective responsibilities of the parties for paying



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41 costs associated with the employment of such personnel.

42 (b) An identification of the estimated length of the
43 instructional program.

44 (c) An identification of all direct, training-related
45 costs, including tuition and fees, curriculum development, books
46 and classroom materials, and overhead or indirect costs.

47 (d) An identification of special program requirements that
48 are not otherwise addressed in the agreement.

49 (6) The Department of Economic Opportunity may grant up to
50 100 percent of the tuition for a training program participant
51 who currently resides, and has resided for at least three of the
52 five immediately preceding years within the Everglades
53 Agricultural Area as described in s. 373.4592 and in Counties
54 that provide for water storage and dispersed water storage that
55 is located in Rural Areas of Opportunity as describe in s.
56 288.0656.

57 (7) Programs established in the Everglades Agricultural
58 Area must include opportunities to obtain the qualifications and
59 skills necessary for jobs related to federal and state
60 restoration projects, the Airglades Airport in Hendry County, an
61 inland port in Palm Beach County, or other industries with
62 verifiable, demonstrated interest in operating within the
63 Everglades Agricultural Area and in Counties that provide for
64 water storage and dispersed water storage that is located in
65 Rural Areas of Opportunity as describe in s. 288.0656.

66 (8) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall adopt