

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Garcia

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to preapprenticeship and  
3           apprenticeship programs; establishing the Task Force  
4           on Apprenticeship Expansion within the Department of  
5           Economic Opportunity; defining terms; specifying the  
6           duties of the task force; requiring the task force to  
7           be comprised of certain members appointed by a  
8           specified date; providing requirements for meetings of  
9           the task force; requiring task force members to serve  
10          without compensation; requiring the department and the  
11          Department of Education to provide specified  
12          assistance to the task force; requiring the task force  
13          to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by  
14          a specified date; providing for the future expiration  
15          of the task force; providing an effective date.

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17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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19           Section 1. (1) The Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion  
20 is created within the Department of Economic Opportunity.

21           (2) As used in this act, the term:

22           (a) "Apprentice" has the same meaning as defined in s.  
23 446.021, Florida Statutes.

24           (b) "Apprenticeship program" has the same meaning as  
25 defined in s. 446.021, Florida Statutes.

26           (c) "Preapprentice" has the same meaning as defined in s.  
27 446.021, Florida Statutes.

28           (d) "Preapprenticeship program" has the same meaning as  
29 defined in s. 446.021, Florida Statutes.

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30 (e) "School district" has the same meaning as defined in s.  
31 595.402, Florida Statutes.

32 (f) "Targeted industry" means a corporate headquarters  
33 business or a target industry business as defined in s.  
34 288.106(2), Florida Statutes.

35 (3) The task force shall:

36 (a) Seek information from representatives of and experts in  
37 the state's targeted industries regarding unmet workforce needs  
38 that could be addressed through the expansion of  
39 preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs without impacting  
40 currently registered programs. Such information may be submitted  
41 in writing or electronically or gathered through in-person  
42 meetings and panel discussions.

43 (b) Examine and make legislative and administrative  
44 recommendations regarding topics including:

45 1. Increasing recruitment of women, members of minority  
46 groups, low-income individuals, veterans, and individuals with  
47 disabilities into registered preapprenticeship and  
48 apprenticeship programs.

49 2. Enhancing articulation between middle school curriculum;  
50 high school career and technical education programs, including  
51 registered preapprenticeship programs; registered apprenticeship  
52 programs; postsecondary institution curriculum; and workforce  
53 needs.

54 3. Ensuring the effective delivery of information regarding  
55 career and technical education opportunities, including  
56 registered preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs, to the  
57 general public, school districts, school administrators, school  
58 guidance counselors, and students enrolled in grades K-12 and

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59 their parents or guardians.

60 4. Implementing a sustainable model for the funding of  
61 registered preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs,  
62 including the development of additional revenue sources,  
63 expansion of public-private partnerships, establishment of  
64 student scholarships, and replacement of funds lost through  
65 remission of tuition and fees.

66 5. Instituting limited income tax credits or economic  
67 development incentives for taxpayers employing preapprentices or  
68 apprentices through a registered preapprenticeship or  
69 apprenticeship program.

70 6. Guaranteeing access for enrollees in registered  
71 preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs ages 16 and 17 to  
72 all appropriate learning opportunities consistent with the  
73 provisions of federal worker compensation and child labor laws.

74 (c) Consider additional topics including:

75 1. The impact of changes to federal laws and administrative  
76 policies regarding career and technical education, secondary  
77 institution curriculum, and workforce needs.

78 2. The best practices in other states that have  
79 successfully expanded registered preapprenticeship and  
80 apprenticeship programs.

81 3. The best practices in benchmark occupational standards  
82 and apprenticeship program models to initiate globally  
83 competitive workforce training programs in the state.

84 (4) The task force is comprised of the following 20  
85 members, who shall be appointed no later than July 31, 2018:

86 (a) A member of the Senate appointed by the President of  
87 the Senate.

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88 (b) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by  
89 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

90 (c) A member appointed by the Florida Chamber of Commerce.

91 (d) A member appointed by the National Federation of  
92 Independent Business/Florida.

93 (e) A member appointed by the Florida AFL-CIO.

94 (f) A member appointed by the Florida Education  
95 Association.

96 (g) A member appointed by the United Faculty of Florida.

97 (h) A member appointed by the Florida High Tech Corridor  
98 Council.

99 (i) A member appointed by the Associated General  
100 Contractors of Greater Florida.

101 (j) The Chancellor of the Division of Career and Adult  
102 Education, or his or her designee.

103 (k) The Chancellor of the Division of Florida Colleges, or  
104 his or her designee.

105 (l) The Chancellor of the State University System, or his  
106 or her designee.

107 (m) A member appointed by the Association of Florida  
108 Colleges.

109 (n) A member appointed by the Florida Association of  
110 Postsecondary Schools and Colleges.

111 (o) A member appointed by the executive director of the  
112 Department of Economic Opportunity.

113 (p) A member appointed by the President and CEO of  
114 CareerSource Florida.

115 (q) A member appointed by the Florida League of Cities.

116 (r) A member appointed by the Florida Association of

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117 Counties.

118 (s) A member appointed by the Florida Building and  
119 Construction Trades Council.

120 (t) A member appointed by the Florida Association of  
121 Apprenticeship Administrators.

122 (5) The task force shall elect a chair from among its  
123 members.

124 (6) (a) The task force shall meet as often as necessary to  
125 fulfill its goals, but not fewer than three times.

126 (b) The first meeting of the task force must be held no  
127 later than August 15, 2018.

128 (c) Task force meetings may be conducted by conference  
129 call, teleconferencing, or similar technology.

130 (7) Task force members shall serve without compensation.

131 (8) The Department of Economic Opportunity and the  
132 Department of Education shall provide such assistance as is  
133 reasonably necessary to assist the task force in accomplishing  
134 its goals.

135 (9) The task force shall submit a report detailing its  
136 activities and findings to the Governor, the President of the  
137 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by March  
138 1, 2019.

139 (10) This act expires July 31, 2019.

140 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.