

Committee on Commerce and Tourism

CS/HB 7019 — Workforce Services

by Economic Affairs Committee; Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; and Rep. Drake and others (CS/SB 7002 by Fiscal Policy Committee and Commerce and Tourism Committee)

The bill changes the name of Workforce Florida, Inc., to CareerSource Florida, Inc., in the Florida Statutes. The bill also creates a 20-member task force to develop the state's plan for implementing the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA). The task force must organize by June 1, 2015, and administrative support for the task force will be provided by CareerSource Florida, Inc. Task force members are to serve without compensation but are entitled to be paid per diem and reimbursed for travel expenses, which must be paid from the funds budgeted to the state agency or entity that the member represents. The task force's recommendations must include:

- A review of the current workforce service delivery system and recommendations for inclusiveness of programs;
- A regional planning design;
- A one-stop service delivery design;
- A plan for integrating economic development, workforce development, and the state's education system; and
- A plan for developing sector strategies and career pathways.

The board of directors of CareerSource Florida, Inc., must approve the task force's recommendations for the implementation of WIOA, and the task force must submit its approved recommendations in a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1, 2015. CareerSource Florida, Inc., must incorporate the task force's recommendations in the approved state plan required under WIOA, which must be submitted to the United States Department of Labor, with copies to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The task force is abolished June 30, 2016, or at an earlier date as provided by the task force.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 111-0