

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a “no” above, please explain:

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

The State Apprenticeship Advisory Council (Council) is composed of 13 members, and serves as advisory to the Department of Education (Department). The purpose of the Council is to advise the Department on matters relating to apprenticeship. The advisory council may not establish policy, adopt rules, or consider whether particular apprenticeship programs should be approved by the division.¹

Members of the Council are appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by two nominating committees.² The Governor appoints two three member nominating committees that are charged with submitting the names of three nominees for each vacancy that occurs on the Council. One of the two nominating committees represents joint employee organizations.³ The second nominating committee represents nonjoint employee organizations.⁴ The two nominating committees submit names only if there are vacancies on the State Apprenticeship Advisory Council from their type of employee organization.

According to a representative with the Department of Education, the Governor’s Office has not been able to make appointments to the State Apprenticeship Advisory Council because there has been no interest among citizens to serve on the nominating committee that is charged with recommending candidates for the council.

Effect of Proposed Changes

HB 609 amends s. 446.045, F.S. to require the Governor to directly appoint the members of the State Apprenticeship Advisory Council and deletes the requirement for a nominating committee to appoint candidates for the Council. The bill also deletes language relating to the initial terms of Council members. All members appointed to the Council under the bill will serve 4-year terms.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends s. 446.045, F.S. to require the Governor to directly appoint the members of the State Apprenticeship Advisory Council and deletes the requirement for a nominating committee to appoint candidates for the Council. This section also alters the terms of the members of the Council.

Section 2. Provides that this bill takes effect upon becoming law.

¹ See s. 446.045(2)(a), F.S.

² See s. 446.045(2)(a), F.S.

³ A “joint employee organization” is an apprenticeship sponsor that participates in a collective bargaining agreement and represents employees. See s. 446.045(1)(a), F.S.

⁴ A “nonjoint employee organization” is an apprenticeship sponsor that does not participate in a collective bargaining agreement and represents management. See s. 446.045(1)(b), F.S.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

According to a representative with the Department of Education, the bill does not have a significant fiscal impact on state government. This bill does not change the composition or duties of the Council but only changes the method of appointing members.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take an action requiring the expenditure of funds. This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities. This bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities have to raise revenues.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

This bill refers to the Division of Workforce Development within the Department of Education. That division was abolished by chapter 2002-387, Laws of Florida. The sponsor has indicated she will file an amendment to correct the reference.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

N/A