

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Florida Ready to Work Certification
 3 Program; creating s. 1004.99, F.S.; creating the program
 4 to enhance student workplace skills; providing for
 5 implementation; providing program components; authorizing
 6 rulemaking; providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Section 1004.99, Florida Statutes, is created
 11 to read:

12 1004.99 Florida Ready to Work Certification Program.--

13 (1) There is created the Florida Ready to Work
 14 Certification Program to enhance the workplace skills of
 15 Florida's students to better prepare them for successful entry-
 16 level employment in specific occupations.

17 (2) The Florida Ready to Work Certification Program may be
 18 conducted in public high schools, community colleges, technical
 19 centers, one-stop career centers, vocational rehabilitation
 20 centers, and Department of Juvenile Justice educational
 21 facilities. The Department of Education shall establish
 22 institutional readiness criteria for program implementation.

23 (3) The Florida Ready to Work Certification Program shall
 24 be composed of:

25 (a) A comprehensive identification of workplace skills for
 26 each occupation identified for inclusion in the program by the
 27 Agency for Workforce Innovation.

28 (b) A preinstructional assessment that delineates the
29 student's mastery level on the specific workplace skills
30 identified for that occupation.

31 (c) A targeted instructional program limited to those
32 identified workplace skills in which the student is not
33 proficient as measured by the preinstructional assessment.
34 Instruction must utilize a web-based program and be customized
35 to meet identified specific needs of local employers.

36 (d) A certificate and portfolio awarded to students upon
37 successful completion of the instruction. Each portfolio must
38 delineate the skills demonstrated by the student as evidence of
39 the student's preparation for employment.

40 (4) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
41 Agency for Workforce Innovation, may adopt rules pursuant to ss.
42 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this
43 section.

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.