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 ${\bf By}$  the Committee on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; and Senator Fasano

606-2253-07 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to youth work experience 3 programs; amending s. 334.351, F.S.; requiring 4 nonprofit youth organizations that contract 5 with the Department of Transportation for the б purpose of operating youth work experience 7 programs to certify that the program 8 participants are residents of the state and 9 possess valid identification; specifying 10 criteria for the department to consider in awarding contracts to such organizations; 11 12 requiring that the nonprofit youth 13 organizations submit certain reports and audits to the department and demonstrate participation 14 in a peer assessment or review process; 15 16 providing an effective date. 17 18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 19 Section 1. Section 334.351, Florida Statutes, is 20 21 amended to read: 334.351 Youth work experience program; findings and 22 23 intent; authority to contract; limitation. --(1) The Legislature finds and declares that young men 2.4 and women of the state should be given an opportunity to 25 26 obtain public service work and training experience that 27 protects and conserves the valuable resources of the state and 2.8 promotes participation in other community enhancement 29 projects. Notwithstanding the requirements of chapters 287 and 337, the Department of Transportation is authorized to 30 contract with public agencies and nonprofit organizations for 31

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1 the performance of work related to the construction and 2 maintenance of transportation-related facilities by youths enrolled in youth work experience programs. The total amount 3 of contracts entered into by the department under this section 4 5 in any fiscal year may not exceed the amount specifically б appropriated by the Legislature for this program. 7 (2) Each nonprofit youth organization that provides 8 services under a contract with the department must certify that each young person enrolled in its work experience program 9 10 is a resident of this state and possesses a valid Florida driver's license or identification card. 11 12 (3) When selecting a nonprofit youth organization to 13 perform work on transportation-related facilities and before awarding a contract under this section, the department must 14 consider the following criteria: 15 (a) The number of participants receiving 16 17 life-management skills training; 18 (b) The number of participants receiving high school 19 diplomas or GEDs; (c) The number of participants receiving scholarships; 20 21 (d) The number of participants receiving bonuses; 22 (e) The number of participants who have secured 23 full-time jobs; and 2.4 (f) The other programs or services that support the development of disadvantaged youths. 25 26 (4) Each nonprofit youth organization under contract 27 with the department must: 2.8 (a) Submit an annual report to the department by January 1 of each year. The report must include, but need not 29 30 be limited to, the applicable performance of the organization 31

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1 when measured by the criteria in subsection (3) for the 2 organization's most recently completed fiscal year. 3 (b) Submit an independent audit of the organization's 4 financial records to the department each year. The 5 organization's contract with the department must allow the 6 department the right to inspect the organization's financial 7 and program records. 8 (c) Demonstrate participation in a peer assessment or 9 review process, such as the Excellence in Corps Operations of 10 the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 11 12 13 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR Senate Bill 1134 14 15 The Committee Substitute (CS) for Senate Bill 1134 provides 16 eligibility criteria for participation in the Department of Transportation's (FDOT) youth work experience program. Nonprofit organizations that perform work related to the 17 18 construction and maintenance of transportation-related facilities by youths enrolled in youth work experience programs must meet specific eligibility criteria in order to 19 participate in the FDOT's youth work experience program. 20 21 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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