

By the Committees on Transportation and Economic Development  
Appropriations; Commerce; and Senator Bennett

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to workforce innovation; amending s.  
3 445.007, F.S.; authorizing designation of a regional  
4 workforce board as a one-stop operator and direct provider  
5 of certain services by agreement of the chief elected  
6 official and the Governor; requiring that Workforce  
7 Florida, Inc., establish procedures for a regional  
8 workforce board to request permission to operate and the  
9 criteria for granting such permission; providing for the  
10 permission to operate not exceed a certain period;  
11 providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 445.007, Florida  
16 Statutes, is amended, present subsections (6) through (8) of that  
17 section are redesignated as subsections (7) through (9),  
18 respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added to that section,  
19 to read:

20 445.007 Regional workforce boards.--

21 (5) Workforce Florida, Inc., shall implement a training  
22 program for the regional workforce boards to familiarize board  
23 members with the state's workforce development goals and  
24 strategies.

25 (6) The regional workforce board shall designate all local  
26 service providers and may ~~shall~~ not transfer this authority to a  
27 third party. ~~In order to exercise independent oversight,~~ The  
28 regional workforce board may ~~shall not~~ be designated as a one-  
29 stop operator and direct provider of intake, assessment,

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30 eligibility determinations, or other direct provider services  
31 except training services. Such designation may occur only with  
32 the agreement of the chief elected official and the Governor as  
33 specified in 29 U.S.C. s. 2832(f)(2). Workforce Florida, Inc.,  
34 shall establish procedures by which a regional workforce board  
35 may request permission to operate under this section and the  
36 criteria under which such permission may be granted. The criteria  
37 shall include, but need not be limited to, a reduction in the  
38 cost of providing the permitted services. Such permission shall  
39 be granted for a period not to exceed 3 years for any single  
40 request submitted by the regional workforce board.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.