1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to higher education; amending s.
3	446.021, F.S.; revising definitions relating to state
4	apprenticeship and job-training programs; amending s.
5	446.032, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s.
6	446.045, F.S.; revising criteria for certain
7	appointments to the State Apprenticeship Advisory
8	Council; amending s. 446.081, F.S.; limiting
9	applicability of state apprenticeship and job-training
10	program requirements with respect to certain
11	provisions for veterans, minority persons, and women;
12	amending s. 446.091, F.S.; conforming provisions;
13	amending s. 446.092, F.S.; revising criteria for
14	apprenticeship occupations; amending s. 1001.03, F.S.;
15	deleting an obsolete prohibition relating to the
16	approval of certain baccalaureate degree program
17	proposals; amending s. 1001.44, F.S.; revising
18	requirements for the establishment and operation of
19	career centers; providing requirements for a career
20	center to be designated as a technical college;
21	amending s. 1002.34, F.S.; providing requirements for
22	a charter technical career center to be designated as
23	a charter technical college; amending s. 1002.345,
24	F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s.
25	1004.015, F.S.; revising the membership of the Higher
26	Education Coordinating Council; amending s. 1004.02,

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27 F.S.; revising definitions relating to public 28 postsecondary education; renaming the applied 29 technology diploma program as the college credit 30 certificate program; amending s. 1004.92, F.S.; 31 revising the program standards for career, adult, and community education programs; providing for 32 33 rulemaking; amending ss. 1007.23 and 1007.25, F.S.; 34 conforming provisions; amending s. 1007.33, F.S.; 35 deleting provisions authorizing St. Petersburg College to establish additional baccalaureate degree programs 36 37 under certain circumstances; deleting an obsolete 38 provision; amending s. 1008.30, F.S.; deleting a 39 requirement for high schools to evaluate certain students using results from specified assessments; 40 deleting requirements for the use of the evaluation 41 42 results and required instruction based on certain evaluation results; deleting an exemption from the 43 common placement assessment and required developmental 44 45 education instruction; providing that certain students 46 may enroll in a gateway course under certain 47 circumstances; amending s. 1008.46, F.S.; revising the date by which an annual accountability report must be 48 submitted by the Board of Governors of the State 49 50 University System; amending s. 1009.22, F.S.; revising tuition and fees for specific workforce education 51 52 programs; amending ss. 1009.53, 1009.532, and

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53 1009.536, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; conforming 54 55 provisions; requiring school districts and Florida College System institutions to maintain certain 56 57 records; revising operational and performance funding calculation and allocation for workforce education 58 59 programs; deleting provisions relating to a program to 60 assist in responding to the needs of new and expanding businesses; providing an effective date. 61 62 63 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 64 65 Subsections (2), (4), and (9) of section Section 1. 66 446.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 67 446.021 Definitions of terms used in ss. 446.011-446.092.-68 As used in ss. 446.011-446.092, the term: 69 "Apprentice" means a person at least 16 years of age (2)70 who is engaged in learning a recognized skilled trade through 71 actual work experience under the supervision of a journeyworker 72 journeymen craftsmen, which training should be combined with 73 properly coordinated studies of related technical and 74 supplementary subjects, and who has entered into a written 75 agreement, which may be cited as an apprentice agreement, with a 76 registered apprenticeship sponsor who may be either an employer, 77 an association of employers, or a local joint apprenticeship 78 committee.

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79 "Journeyworker Journeyman" means a worker who has (4) attained a level of skill and the abilities and competencies 80 81 recognized within an industry as having mastered the skills and 82 competencies required for the occupation. The term includes a mentor, technician, or specialist or other skilled worker who 83 84 has documented sufficient skills and knowledge of an occupation, 85 either through formal apprenticeship or through practical on-86 the-job experience and formal training person working in an 87 apprenticeable occupation who has successfully completed a 88 registered apprenticeship program or who has worked the number 89 of years required by established industry practices for the 90 particular trade or occupation. 91 "Related instruction" means an organized and (9) 92 systematic form of instruction designed to provide the 93 apprentice with knowledge of the theoretical and technical 94 subjects related to a specific trade or occupation. Such 95 instruction may be given in a classroom, through occupational or industrial courses or correspondence courses of equivalent 96 97 value, through electronic media, or through other forms of self-98 study approved by the department. 99 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 446.032, Florida 100 Statutes, is amended to read: 101 446.032 General duties of the department for 102 apprenticeship training.-The department shall: 103 Establish uniform minimum standards and policies (1)104 governing apprentice programs and agreements. The standards and Page 4 of 41

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105 policies shall govern the terms and conditions of the apprentice's employment and training, including the quality 106 107 training of the apprentice for, but not limited to, such matters as ratios of apprentices to journeyworkers journeymen, safety, 108 related instruction, and on-the-job training; but these 109 110 standards and policies may not include rules, standards, or 111 guidelines that require the use of apprentices and job trainees on state, county, or municipal contracts. The department may 112 adopt rules necessary to administer the standards and policies. 113

Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 446.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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446.045 State Apprenticeship Advisory Council.-

117 The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's (2) (b) designee shall serve ex officio as chair of the State 118 119 Apprenticeship Advisory Council, but may not vote. The state director of the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States 120 121 Department of Labor shall serve ex officio as a nonvoting member of the council. The Governor shall appoint to the council four 122 123 members representing employee organizations and four members 124 representing employer organizations. Each of these eight members 125 shall represent industries that have registered apprenticeship 126 programs. The Governor shall also appoint two public members who 127 are knowledgeable about registered apprenticeship and 128 apprenticeable occupations and who are independent of any joint 129 or nonjoint organization, one of whom shall be recommended by 130 joint organizations, and one of whom shall be recommended by

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131 nonjoint organizations. Members shall be appointed for 4-year staggered terms. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of 132 133 the unexpired term. Section 4. Subsection (4) is added to section 446.081, 134 135 Florida Statutes, to read: 446.081 Limitation.-136 137 (4) Nothing in ss. 446.011-446.092 or in any rules 138 adopted, or in any apprentice agreement approved, under those 139 sections shall operate to invalidate any special provision for 140 veterans, minority persons, or women in the standards, 141 apprentice qualifications, or operation of the program, which is not otherwise prohibited by law, executive order, or authorized 142 143 regulation. Section 5. Section 446.091, Florida Statutes, is amended 144 145 to read: 146 446.091 On-the-job training program.-All provisions of ss. 147 446.011-446.092 relating to apprenticeship and 148 preapprenticeship, including, but not limited to, programs, 149 agreements, standards, administration, procedures, definitions, 150 expenditures, local committees, powers and duties, limitations, 151 grievances, and ratios of apprentices and job trainees to 152 journeyworkers journeymen on state, county, and municipal 153 contracts, shall be appropriately adapted and made applicable to 154 a program of on-the-job training authorized under those 155 provisions for persons other than apprentices. 156 Section 6. Section 446.092, Florida Statutes, is amended

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157 to read:

158 446.092 Criteria for apprenticeship occupations.—An 159 apprenticeable occupation is a skilled trade which possesses all 160 of the following characteristics:

161 (1) It is customarily learned in a practical way through a
162 structured, systematic program of on-the-job, supervised
163 training.

164 (2) It is <u>clearly identified and</u> commonly recognized
165 throughout <u>an</u> the industry or recognized with a positive view
166 towards changing technology.

167 (3) It involves manual, mechanical, or technical skills
168 and knowledge which, in accordance with the industry standards
169 for the occupation, would require a minimum of 2,000 hours of
170 on-the-job work and training, which hours are excluded from the
171 time spent at related instruction.

(4) It requires related instruction to supplement on-thejob training. Such instruction may be given in a classroom,
through occupational or industrial courses or through
correspondence courses of equivalent value, through electronic
media, or through other forms of self-study approved by the
department.

178 (5) It involves the development of skill sufficiently 179 broad to be applicable in like occupations throughout an 180 industry, rather than of restricted application to the products 181 or services of any one company.

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(6) It does not fall into any of the following categories:

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183	(a) Selling, retailing, or similar occupations in the
184	distributive field.
185	(b) Managerial occupations.
186	(c) Professional and scientific vocations for which
187	entrance requirements customarily require an academic degree.
188	Section 7. Subsection (15) of section 1001.03, Florida
189	Statutes, is amended to read:
190	1001.03 Specific powers of State Board of Education
191	(15) FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM INSTITUTION BACCALAUREATE
192	DEGREE PROGRAMSThe State Board of Education shall provide for
193	the review and approval of proposals by Florida College System
194	institutions to offer baccalaureate degree programs pursuant to
195	s. 1007.33. A Florida College System institution, as defined in
196	s. 1000.21, that is approved to offer baccalaureate degrees
197	pursuant to s. 1007.33 remains under the authority of the State
198	Board of Education and the Florida College System institution's
199	board of trustees. The State Board of Education may not approve
200	Florida College System institution baccalaureate degree program
201	proposals from March 31, 2014, through May 31, 2015.
202	Section 8. Section 1001.44, Florida Statutes, is amended
203	to read:
204	(Substantial rewording of section. See
205	s. 1001.44, F.S., for present text.)
206	1001.44 Career centers; designation as technical
207	colleges
208	(1) In order to provide additional career pathways, career
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209	centers shall support and enhance a competitive workforce by
210	offering high-quality career and technical education programs
211	that prepare graduates for current and emerging careers.
212	(2) (a) A career center is an educational institution that
213	offers postsecondary career and technical education programs and
214	is under the control of the district school board of the school
215	district in which the center is located. A district school
216	board, after first obtaining the approval of the Commissioner of
217	Education, may organize, establish, and operate a career center
218	or acquire and operate a career center previously established. A
219	career center that uses the "technical college" designation
220	pursuant to subsection (3) remains under the control of the
221	district school board of the school district in which the center
222	is located.
223	(b) The district school boards of two or more contiguous
224	districts may, after first obtaining the approval of the
225	commissioner, enter into an agreement to organize, establish,
226	and operate, or acquire and operate, a career center under this
227	section.
228	(3) With the approval of its district school board, a
229	career center may use the designation "technical college" only
230	if it meets the following requirements:
231	(a) Offers college credit certificate programs or
232	technical certificate programs that are terminal in nature; and
233	(b) Offers only career and technical education programs
234	that are approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the
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235 United States Department of Education. 236 (4) A career center shall maintain an academic transcript 237 for each student enrolled in the center. A student's transcript 238 shall include each course completed, credit earned, and 239 credentials earned by the student. Each course shall be 240 delineated by the course prefix and title assigned pursuant to 241 s. 1007.24. A career center shall make each student's transcript 242 available to that student. 243 (5) A career center shall annually, and upon the request 244 of the state board, the Chancellor of Career and Adult 245 Education, or the Legislature, report on the career center's 246 status using the following performance and compliance 247 indicators: 248 (a) Obtaining and maintaining appropriate accreditation. (b) Maintaining qualified faculty and institutional 249 250 resources. 251 (c) Maintaining enrollment in previously approved 252 programs. 253 (d) Managing fiscal resources appropriately. (e) Measuring program success, including program 254 255 completions, placements, licensures, and employer satisfaction 256 with the job performance of graduates. 257 Section 9. Subsections (4) through (19) of section 258 1002.34, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) 259 through (20), respectively, present subsection (4) and 260 paragraphs (b) and (g) of present subsection (11) are amended, Page 10 of 41

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261 and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read: 262 1002.34 Charter technical career centers; designation as 263 <u>charter technical colleges</u>.-264 <u>(4) PROGRAMS.-With the approval of its board of directors,</u> 265 <u>a charter technical career center may use the designation</u> 266 <u>"charter technical college" only if it meets the following</u> 267 requirements:

268 (a) Offers college credit certificate programs or
 269 technical certificate programs that are terminal in nature; and
 270 (b) Offers only career and technical education programs
 271 that are approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the
 272 United States Department of Education.

273 (5) (4) CHARTER.-A sponsor may designate centers as 274 provided in this section. An application to establish a center 275 may be submitted by a sponsor or another organization that is 276 determined, by rule of the State Board of Education, to be 277 appropriate. However, an independent school is not eligible for status as a center. The charter must be signed by the governing 278 279 body of the center and the sponsor and must be approved by the 280 district school board and Florida College System institution 281 board of trustees in whose geographic region the facility is located. If a charter technical career center is established by 282 283 the conversion to charter status of a public technical center 284 formerly governed by a district school board, the charter status 285 of that center takes precedence in any question of governance. 286 The governance of the center or of any program within the center

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287 remains with its board of directors unless the board agrees to a change in governance or its charter is revoked as provided in 288 289 subsection (16) (15). Such a conversion charter technical career 290 center is not affected by a change in the governance of public 291 technical centers or of programs within other centers that are or have been governed by district school boards. A charter 292 293 technical career center, or any program within such a center, 294 that was governed by a district school board and transferred to 295 a Florida College System institution prior to the effective date 296 of this act is not affected by this provision. An applicant who 297 wishes to establish a center must submit to the district school 298 board or Florida College System institution board of trustees, 299 or a consortium of one or more of each, an application on a form 300 developed by the Department of Education which includes:

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(a) The name of the proposed center.

(b) The proposed structure of the center, including a list of proposed members of the board of directors or a description of the qualifications for and method of their appointment or election.

306 (c) The workforce development goals of the center, the 307 curriculum to be offered, and the outcomes and the methods of 308 assessing the extent to which the outcomes are met.

309 (d) The admissions policy and criteria for evaluating the310 admission of students.

311 (e) A description of the staff responsibilities and the312 proposed qualifications of the teaching staff.

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313 (f) A description of the procedures to be implemented to 314 ensure significant involvement of representatives of business 315 and industry in the operation of the center.

(g) A method for determining whether a student has satisfied the requirements for graduation specified in s. 1002.3105(5), s. 1003.4281, or s. 1003.4282 and for completion of a postsecondary certificate or degree.

320 (h) A method for granting secondary and postsecondary321 diplomas, certificates, and degrees.

322 (i) A description of and address for the physical facility323 in which the center will be located.

(j) A method for resolving conflicts between the governing
body of the center and the sponsor and between consortium
members, if applicable.

327 (k) A method for reporting student data as required by law328 and rule.

329 (1) A statement that the applicant has participated in the330 training provided by the Department of Education.

331 (m) The identity of all relatives employed by the charter 332 technical career center who are related to the center owner, 333 president, chairperson of the governing board of directors, 334 superintendent, governing board member, principal, assistant 335 principal, or any other person employed by the center who has 336 equivalent decisionmaking authority. As used in this paragraph, 337 the term "relative" means father, mother, son, daughter, 338 brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece,

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husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister.

343 (n) Other information required by the district school 344 board or Florida College System institution board of trustees. 345

346 Students at a center must meet the same testing and academic 347 performance standards as those established by law and rule for 348 students at public schools and public technical centers. The 349 students must also meet any additional assessment indicators 350 that are included within the charter approved by the district 351 school board or Florida College System institution board of 352 trustees.

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(12)(11) FUNDING.-

354 Each district school board and Florida College System (b) 355 institution that sponsors a charter technical career center 356 shall pay directly to the center an amount stated in the 357 charter. State funding shall be generated for the center for its 358 student enrollment and program outcomes as provided in law. A 359 center is eligible for funding from workforce education funds, 360 the Florida Education Finance Program, and the Florida College 361 System Program Fund, depending upon the programs offered 362 conducted by the center, pursuant to s. 1011.80.

363 (g) A center must <u>describe</u> define in the charter agreement
 364 the delivery system in which the instructional offering of

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365 educational services will be placed. The rules governing this delivery system must be applied to all of the center's students 366 367 and must authorize all other sponsoring educational systems to report required enrollment and student data based solely on the 368 rules of the offering institution. Each sponsor shall earn full-369 370 time equivalent membership for each student for funding and 371 reporting purposes.

372 Section 10. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (1) and 373 paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 1002.345, Florida 374 Statutes, are amended to read:

375 1002.345 Determination of deteriorating financial 376 conditions and financial emergencies for charter schools and 377 charter technical career centers.-This section applies to 378 charter schools operating pursuant to s. 1002.33 and to charter 379 technical career centers operating pursuant to s. 1002.34.

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(1) EXPEDITED REVIEW; REQUIREMENTS.-

381 (a) A charter school or a charter technical career center 382 is subject to an expedited review by the sponsor if one of the 383 following occurs:

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Failure to provide for an audit required by s. 218.39. 1. 385 2. Failure to comply with reporting requirements pursuant 386 to s. 1002.33(9) or s. 1002.34(12)(f) or (15) 1002.34(11)(f) or

387 (14).

388 A deteriorating financial condition identified through 3. 389 an annual audit pursuant to s. 218.39(5), a monthly financial 390 statement pursuant to s. 1002.33(9)(q) or s. 1002.34(12)(f)

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391 1002.34(11)(f), or a quarterly financial statement pursuant to 392 s. 1002.331(2)(c). "Deteriorating financial condition" means a 393 circumstance that significantly impairs the ability of a charter 394 school or a charter technical career center to generate enough 395 revenues to meet its expenditures without causing the occurrence 396 of a condition described in s. 218.503(1).

397 4. Notification pursuant to s. 218.503(2) that one or more 398 of the conditions specified in s. 218.503(1) have occurred or 399 will occur if action is not taken to assist the charter school 400 or charter technical career center.

(d) The governing board shall include the corrective action plan and the status of its implementation in the annual progress report to the sponsor which is required pursuant to s. 1002.33(9)(k) or s. 1002.34(15) 1002.34(14).

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(2) FINANCIAL EMERGENCY; REQUIREMENTS.-

(b) The governing board shall include the financial
recovery plan and the status of its implementation in the annual
progress report to the sponsor which is required under s.
1002.33(9)(k) or s. <u>1002.34(15)</u> 1002.34(14).

Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 1004.015, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

412 1004.015 Higher Education Coordinating Council.-

413 (2) Members of the council shall include:

(a) One member of the Board of Governors, appointed by thechair of the Board of Governors.

(b) The Chancellor of the State University System.

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417	(c) The Chancellor of the Florida College System.
418	(d) The Chancellor of Career and Adult Education.
419	<u>(e)</u> One member of the State Board of Education,
420	appointed by the chair of the State Board of Education.
421	<u>(f)</u> The Executive Director of the Florida Association
422	of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges.
423	(g) (f) The president of the Independent Colleges and
424	Universities of Florida.
425	<u>(h)</u> The president of Workforce Florida, Inc., or his or
426	her designee.
427	<u>(i)</u> The president of Enterprise Florida, Inc., or a
428	designated member of the Stakeholders Council appointed by the
429	president.
430	<u>(j) (i)</u> Three representatives of the business community,
431	one appointed by the President of the Senate, one appointed by
432	the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one appointed
433	by the Governor, who are committed to developing and enhancing
434	world class workforce infrastructure necessary for Florida's
435	citizens to compete and prosper in the ever-changing economy of
436	the 21st century.
437	Section 12. Subsections (7) and (25) of section 1004.02,
438	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
439	1004.02 DefinitionsAs used in this chapter:
440	(7) " <u>College credit certificate</u> Applied technology diploma
441	program" means a course of study that is part of a technical
442	degree program, is less than 60 credit hours, and leads to
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443 employment in a specific occupation. An applied technology 444 diploma program may consist of either technical credit or 445 college credit. A public school district may offer an applied 446 technology diploma program only as technical credit, with 447 college credit awarded to a student upon articulation to a 448 Florida College System institution. Statewide articulation among 449 public schools and Florida College System institutions is 450 guaranteed by s. $1007.23_{\overline{r}}$ and is subject to guidelines and 451 standards adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to 452 ss. 1007.24 and 1007.25.

(25) "Workforce education" means adult general education or career education and may consist of a continuing workforce education course or a program of study leading to an occupational completion point, a career certificate, <u>a college</u> <u>credit certificate</u> an applied technology diploma, or a career degree.

459 Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 460 1004.92, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is 461 added to that section, to read:

462 1004.92 Purpose and responsibilities for career 463 education.-

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(b) Department of Education accountability for careereducation includes, but is not limited to:

467 1. The provision of timely, accurate technical assistance468 to school districts and Florida College System institutions.

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469 2. The provision of timely, accurate information to the470 State Board of Education, the Legislature, and the public.

3. The development of policies, rules, and procedures that
facilitate institutional attainment of the accountability
standards and coordinate the efforts of all divisions within the
department.

475 4. The development of program standards and industry-476 driven benchmarks for career, adult, and community education 477 programs, which must be updated every 3 years. The standards 478 must <u>reflect the quality components of a career and technical</u> 479 <u>education program and</u> include career, academic, and workplace 480 skills; viability of distance learning for instruction; and 481 work/learn cycles that are responsive to business and industry.

482 5. Overseeing school district and Florida College System483 institution compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

6. Ensuring that the educational outcomes for the
technical component of career programs are uniform and designed
to provide a graduate who is capable of entering the workforce
on an equally competitive basis regardless of the institution of
choice.

489 <u>(4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to</u> 490 administer this section.

491 Section 14. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 1007.23,
492 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

- 493 1007.23 Statewide articulation agreement.-
- (1) The State Board of Education and the Board of

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Governors shall enter into a statewide articulation agreement which the State Board of Education shall adopt by rule. The agreement must preserve Florida's "2+2" system of articulation, facilitate the seamless articulation of student credit across and among Florida's educational entities, and reinforce the provisions of this chapter by governing:

(a) Articulation between secondary and postsecondary
 education.+

(b) Admission of associate in arts degree graduates from
 Florida College System institutions and state universities.+

505 (c) Admission of <u>college credit certificate</u> applied 506 technology diploma program graduates from Florida College System 507 institutions or career centers.;

(d) Admission of associate in science degree and associate in applied science degree graduates from Florida College System institutions.;

(e) The use of acceleration mechanisms, including nationally standardized examinations through which students may earn credit.;

(f) General education requirements and statewide course numbers as provided for in ss. 1007.24 and 1007.25.; and

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(g) Articulation among programs in nursing.

517 (4) The articulation agreement must guarantee the
518 statewide articulation of appropriate workforce development
519 programs and courses between school districts and Florida
520 College System institutions and specifically provide that every

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521 <u>college credit certificate</u> applied technology diploma graduate 522 must be granted the same amount of credit upon admission to an 523 associate in science degree or associate in applied science 524 degree program unless it is a limited access program. Preference 525 for admission must be given to graduates who are residents of 526 Florida.

527 Section 15. Subsections (2) and (11) of section 1007.25, 528 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

529 1007.25 General education courses; common prerequisites; 530 other degree requirements.—

(2) The department shall identify postsecondary career
education programs offered by Florida College System
institutions and district school boards. The department shall
also identify career courses designated as college credit
courses applicable toward a <u>college credit certificate</u> career
education diploma or degree. Such courses must be identified
within the statewide course numbering system.

538 The Commissioner of Education shall appoint faculty (11)539 committees representing both Florida College System institution 540 and public school faculties to recommend to the commissioner for 541 approval by the State Board of Education a standard program 542 length and appropriate occupational completion points for each 543 postsecondary career certificate program, college credit 544 certificate diploma, and degree offered by a school district or 545 a Florida College System institution.

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Section 16. Subsection (4) of section 1007.33, Florida

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- 547 Statutes, is amended to read:
- 548 1007.33 Site-determined baccalaureate degree access.-
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(4) A Florida College System institution may:

(a) Offer specified baccalaureate degree programs through
formal agreements between the Florida College System institution
and other regionally accredited postsecondary educational
institutions pursuant to s. 1007.22.

(b) Offer baccalaureate degree programs that were authorized by law before prior to July 1, 2009.

(c) Beginning July 1, 2009, establish a first or subsequent baccalaureate degree program for purposes of meeting district, regional, or statewide workforce needs if approved by the State Board of Education under this section.

561 Beginning July 1, 2009, the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg 562 College is authorized to establish one or more bachelor of 563 applied science degree programs based on an analysis of 564 workforce needs in Pinellas, Pasco, and Hernando Counties and 565 other counties approved by the Department of Education. For each 566 program selected, St. Petersburg College must offer a related 567 associate in science or associate in applied science degree 568 program, and the baccalaureate degree level program must be 569 designed to articulate fully with at least one associate in 570 science degree program. The college is encouraged to develop 571 articulation agreements for enrollment of graduates of related 572 associate in applied science degree programs. The Board of

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573 Trustees of St. Petersburg College is authorized to establish 574 additional baccalaureate degree programs if it determines a 575 program is warranted and feasible based on each of the factors 576 in paragraph (5) (d). However, the Board of Trustees of St. 577 Petersburg College may not establish any new baccalaureate 578 degree programs from March 31, 2014, through May 31, 2015. Prior 579 to developing or proposing a new baccalaureate degree program, 580 St. Petersburg College shall engage in need, demand, and impact 581 discussions with the state university in its service district 582 and other local and regional, accredited postsecondary providers 583 in its region. Documentation, data, and other information from 584 inter-institutional discussions regarding program need, demand, 585 and impact shall be provided to the college's board of trustees 586 to inform the program approval process. Employment at St. 587 Petersburg College is governed by the same laws that govern 588 Florida College System institutions, except that upper-division 589 faculty are eligible for continuing contracts upon the 590 completion of the fifth year of teaching. Employee records for 591 all personnel shall be maintained as required by s. 1012.81.

592 Section 17. Subsection (3) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of 593 subsection (4) of section 1008.30, Florida Statutes, are amended 594 to read:

595 1008.30 Common placement testing for public postsecondary 596 education.-

597 (3) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules that
 598 require high schools to evaluate before the beginning of grade

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599 12 the college readiness of each student who scores Level 2 or 600 Level 3 on grade 10 FCAT Reading or the English Language Arts 601 assessment under s. 1008.22, as applicable, or Level 2, Level 3, 602 or Level 4 on the Algebra I assessment under s. 1008.22. High 603 schools shall perform this evaluation using results from the 604 corresponding component of the common placement test prescribed 605 in this section, or an alternative test identified by the State 606 Board of Education. The high school shall use the results of the test to advise the students of any identified deficiencies and 607 608 to provide 12th grade students, and require them to complete, 609 appropriate postsecondary preparatory instruction before high 610 school graduation. The curriculum provided under this subsection 611 shall be identified in rule by the State Board of Education and encompass Florida's Postsecondary Readiness Competencies. Other 612 613 elective courses may not be substituted for the selected 614 postsecondary mathematics, reading, writing, or English Language 615 Arts preparatory course unless the elective course covers the 616 same competencies included in the postsecondary mathematics, 617 reading, writing, or English Language Arts preparatory course. (3) (4) By October 31, 2013, the State Board of Education 618 619 shall establish by rule the test scores a student must achieve 620 to demonstrate readiness to perform college-level work, and the

621 rules must specify the following:

622 (a) A student who entered 9th grade in a Florida public
 623 school in the 2003-2004 school year, or any year thereafter, and
 624 earned a Florida standard high school diploma or a student who

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625 is serving as an active duty member of any branch of the United 626 States Armed Services shall not be required to take the common 627 placement test and shall not be required to enroll in 628 developmental education instruction in a Florida College System 629 institution. However, a student who is not required to take the 630 common placement test and is not required to enroll in 631 developmental education under this paragraph may opt to be 632 assessed and to enroll in developmental education instruction, 633 and the college shall provide such assessment and instruction 634 upon the student's request.

635 <u>(a) (b)</u> A student who takes the common placement test and 636 whose score on the <u>common placement</u> test indicates a need for 637 developmental education must be advised of all the developmental 638 education options offered at the institution and, after 639 advisement, shall be allowed to enroll in <u>a</u> the developmental 640 education option <u>or gateway course</u>, as defined in s. 1008.02, of 641 his or her choice.

642 Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 1008.46, Florida 643 Statutes, is amended to read:

1008.46 State university accountability process.—It is the intent of the Legislature that an accountability process be implemented that provides for the systematic, ongoing evaluation of quality and effectiveness of state universities. It is further the intent of the Legislature that this accountability process monitor performance at the system level in each of the major areas of instruction, research, and public service, while

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651 recognizing the differing missions of each of the state 652 universities. The accountability process shall provide for the 653 adoption of systemwide performance standards and performance goals for each standard identified through a collaborative 654 655 effort involving state universities, the Board of Governors, the 656 Legislature, and the Governor's Office, consistent with 657 requirements specified in s. 1001.706. These standards and goals 658 shall be consistent with s. 216.011(1) to maintain congruity 659 with the performance-based budgeting process. This process 660 requires that university accountability reports reflect measures 661 defined through performance-based budgeting. The performance-662 based budgeting measures must also reflect the elements of 663 teaching, research, and service inherent in the missions of the 664 state universities.

665 By March December 31 of each year, the Board of (1) 666 Governors shall submit an annual accountability report providing 667 information on the implementation of performance standards, 668 actions taken to improve university achievement of performance 669 goals, the achievement of performance goals during the prior 670 year, and initiatives to be undertaken during the next year. The 671 accountability reports shall be designed in consultation with the Governor's Office, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and 672 673 Government Accountability, and the Legislature.

674 Section 19. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (3) of 675 section 1009.22, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 676 paragraphs (e) and (f), respectively, paragraph (c) of that

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577 subsection is amended, and a new paragraph (d) is added to that 578 subsection, to read:

679 1009.22 Workforce education postsecondary student fees.-680 (3)

681 (C) Effective July 1, 2014, for programs leading to a 682 career certificate or an applied technology diploma, the 683 standard tuition shall be \$2.33 per contact hour for residents 684 and nonresidents and the out-of-state fee shall be \$6.99 per 685 contact hour. For adult general education programs, a block 686 tuition of \$45 per half year or \$30 per term shall be assessed. 687 Each district school board and Florida College System 688 institution board of trustees shall adopt policies and 689 procedures for the collection of and accounting for the 690 expenditure of the block tuition. All funds received from the 691 block tuition shall be used only for adult general education 692 programs. Students enrolled in adult general education programs 693 may not be assessed the fees authorized in subsection (5), 694 subsection (6), or subsection (7).

695 (d) Effective July 1, 2015, for programs leading to a
696 college credit certificate, the standard tuition shall be \$71.98
697 per credit hour for residents and nonresidents and the out-of698 state fee shall be \$215.94 per credit hour in addition to the
699 standard credit hour rate of \$71.98.

700Section 20.Subsection (1) of section 1009.53, Florida701Statutes, is amended to read:

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1009.53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.-

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703	(1) The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is
704	created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to
705	reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition
706	of high academic achievement and who enrolls in a degree
707	program, certificate program, or <u>college credit certificate</u>
708	applied technology program at an eligible Florida public or
709	private postsecondary education institution within 3 years <u>after</u>
710	of graduation from high school.
711	Section 21. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
712	1009.532, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
713	1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
714	student eligibility requirements for renewal awards
715	(3)
716	(c) A student who is initially eligible in the 2012-2013
717	academic year and thereafter may receive an award for a maximum
718	of 100 percent of the number of credit hours required to
719	complete an associate degree program, a baccalaureate degree
720	program, or a postsecondary career certificate program or, for a
721	Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, may receive an
722	award for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours
723	or equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the
724	following at a Florida public or nonpublic education institution
725	that offers these specific programs: for <u>a college credit</u>
726	<u>certificate</u> an applied technology diploma program as defined in
727	s. 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours;
728	for a technical degree education program as defined in s.
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729 1004.02(13), up to the number of hours required for a specific 730 degree not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; 731 or for a career certificate program as defined in s. 732 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours required for a specific 733 certificate not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock 734 hours. A student who transfers from one of these program levels 735 to another program level becomes eligible for the higher of the 736 two credit hour limits.

737 Section 22. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section738 1009.536, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.—The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is created within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to recognize and reward academic achievement and career preparation by high school students who wish to continue their education.

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745 (C) A student who is initially eligible in the 2012-2013 746 academic year and thereafter may earn a Florida Gold Seal 747 Vocational Scholarship for a maximum of 100 percent of the 748 number of credit hours or equivalent clock hours required to 749 complete one of the following at a Florida public or nonpublic 750 education institution that offers these specific programs: for a 751 college credit certificate an applied technology diploma program 752 as defined in s. 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit hours or equivalent 753 clock hours; for a technical degree education program as defined 754 in s. 1004.02(13), up to the number of hours required for a

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755 specific degree not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent 756 clock hours; or for a career certificate program as defined in 757 s. 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours required for a 758 specific certificate not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent 759 clock hours. 760 Section 23. Section 1011.80, Florida Statutes, is 761 reordered and amended to read: 762 1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education 763 programs.-764 (1) As used in this section, the terms "workforce 765 education" and "workforce education program" include: 766 (a) Adult general education programs designed to improve 767 the employability skills of the state's workforce as defined in 768 s. 1004.02(3). 769 (b) Career certificate programs, as defined in s. 770 1004.02(20). 771 (C) College credit certificate Applied technology diploma programs, as defined in s. 1004.02(7). 772 773 (d) Continuing workforce education courses. 774 Degree career education programs. (e) 775 (f) Apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs as 776 defined in s. 446.021. 777 A Any workforce education program may be conducted by (2)778 a Florida College System institution or a school district, 779 except that college credit in an associate in applied science or 780 an associate in science degree may be awarded only by a Florida Page 30 of 41

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781 College System institution. However, if an associate in applied 782 science or an associate in science degree program contains 783 within it an occupational completion point that confers a 784 college credit certificate or an applied technology diploma, 785 that portion of the program may be offered conducted by a school 786 district career center. Any Instruction designed to articulate 787 to a degree program is subject to guidelines and standards 788 adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to s. 1007.25.

789 (3) Each school district and Florida College System 790 institution receiving state appropriations for workforce 791 education programs must maintain adequate and accurate records, 792 including a system to record school district workforce education 793 funding and expenditures, in order to maintain separation of 794 postsecondary workforce education expenditures from secondary 795 education expenditures. These records must be filed with the 796 Department of Education in correct and proper form on or before 797 the date due as provided by law or rule for each annual or 798 periodic report that is required by rules of the State Board of 799 Education.

800 <u>(4)(9)</u> School districts shall report full-time equivalent 801 students by discipline category for the programs specified in 802 subsection (1). There shall be an annual cost analysis for the 803 school district workforce education programs that reports cost 804 by discipline category consistent with the reporting for full-805 time equivalent students. The annual financial reports submitted 806 by the school districts must accurately report on the student

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fee revenues by fee type according to the programs specified in subsection (1). The Department of Education shall develop a plan for comparable reporting of program, student, facility, personnel, and financial data between the Florida College System institutions and the school district workforce education programs.

813 (3) If a program for disabled adults pursuant to s.
814 1004.93 is a workforce program as defined in law, it must be
815 funded as provided in this section.

816 (4) Funding for all workforce education programs must be 817 based on cost categories, performance output measures, and 818 performance outcome measures.

819 (a) The cost categories must be calculated to identify 820 high-cost programs, medium-cost programs, and low-cost programs. 821 The cost analysis used to calculate and assign a program of 822 study to a cost category must include at least both direct and 823 indirect instructional costs, consumable supplies, equipment, 824 and standard program length.

825 (b) The performance output measure for an adult general 826 education course of study is measurable improvement in student 827 skills. This measure shall include improvement in literacy 828 skills, grade level improvement as measured by an approved test, 829 or attainment of a State of Florida diploma or an adult high 830 school diploma.

831 (c) The performance outcome measures for adult general
 832 education programs are associated with placement and retention

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833 of students after reaching a completion point or completing a 834 program of study. These measures include placement or retention 835 in employment. Continuing postsecondary education at a level 836 that will further enhance employment is a performance outcome 837 for adult general education programs.

838 (5) State funding and student fees for workforce education839 instruction shall be established as follows:

(a) Expenditures for the continuing workforce education
programs provided by the Florida College System institutions or
school districts must be fully supported by fees. Enrollments in
continuing workforce education courses shall not be counted for
purposes of funding full-time equivalent enrollment.

845 For all other workforce education programs, state (b) 846 funding shall be calculated based on weighted enrollment and 847 program costs minus fee revenues generated to offset program 848 operational costs equal 75 percent of the average cost of 849 instruction with the remaining 25 percent made up from student 850 fees. Fees for courses within a program shall not vary according 851 to the cost of the individual program, but instead shall be as 852 provided in s. 1009.22 based on a uniform fee calculated and set 853 at the state level, as adopted by the State Board of Education, 854 unless otherwise specified in the General Appropriations Act. 855 (c) For fee-exempt students pursuant to s. 1009.25, unless

856 otherwise provided for in law, state funding shall equal 100 857 percent of the average cost of instruction.

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858 <u>(c)(d)</u> For a public educational institution that has been 859 fully funded by an external agency for direct instructional 860 costs of any course or program, the FTE generated shall not be 861 reported for state funding.

862 (6) (a) A school district or a Florida College System 863 institution that provides workforce education programs shall 864 receive funds in accordance with distributions for base and 865 performance funding established by the Legislature in the 866 General Appropriations Act. To ensure equitable funding for all 867 school district workforce education programs and to recognize 868 enrollment growth, the Department of Education shall use the 869 funding model developed by the District Workforce Education 870 Funding Steering Committee to determine each district's 871 workforce education funding needs. To assist the Legislature in 872 allocating workforce education funds in the General 873 Appropriations Act, the funding model shall annually be provided 874 to the legislative appropriations committees no later than March 875 1.

(b) Operational funding shall be provided to school
districts for workforce education programs based on weighted
student enrollment and program costs determined by cost
categories. The cost categories must be calculated to identify
high-cost programs, medium-cost programs, and low-cost programs.
The cost analysis used to calculate and assign a program of
study to a cost category must include at least both direct and

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883	indirect instructional costs, consumable supplies, equipment,
884	and standard program length.
885	(7) Performance funding for workforce education programs
886	shall be contingent upon specific appropriation in the General
887	Appropriations Act. To assist the Legislature in determining
888	performance funding allocations, the State Board of Education
889	shall provide the Legislature with recommended formulas,
890	criteria, timeframes, and mechanisms for distributing
891	performance funds no later than March 1. These recommendations
892	shall reward programs that:
893	(a) Prepare people to enter high-skill and high-wage
894	occupations identified by the Workforce Estimating Conference
895	pursuant to s. 216.136 and other programs as approved by
896	Workforce Florida, Inc. At a minimum, performance incentives
897	shall be calculated for adults who reach completion points or
898	complete programs that lead to specified high-wage employment
899	and to their placement in that employment.
900	(b) Prepare adults who are eligible for public assistance,
901	economically disadvantaged, disabled, not proficient in English,
902	or dislocated workers, for high-wage occupations. At a minimum,
903	performance incentives shall be calculated at an enhanced value
904	for the completion by adults identified in this paragraph and
905	the job placement of such adults upon completion. In addition,
906	adjustments may be made in payments for job placements for areas
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(C) Increase student achievement in adult general education courses by measuring performance output and outcome measures. 1. The performance output measure for an adult general education course of study is measurable improvement in student skills. This measure shall include improvement in literacy skills, grade-level improvement as measured by an approved test, or attainment of a Florida diploma or an adult high school diploma. 2. The performance outcome measures for adult general education programs are associated with placement and retention of students after reaching a completion point or completing a program of study. These measures include placement or retention in employment. Continuing postsecondary education at a level that will further enhance employment is a performance outcome

923 <u>for adult general edu</u>cation programs.

924 <u>(d) (b)</u> <u>Award industry certifications.</u> Performance funding 925 for industry certifications for school district workforce 926 education programs is contingent upon specific appropriation in 927 the General Appropriations Act and shall be determined as 928 follows:

929 1. Occupational areas for which industry certifications 930 may be earned, as established in the General Appropriations Act, 931 are eligible for performance funding. Priority shall be given to 932 the occupational areas emphasized in state, national, or 933 corporate grants provided to Florida educational institutions.

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934 2. The Chancellor of Career and Adult Education shall 935 identify the industry certifications eligible for funding on the 936 Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List approved by 937 the State Board of Education pursuant to s. 1008.44, based on 938 the occupational areas specified in the General Appropriations 939 Act.

940 3. Each school district shall be provided \$1,000 for each 941 industry certification earned by a workforce education student. 942 The maximum amount of funding appropriated for performance 943 funding pursuant to this paragraph shall be limited to \$15 944 million annually. If funds are insufficient to fully fund the 945 calculated total award, such funds shall be prorated.

946 (c) A program is established to assist school districts and Florida College System institutions in responding to the 947 948 needs of new and expanding businesses and thereby strengthening 949 the state's workforce and economy. The program may be funded in 950 the General Appropriations Act. The district or Florida College 951 System institution shall use the program to provide customized 952 training for businesses which satisfies the requirements of s. 953 288.047. Business firms whose employees receive the customized 954 training must provide 50 percent of the cost of the training. 955 Balances remaining in the program at the end of the fiscal year 956 shall not revert to the general fund, but shall be carried over 957 for 1 additional year and used for the purpose of serving 958 incumbent worker training needs of area businesses with fewer 959 than 100 employees. Priority shall be given to businesses that

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960 must increase or upgrade their use of technology to remain 961 competitive.

962 (8) (7) (a) A school district or Florida College System 963 institution that receives workforce education funds must use the 964 money to benefit the workforce education programs it provides. 965 The money may be used for equipment upgrades, program 966 expansions, or any other use that would result in workforce 967 education program improvement. The district school board or 968 Florida College System institution board of trustees may not 969 withhold any portion of the performance funding for indirect 970 costs.

971 (b) State funds provided for the operation of
972 postsecondary workforce programs may not be expended for the
973 education of state or federal inmates.

974 (8) The State Board of Education and Workforce Florida, 975 Inc., shall provide the Legislature with recommended formulas, 976 criteria, timeframes, and mechanisms for distributing 977 performance funds. The commissioner shall consolidate the 978 recommendations and develop a consensus proposal for funding. 979 The Legislature shall adopt a formula and distribute the 980 performance funds to the State Board of Education for Florida 981 College System institutions and school districts through the 982 General Appropriations Act. These recommendations shall be based 983 on formulas that would discourage low-performing or low-demand 984 programs and encourage through performance-funding awards:

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985	(a) Programs that prepare people to enter high-wage
986	occupations identified by the Workforce Estimating Conference
987	created by s. 216.136 and other programs as approved by
988	Workforce Florida, Inc. At a minimum, performance incentives
989	shall be calculated for adults who reach completion points or
990	complete programs that lead to specified high-wage employment
991	and to their placement in that employment.
992	(b) Programs that successfully prepare adults who are
993	eligible for public assistance, economically disadvantaged,
994	disabled, not proficient in English, or dislocated workers for
995	high-wage occupations. At a minimum, performance incentives
996	shall be calculated at an enhanced value for the completion of
997	adults identified in this paragraph and job placement of such
998	adults upon completion. In addition, adjustments may be made in
999	payments for job placements for areas of high unemployment.
1000	(c) Programs that are specifically designed to be
1001	consistent with the workforce needs of private enterprise and
1002	regional economic development strategies, as defined in
1003	guidelines set by Workforce Florida, Inc. Workforce Florida,
1004	Inc., shall develop guidelines to identify such needs and
1005	strategies based on localized research of private employers and
1006	economic development practitioners.
1007	(d) Programs identified by Workforce Florida, Inc., as
1008	increasing the effectiveness and cost efficiency of education.
1009	(9)(10) A high school student dually enrolled under s.
1010	1007.271 in a workforce education program operated by a Florida
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1011 College System institution or school district career center 1012 generates the amount calculated for workforce education funding, 1013 including any payment of performance funding, and the 1014 proportional share of full-time equivalent enrollment generated 1015 through the Florida Education Finance Program for the student's 1016 enrollment in a high school. If a high school student is dually 1017 enrolled in a Florida College System institution program, 1018 including a program conducted at a high school, the Florida 1019 College System institution earns the funds generated for 1020 workforce education funding, and the school district earns the 1021 proportional share of full-time equivalent funding from the 1022 Florida Education Finance Program. If a student is dually 1023 enrolled in a career center operated by the same district as the 1024 district in which the student attends high school, that district 1025 earns the funds generated for workforce education funding and 1026 also earns the proportional share of full-time equivalent 1027 funding from the Florida Education Finance Program. If a student 1028 is dually enrolled in a workforce education program provided by a career center operated by a different school district, the 1029 1030 funds must be divided between the two school districts 1031 proportionally from the two funding sources. A student may not 1032 be reported for funding in a dual enrollment workforce education 1033 program unless the student has completed the basic skills assessment pursuant to s. 1004.91. A student who is coenrolled 1034 1035 in a K-12 education program and an adult education program may 1036 be reported for purposes of funding in an adult education

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1037 program. If a student is coenrolled in core curricula courses 1038 for credit recovery or dropout prevention purposes and does not 1039 have a pattern of excessive absenteeism or habitual truancy or a 1040 history of disruptive behavior in school, the student may be 1041 reported for funding for up to two courses per year. Such a 1042 student is exempt from the payment of the block tuition for 1043 adult general education programs provided in s. 1009.22(3)(c). 1044 The Department of Education shall develop a list of courses to be designated as core curricula courses for the purposes of 1045 1046 coenrollment.

1047 <u>(10) (11)</u> The State Board of Education may adopt rules to 1048 administer this section.

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Section 24. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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