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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Education)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to a Rapid Response Education and Training Program; amending s. 288.903, F.S.; revising the duties of Enterprise Florida, Inc.; amending s. 1006.735, F.S.; establishing the Rapid Response Education and Training Program within the Complete Florida Plus Program; requiring the Complete Florida Plus Program to work with Enterprise Florida, Inc., to offer certain education and training commitments to businesses; specifying the duties of the program; requiring reports to the Legislature; requiring the Division of Career and Adult Education within the Department of Education to conduct an analysis and assessment of the effectiveness of the education and training programs; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (7) is added to section 288.903, Florida Statutes, to read:

288.903 Duties of Enterprise Florida, Inc.—Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall have the following duties:

(7) In coordination with the Complete Florida Plus Program, identify education and training programs that are available for project-specific industry recruitment and retention efforts to offer credible education and training commitments that will ensure that Florida businesses, and businesses relocating to



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28 Florida, have access to a skilled and competent workforce.

29 Section 2. Present subsections (5) and (6) of section
30 1006.735, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6)
31 and (7), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to that
32 section, to read:

33 1006.735 Complete Florida Plus Program.—The Complete
34 Florida Plus Program is created at the University of West
35 Florida.

36 (5) RAPID RESPONSE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM.—The
37 Rapid Response Education and Training Program is established
38 within the Complete Florida Plus Program. Under this education
39 and training program, the Complete Florida Plus Program shall
40 work directly with Enterprise Florida, Inc., in project-specific
41 industry recruitment and retention efforts to offer credible
42 education and training commitments to businesses.

43 (a) The Rapid Response Education and Training Program must:

44 1. Issue challenge grants through requests for proposals
45 that are open to all education and training providers, public or
46 private. These grants match state dollars with education and
47 training provider dollars to implement particular education and
48 training programs.

49 2. Request periodic reports from an independent forensic
50 accountant or auditor to ensure transparency of the program.
51 These periodic reports must be submitted to the President of the
52 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

53 3. Keep administrative costs to a minimum through the use
54 of existing organizational structures.

55 4. Work directly with businesses to recruit individuals for
56 education and training.



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57 5. Be able to terminate an education and training program
58 by giving the program 30 days' notice.

59 6. Survey employers after completion of an education and
60 training program to ascertain the effectiveness of the program.

61 (b) The Division of Career and Adult Education within the
62 Department of Education shall conduct an analysis and assessment
63 of the effectiveness of the education and training programs
64 under this section in addressing labor market and occupational
65 trends and needs.

66 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.