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The Committee on Appropriations (Simmons) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (930208) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 1562 and 1563
5 insert:

6 Section 7. In order to implement the funds appropriated for
7 the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund in SB 2500-A:

8 (1) The Florida Job Growth Grant Fund is created within the
9 Department of Economic Opportunity to promote economic
10 opportunity by improving public infrastructure and enhancing



11 workforce training. The Florida Job Growth Grant Fund may not be
12 used for the exclusive benefit of any single company,
13 corporation, or business entity.

14 (2) The department and Enterprise Florida, Inc., in
15 consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall
16 identify projects, solicit proposals, and make recommendations
17 to the Governor for grant awards to state and local governmental
18 entities pursuant to s. 255.0525, Florida Statutes, for state or
19 local public infrastructure projects to promote economic
20 recovery, economic diversification, or economic enhancement in a
21 targeted industry.

22 (a) The department and Enterprise Florida, Inc., in
23 consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall
24 establish an application process and criteria for grant
25 requests. Grant requests may be submitted to the department by
26 the board of county commissioners of a county, the chief
27 executive officer of a municipality, or the governing body of a
28 special district or a special tax district. The grant request
29 must be signed by the chair of the board of county commissioners
30 and attested by the clerk of the circuit court or the
31 appropriate officer in a charter county, by the chief executive
32 officer of a municipality and attested by the clerk of the
33 municipality, or by the chair of the governing body and attested
34 by the chief financial officer of a special district or a
35 special tax district.

36 (b) Upon approval by the Governor and before the
37 disbursement of grant funds pursuant to this subsection, the
38 department shall prepare a grant agreement between the local
39 governmental entity receiving funding through the program and



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40 the department. The agreement must include, but is not limited
41 to:

42 1. The purpose of the grant.

43 2. The grant recipient's specific performance standards and
44 responsibilities.

45 3. A detailed project or contract budget, if available.

46 (3) The department and Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall
47 identify projects, solicit proposals, and make recommendations
48 to the Governor for workforce training grants to support
49 programs at state colleges, state technical centers, or private
50 postsecondary institutions licensed or otherwise authorized to
51 operate in this state, which provide participants with
52 transferable, sustainable workforce skills applicable to more
53 than a single employer, and for equipment associated with these
54 programs. The department shall work with CareerSource Florida,
55 Inc., to ensure programs are offered to the public based on
56 criteria established by the state college, state technical
57 center, or private postsecondary institution and do not exclude
58 applicants who are unemployed or underemployed. The department
59 may contract with CareerSource Florida, Inc., or administer this
60 program directly.

61 (a) Grant funds may not be expended to provide training for
62 instruction related to retail businesses or to reimburse
63 businesses for trainee wages.

64 (b) Grant requests may be submitted to the department by a
65 state college, a state technical center, or a private
66 postsecondary institution. The department shall establish an
67 application process and criteria for grant requests. Costs and
68 expenditures for the workforce training grants must be



69 documented and separated from those incurred by the state
70 college, state technical center, or private postsecondary
71 institution.

72 (c) Upon approval by the Governor and before the
73 disbursement of grant funds pursuant to this section, the
74 department shall prepare a grant agreement between the
75 educational institution receiving funding through the program
76 and the department. The agreement must include, but is not
77 limited to:

78 1. The estimated length of the instructional program.

79 2. All direct, program-related costs, including tuition and
80 fees, curriculum development, equipment, books and classroom
81 materials, and overhead or indirect costs, not to exceed 5
82 percent of the grant amount.

83 3. Special program requirements that are not addressed
84 otherwise in the agreement.

85 (4) For purposes of this section, the term:

86 (a) "Infrastructure project" means any fixed capital
87 expenditure or fixed capital costs associated with the
88 construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or improvement of
89 facilities that have a life expectancy of 5 or more years and
90 any land acquisition, land improvement, design, and engineering
91 costs related thereto. Facilities in this category include, but
92 are not limited to, roads, bridges, tunnels, water supply,
93 sewers, electrical grids, and telecommunications facilities.

94 (b) "Public infrastructure" means infrastructure that is
95 owned by the public and is for public use or predominately
96 benefits the public.

97 (c) "Targeted industry" means any industry identified in



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98 the most recent list provided to the Governor, the President of
99 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives in
100 accordance with s. 288.106(2)(q), Florida Statutes.

101 (5) Contracts for projects approved by the Governor and
102 funded pursuant to this section shall be administered by the
103 department.

104 (6) Notwithstanding s. 216.292, Florida Statutes, the funds
105 appropriated to the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund are
106 nontransferable.

107 (7) Notwithstanding s. 216.301, Florida Statutes, and
108 pursuant to s. 216.351, Florida Statutes, the balance of any
109 appropriation for the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund which is not
110 disbursed by June 30 of the fiscal year in which the funds are
111 appropriated may be carried forward for up to 5 years after the
112 effective date of the original appropriation.

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115 And the title is amended as follows:

116 Delete lines 1580 - 1585

117 and insert:

118 Education Finance Program and economic programs for
119 the 2017-2018 fiscal year; amending ss. 24.121,
120 1011.62, 1011.67, 1011.685, 1011.71, and 1012.71,
121 F.S.; authorizing the distribution of funds for the
122 Florida Education Finance Program pursuant to any law
123 providing funding for the 2017-2018 fiscal year;
124 creating the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund within the
125 Department of Economic Opportunity; requiring the
126 department and Enterprise Florida, Inc., in



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127 consultation with the Department of Transportation, to
128 identify projects, solicit proposals, and make certain
129 recommendations; requiring the department and
130 Enterprise Florida, Inc., in consultation with the
131 Department of Transportation, to establish an
132 application process and criteria for grant requests;
133 providing requirements for requesting grants;
134 requiring the department, upon approval by the
135 Governor, to prepare a certain agreement before
136 disbursing grant funds; specifying requirements for
137 the agreement; authorizing the department to contract
138 with CareerSource Florida, Inc., or administer the
139 workforce training grants program directly;
140 prohibiting grant funds from being used for certain
141 training; providing definitions; requiring the
142 department to administer certain contracts;
143 prohibiting transfer of funds appropriated to the
144 grant fund; authorizing certain funds to be carried
145 forward for a specified timeframe; providing for