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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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The Committee on Education (Garcia) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. (1) The Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion  
is created within the Department of Economic Opportunity.

(2) As used in this act, the term:

(a) "Apprentice" has the same meaning as defined in s.  
446.021, Florida Statutes.

(b) "Apprenticeship program" has the same meaning as  
defined in s. 446.021, Florida Statutes.



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12           (c) "Preapprentice" has the same meaning as defined in s.  
13 446.021, Florida Statutes.

14           (d) "Preapprenticeship program" has the same meaning as  
15 defined in s. 446.021, Florida Statutes.

16           (e) "School district" has the same meaning as defined in s.  
17 595.402, Florida Statutes.

18           (f) "Targeted industry" means a corporate headquarters  
19 business or a target industry business as defined in s.  
20 288.106(2), Florida Statutes.

21           (3) The task force shall:

22           (a) Seek information from representatives of and experts in  
23 the state's targeted industries regarding unmet workforce needs  
24 that could be addressed through the expansion of  
25 preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs without impacting  
26 currently registered programs. Such information may be submitted  
27 in writing or electronically or gathered through in-person  
28 meetings and panel discussions.

29           (b) Examine and make legislative and administrative  
30 recommendations regarding topics including:

31           1. Increasing recruitment of women, members of minority  
32 groups, low-income individuals, veterans, and individuals with  
33 disabilities into registered preapprenticeship and  
34 apprenticeship programs.

35           2. Enhancing articulation between middle school curriculum;  
36 high school career and technical education programs, including  
37 registered preapprenticeship programs; registered apprenticeship  
38 programs; postsecondary institution curriculum; and workforce  
39 needs.

40           3. Ensuring the effective delivery of information regarding



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41 career and technical education opportunities, including  
42 registered preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs, to the  
43 general public, school districts, school administrators, school  
44 guidance counselors, and students enrolled in grades K-12 and  
45 their parents or guardians.

46 4. Implementing a sustainable model for the funding of  
47 registered preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs,  
48 including the development of additional revenue sources,  
49 expansion of public-private partnerships, establishment of  
50 student scholarships, and replacement of funds lost through  
51 remission of tuition and fees.

52 5. Instituting limited income tax credits or economic  
53 development incentives for taxpayers employing preapprentices or  
54 apprentices through a registered preapprenticeship or  
55 apprenticeship program.

56 6. Guaranteeing access for enrollees in registered  
57 preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs ages 16 and 17 to  
58 all appropriate learning opportunities consistent with the  
59 provisions of federal worker compensation and child labor laws.

60 (c) Consider additional topics including:

61 1. The impact of changes to federal laws and administrative  
62 policies regarding career and technical education, secondary  
63 institution curriculum, and workforce needs.

64 2. The best practices in other states that have  
65 successfully expanded registered preapprenticeship and  
66 apprenticeship programs.

67 3. The best practices in benchmark occupational standards  
68 and apprenticeship program models to initiate globally  
69 competitive workforce training programs in the state.



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- 70           (4) The task force is comprised of the following 20  
71 members, who shall be appointed no later than July 31, 2018:  
72           (a) A member of the Senate appointed by the President of  
73 the Senate.  
74           (b) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by  
75 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
76           (c) A member appointed by the Florida Chamber of Commerce.  
77           (d) A member appointed by the National Federation of  
78 Independent Business/Florida.  
79           (e) A member appointed by the Florida AFL-CIO.  
80           (f) A member appointed by the Florida Education  
81 Association.  
82           (g) A member appointed by the United Faculty of Florida.  
83           (h) A member appointed by the Florida High Tech Corridor  
84 Council.  
85           (i) A member appointed by the Associated General  
86 Contractors of Greater Florida.  
87           (j) The Chancellor of the Division of Career and Adult  
88 Education, or his or her designee.  
89           (k) The Chancellor of the Division of Florida Colleges, or  
90 his or her designee.  
91           (l) The Chancellor of the State University System, or his  
92 or her designee.  
93           (m) A member appointed by the Association of Florida  
94 Colleges.  
95           (n) A member appointed by the Florida Association of  
96 Postsecondary Schools and Colleges.  
97           (o) A member appointed by the executive director of the  
98 Department of Economic Opportunity.



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- 99           (p) A member appointed by the President and CEO of  
100 CareerSource Florida.
- 101           (q) A member appointed by the Florida League of Cities.
- 102           (r) A member appointed by the Florida Association of  
103 Counties.
- 104           (s) A member appointed by the Florida Building and  
105 Construction Trades Council.
- 106           (t) A member appointed by the Florida Association of  
107 Apprenticeship Administrators.
- 108           (5) The task force shall elect a chair from among its  
109 members.
- 110           (6) (a) The task force shall meet as often as necessary to  
111 fulfill its goals, but not fewer than three times.
- 112           (b) The first meeting of the task force must be held no  
113 later than August 15, 2018.
- 114           (c) Task force meetings may be conducted by conference  
115 call, teleconferencing, or similar technology.
- 116           (7) Task force members shall serve without compensation.
- 117           (8) The Department of Economic Opportunity and the  
118 Department of Education shall provide such assistance as is  
119 reasonably necessary to assist the task force in accomplishing  
120 its goals.
- 121           (9) The task force shall submit a report detailing its  
122 activities and findings to the Governor, the President of the  
123 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by March  
124 1, 2019.
- 125           (10) This act expires July 31, 2019.
- 126           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.
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128 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

129 And the title is amended as follows:

130 Delete everything before the enacting clause

131 and insert:

132 A bill to be entitled

133 An act relating to preapprenticeship and  
134 apprenticeship programs; establishing the Task Force  
135 on Apprenticeship Expansion within the Department of  
136 Economic Opportunity; defining terms; specifying the  
137 duties of the task force; requiring the task force to  
138 be comprised of certain members appointed by a  
139 specified date; providing requirements for meetings of  
140 the task force; requiring task force members to serve  
141 without compensation; requiring the department and the  
142 Department of Education to provide specified  
143 assistance to the task force; requiring the task force  
144 to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by  
145 a specified date; providing for the future expiration  
146 of the task force; providing an effective date.