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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to apprenticeship programs; amending  
3       s. 446.011, F.S.; revising legislative intent;  
4       amending s. 446.032, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
5       Education to provide a specified annual report to the  
6       Legislature and the State Apprenticeship Advisory  
7       Council; providing requirements for the report;  
8       requiring the department to provide certain  
9       information on its website; creating s. 446.042, F.S.;  
10      requiring the department to develop and manage the  
11      Florida Apprenticeship Grant Program, subject to  
12      appropriation of funds by the Legislature; authorizing  
13      certain registered apprenticeship program sponsors to  
14      apply for grant awards to help fund apprenticeship  
15      programs; amending s. 446.051, F.S.; requiring the  
16      department to perform certain duties related to  
17      apprenticeships when a program sponsor has received a  
18      grant award; providing an effective date.

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

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22       Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 446.011, Florida  
23       Statutes, is amended to read:

24       446.011 Legislative intent regarding apprenticeship  
25       training.—

26       (1) It is the intent of the State of Florida to provide  
27       educational opportunities for its residents ~~young people~~ so that  
28       they can be trained for trades, occupations, and professions  
29       suited to their abilities. It is the intent of this act to

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30 promote the mode of training known as apprenticeship in  
31 occupations throughout industry in the state that require  
32 physical manipulative skills. By broadening job training  
33 opportunities and providing for increased coordination between  
34 public school academic programs, career programs, and registered  
35 apprenticeship programs, the residents of this ~~young people of~~  
36 ~~the~~ state will benefit from the valuable training opportunities  
37 developed when on-the-job training is combined with academic-  
38 related classroom experiences. This act is intended to develop  
39 the apparent potentials in apprenticeship training by assisting  
40 in the establishment of preapprenticeship programs in the public  
41 school system and elsewhere and by expanding presently  
42 registered programs as well as promoting new registered programs  
43 in jobs that lend themselves to apprenticeship training.

44 Section 2. Present subsection (2) of section 446.032,  
45 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (4), and new  
46 subsections (2) and (3) are added to that section, to read:

47 446.032 General duties of the department for apprenticeship  
48 training.—The department shall:

49 (2) Provide an annual report to the Legislature and the  
50 State Apprenticeship Advisory Council on apprenticeship and  
51 preapprenticeship training in this state. The report must  
52 include all of the following information:

53 (a) The number of apprenticeship and preapprenticeship  
54 programs in this state, respectively.

55 (b) The number of apprenticeship sponsors, as described in  
56 s. 446.071, in this state.

57 (c) The number of apprentices and preapprentices in this  
58 state for each apprenticeable trade and occupation,

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59 respectively.

60 (d) The amount of state funding per apprentice and per  
61 apprenticeable trade and occupation.

62 (3) Provide information under the apprenticeship programs  
63 section of its website as to how a Florida College System  
64 institution or a school district may assume the responsibilities  
65 of a local educational agency for the purposes of administering  
66 an apprenticeship program.

67 Section 3. Section 446.042, Florida Statutes, is created to  
68 read:

69 446.042 Florida Apprenticeship Grant Program.—

70 (1) Subject to the appropriation of funds by the  
71 Legislature, the department shall develop and manage the Florida  
72 Apprenticeship Grant Program.

73 (2) Registered apprenticeship program sponsors that do not  
74 require assistance, as described in s. 446.051(2), may apply to  
75 the department for grant awards to assist in funding  
76 apprenticeship programs.

77 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 446.051, Florida  
78 Statutes, is amended to read:

79 446.051 Related instruction for apprentices.—

80 (1) The administration and supervision of related and  
81 supplemental instruction for apprentices, coordination of such  
82 instruction with job experiences, and selection and training of  
83 teachers and coordinators for such instruction, all as approved  
84 by the registered program sponsor, shall be the responsibility  
85 of the appropriate career education institution or, if the  
86 program sponsor has received a grant award from the Florida  
87 Apprenticeship Grant Program, the department.

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Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.