

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to apprenticeship and
 3 preapprenticeship programs; amending s. 446.011, F.S.;
 4 revising legislative intent; amending s. 446.032,
 5 F.S.; revising the requirements of the Department of
 6 Education's annual report on apprenticeship and
 7 preapprenticeship programs; amending s. 446.041, F.S.;
 8 providing duties of the department relating to
 9 apprenticeship programs; amending s. 446.045, F.S.;
 10 revising membership of the State Apprenticeship
 11 Advisory Council; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; requiring
 12 that parents of public school students be informed of
 13 certain workforce education opportunities and the
 14 costs and benefits of postsecondary workforce
 15 education; providing an effective date.

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

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 19 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 446.011, Florida
 20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 446.011 Legislative intent regarding apprenticeship
 22 training.—

23 (4) ~~It is the intent of~~ The Legislature does not intend
 24 for that this act to not require, or authorize the requirement
 25 of, the use of apprentices on construction projects financed by

26 | the state or any county, municipality, town or township, public
27 | authority, special district, municipal service taxing unit, or
28 | other agency of state or local government. Notwithstanding this
29 | intent, whenever any government or agency of government employs,
30 | of its own choice, apprentices or employs contractors who employ
31 | apprentices, the behavior of the government and the contractors
32 | employed by the government shall be governed by the provisions
33 | of this act.

34 | Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 446.032, Florida
35 | Statutes, is amended to read:

36 | 446.032 General duties of the department for
37 | apprenticeship training.—The department shall:

38 | (2) By September 1 of each year, publish an annual report
39 | on apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs. The report
40 | must be published on the department's website and, at a minimum,
41 | include all of the following:

42 | (a) A list of registered apprenticeship and
43 | preapprenticeship programs, sorted by local educational agency,
44 | as defined in s. 1004.02(18), and apprenticeship sponsor, under
45 | s. 446.071.

46 | (b) The total amount of funding appropriated by the
47 | Legislature for workforce education programs as provided in s.
48 | 1011.80(7).

49 | (c) ~~(b)~~ A detailed summary of each local educational
50 | agency's expenditure of funds for apprenticeship and

51 preapprenticeship programs, including all of the following:

52 1. The ~~total~~ amount of state funds drawn down received by
53 each local educational agency for apprenticeship and
54 preapprenticeship programs, broken down by local educational
55 agency and apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program, and the
56 amount of funding per program offering.†

57 2. The total amount of funds drawn down by each local
58 educational agency for workforce education programs, as defined
59 in s. 1011.80(1), and the amount of funding per local
60 educational agency per program offering.

61 ~~3.2.~~ The total amount of funds allocated to each trade or
62 occupation.~~†~~

63 ~~4.3.~~ The total amount of funds expended for administrative
64 costs per trade or occupation.~~†~~ and

65 ~~5.4.~~ The total amount of funds expended for instructional
66 costs per trade and occupation.

67 ~~(d)(e)~~ The number of apprentices and preapprentices per
68 trade and occupation.

69 ~~(e)(d)~~ The percentage of apprentices and preapprentices
70 who complete their respective programs in the appropriate
71 timeframe.

72 ~~(f)(e)~~ Information and resources related to applications
73 for new apprenticeship programs and technical assistance and
74 requirements for potential applicants.

75 ~~(g)(f)~~ Documentation of activities conducted by the

76 department to promote apprenticeship and preapprenticeship
77 programs through public engagement, community-based
78 partnerships, and other initiatives.

79 Section 3. Subsection (13) of section 446.041, Florida
80 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (15), subsection (7) is
81 amended, and new subsections (13) and (14) are added to that
82 section, to read:

83 446.041 Apprenticeship program, duties of the department.—
84 The department shall:

85 (7) Lead and coordinate outreach efforts to educate
86 students in grades 6 through 12 and veterans about
87 apprenticeship and career opportunities.

88 (13) Develop detailed instructions on the process by which
89 a local educational agency may partner with a private
90 apprenticeship program sponsor to offer apprenticeship education
91 and training services in the state. The instructions must be
92 easily accessible and located under Apprenticeship Programs in
93 the Career and Adult Education section of the department's
94 website. The instructions must include the necessary elements
95 required for an agreement with an apprenticeship program
96 sponsor, including information on how the local educational
97 agency may draw down state funding for its workforce education
98 programs and the current FTE weight attributed to each
99 apprenticeable occupation, broken down by industry.

100 (14) (a) Develop criteria for an apprenticeship sponsor to

101 attain high-performing status. In developing this criteria, the
102 department shall consider all of the following:

103 1. The relevant licenses and certifications held by an
104 apprenticeship sponsor.

105 2. The number of apprentices graduating on an annual
106 basis.

107 3. The number of apprenticeship program graduates broken
108 down by program offerings.

109 4. The percentage of apprenticeship program graduates who
110 continue to work in their respective fields after graduation.

111 (b) If an apprenticeship sponsor meets the criteria in
112 paragraph (a) and attains high-performing status, such sponsor
113 is eligible to receive direct reimbursement for its
114 apprenticeship program from the department.

115 Section 4. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (2)
116 of section 446.045, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

117 446.045 State Apprenticeship Advisory Council.—

118 (2) (a) There is created a State Apprenticeship Advisory
119 Council to be composed of 10 voting members appointed by the
120 Governor and three ~~two~~ ex officio nonvoting members. The purpose
121 of the advisory council is to advise the department on matters
122 relating to apprenticeship. The advisory council may not
123 establish policy, adopt rules, or consider whether particular
124 apprenticeship programs should be approved by the department.

125 (b) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's

126 | designee shall serve ex officio as chair of the State
 127 | Apprenticeship Advisory Council, but may not vote. The state
 128 | director of the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States
 129 | Department of Labor and the executive director of the Department
 130 | of Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee, shall serve ex
 131 | officio as ~~a~~ nonvoting members ~~member~~ of the council. The
 132 | Governor shall appoint to the council four members representing
 133 | employee organizations and four members representing employer
 134 | organizations. Each of these eight members shall represent
 135 | industries that have registered apprenticeship programs. The
 136 | Governor shall also appoint two public members who are
 137 | knowledgeable about registered apprenticeship and apprenticeable
 138 | occupations and who are independent of any joint or nonjoint
 139 | organization. Members shall be appointed for 4-year staggered
 140 | terms. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the
 141 | unexpired term.

142 | (c) The council shall meet at the call of the chair or at
 143 | the request of a majority of its membership, but at least twice
 144 | a year. A majority of the voting members constitutes ~~shall~~
 145 | ~~constitute~~ a quorum, and the affirmative vote of a majority of a
 146 | quorum is necessary to take action.

147 | Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
 148 | 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

149 | 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public
 150 | school students must receive accurate and timely information

151 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
152 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
153 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
154 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

155 (6) EDUCATIONAL CHOICE.—

156 (a) Public educational school choices.—

157 1. Parents of public school students may seek any public
158 educational school choice options that are applicable and
159 available to students throughout the state. These options may
160 include controlled open enrollment, single-gender programs, lab
161 schools, virtual instruction programs, charter schools, charter
162 technical career centers, magnet schools, alternative schools,
163 special programs, auditory-oral education programs, advanced
164 placement, dual enrollment, International Baccalaureate,
165 International General Certificate of Secondary Education (pre-
166 AICE), CAPE digital tools, CAPE industry certifications,
167 collegiate high school programs, Advanced International
168 Certificate of Education, early admissions, credit by
169 examination or demonstration of competency, the New World School
170 of the Arts, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and
171 the Florida Virtual School. These options may also include the
172 public educational choice options of the Opportunity Scholarship
173 Program and the McKay Scholarships for Students with
174 Disabilities Program.

175 2. Parents of public school students may seek any

176 | workforce education opportunities that are available to students
177 | throughout the state. These options may include
178 | preapprenticeship or apprenticeship programs, career and
179 | technical education, industry credentialing, or any other
180 | workforce education opportunity. Parents must be informed of
181 | these opportunities as other pathways that are available to
182 | their student and must also be informed of the relative costs
183 | and benefits of postsecondary workforce education opportunities
184 | as compared to other postsecondary pathways.

185 | Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.