

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Apprenticeship and  
 3           Preapprenticeship Direct Funding Grant Program;  
 4           creating s. 1011.8031, F.S.; creating the  
 5           Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Direct Funding  
 6           Grant Program for specified purposes; requiring the  
 7           Department of Education to administer the program;  
 8           requiring apprenticeship or preapprenticeship programs  
 9           to submit an application to the department for  
 10          participation in the program; prohibiting certain  
 11          apprenticeship or preapprenticeship programs from  
 12          participating in the grant program; requiring the  
 13          department to give priority to specified programs;  
 14          authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt  
 15          rules; 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.   Section 1011.8031, Florida Statutes, is created  
 20 to read:

21           1011.8031 Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Direct  
 22 Funding Grant Program.—

23           (1) Subject to appropriations provided in the General  
 24 Appropriations Act, the Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship  
 25 Direct Funding Grant Program is created to provide funding

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26 directly to apprenticeship or preapprenticeship programs, as  
27 those terms are defined in s. 446.021, rather than funding such  
28 programs through a local educational agency. The Department of  
29 Education shall administer the grant program.

30 (2) An apprenticeship or a preapprenticeship program shall  
31 submit an application in a format prescribed by the department  
32 to receive funding under this section. An apprenticeship or a  
33 preapprenticeship program is ineligible for a grant under this  
34 section if such program uses any school district or Florida  
35 College System institution resources for the administration of  
36 the program. The department shall give priority to  
37 apprenticeship or preapprenticeship programs with demonstrated  
38 regional demand.

39 (3) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
40 administer this section.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.