

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to veterans; creating s. 265.8021,  
3           F.S.; defining the term "veteran"; creating the  
4           Florida Veterans' History Program within the Division  
5           of Arts and Culture of the Department of State as a  
6           Florida Folklife Program; providing the program's  
7           purpose; authorizing the division to request  
8           assistance from the Department of Veterans' Affairs;  
9           requiring the division's folklorists to seek out and  
10          identify certain veterans; authorizing the division or  
11          a folklorist to interview such veterans or invite them  
12          to submit written or electronic accounts of their  
13          experiences; authorizing the division to contract with  
14          a third-party vendor for a specified purpose;  
15          authorizing the division to adopt rules; amending s.  
16          295.21, F.S.; revising the purpose of Florida Is For  
17          Veterans, Inc.; revising the duties of the corporation  
18          to require that it conduct specified activities  
19          directed toward its target market; defining the term  
20          "target market"; deleting obsolete language; providing  
21          that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of  
22          the House of Representatives may each appoint only one  
23          member from his or her chamber to the corporation's  
24          board of directors; making technical changes; amending  
25          s. 295.22, F.S.; defining terms; revising the purpose

26 | of the Veterans Employment and Training Services  
 27 | Program; revising the functions that Florida Is For  
 28 | Veterans, Inc., must perform in administering a  
 29 | specified program; authorizing the program to  
 30 | prioritize grant funds; revising the uses of specified  
 31 | grant funds; authorizing a business to receive certain  
 32 | other grant funds in addition to specified grant  
 33 | funds; authorizing the use of grant funds to provide  
 34 | for a specified educational stipend; requiring the  
 35 | corporation and the University of Florida to enter  
 36 | into a grant agreement before certain funds are  
 37 | expended; requiring the corporation to determine the  
 38 | amount of the stipend; providing that specified  
 39 | training must occur for a specified duration;  
 40 | authorizing the corporation to provide certain  
 41 | assistance to state agencies and entities, to provide  
 42 | a website that has relevant hyperlinks, and to  
 43 | collaborate with specified state agencies and other  
 44 | entities for specified purposes;; conforming  
 45 | provisions to changes made by the act; making  
 46 | technical changes; creating s. 295.25, F.S.;  
 47 | prohibiting the Department of State from charging  
 48 | veterans who reside in this state fees for the filing  
 49 | of specified documents; amending s. 379.353, F.S.;  
 50 | providing free hunting, freshwater fishing, and

51 saltwater fishing licenses to certain disabled  
 52 veterans; providing that such licenses expire after a  
 53 certain period of time; requiring such licenses to be  
 54 reissued in specified circumstances; amending s.  
 55 381.78, F.S.; revising the membership, appointment,  
 56 and meetings of the advisory council on brain and  
 57 spinal cord injuries; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.;  
 58 requiring instruction on the history and importance of  
 59 Veterans' Day and Memorial Day; requiring certain  
 60 instruction to consist of two 45-minute lessons that  
 61 occur within a certain timeframe; amending s.  
 62 288.0001, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference;  
 63 reenacting ss. 379.3581(2)(b) and 379.401(2)(b) and  
 64 (3)(b), F.S., relating to special authorization  
 65 hunting licenses and the suspension and forfeiture of  
 66 licenses and permits, respectively, to incorporate the  
 67 amendment made to s. 379.353, F.S., in references  
 68 thereto; providing an effective date.

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

71  
 72 Section 1. Section 265.8021, Florida Statutes, is created  
 73 to read:

74 265.8021 Florida Veterans' History Program.—

75 (1) As used in this section, the term "veteran" has the

76 same meaning as in s. 1.01(14).

77 (2) There is created the Florida Veterans' History Program  
78 within the Division of Arts and Culture as a Florida Folklife  
79 Program to collect and preserve the stories and experiences of  
80 Florida's veterans and the State of Florida's military  
81 contributions throughout the nation's history. The division may  
82 request assistance with the program from the Department of  
83 Veterans' Affairs.

84 (3) In order to collect and preserve the stories and  
85 experiences of Florida's veterans and the State of Florida's  
86 military contributions throughout the nation's history, the  
87 division's folklorists shall seek out and identify those  
88 veterans who are willing to share their experiences. The  
89 division or a folklorist may interview veterans or invite  
90 veterans to submit written or electronic accounts of their  
91 experiences for inclusion in the program.

92 (4) As provided in s. 265.802, the division may contract  
93 with a third-party vendor to fulfill its responsibilities under  
94 subsection (3).

95 (5) The division may adopt rules to implement the program.

96 Section 2. Subsection (2), paragraph (a) of subsection  
97 (3), and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 295.21,  
98 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

99 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

100 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the corporation is to serve as

101 the state's initial point of military transition assistance  
 102 dedicated to promoting ~~promote~~ Florida as a veteran-friendly  
 103 state helping ~~that seeks~~ to provide veterans and their spouses  
 104 with employment opportunities and promoting ~~that promotes~~ the  
 105 hiring of veterans and their spouses by the business community.  
 106 The corporation shall encourage retired and recently separated  
 107 military personnel to remain in this ~~the~~ state or to make this  
 108 ~~the~~ state their permanent residence. The corporation shall  
 109 promote the value of military skill sets to businesses in this  
 110 ~~the~~ state, assist in tailoring the training of veterans and  
 111 their spouses to match the needs of the employment marketplace,  
 112 and enhance the entrepreneurial skills of veterans and their  
 113 spouses.

114 (3) DUTIES.—The corporation shall:

115 (a) Conduct marketing, awareness, and outreach activities  
 116 directed toward its target market. As used in this section, the  
 117 term "target market" means those members, and their spouses, of  
 118 the United States Armed Forces with 24 months or less until  
 119 discharge, veterans with 36 months or less since discharge, and  
 120 members of the Florida National Guard or reserves ~~research to~~  
 121 ~~identify the target market and the educational and employment~~  
 122 ~~needs of those in the target market. The corporation shall~~  
 123 ~~contract with at least one entity pursuant to the competitive~~  
 124 ~~bidding requirements in s. 287.057 and the provisions of s.~~  
 125 ~~295.187 to perform the research. Such entity must have~~

126 ~~experience conducting market research on the veteran~~  
 127 ~~demographic. The corporation shall seek input from the Florida~~  
 128 ~~Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation on the scope, process,~~  
 129 ~~and focus of such research.~~

130 (4) GOVERNANCE.—

131 (a) The corporation shall be governed by a nine-member  
 132 board of directors. The Governor, the President of the Senate,  
 133 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each  
 134 appoint three members to the board. In making appointments, the  
 135 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
 136 House of Representatives must consider representation by active  
 137 or retired military personnel and their spouses, representing a  
 138 range of ages and persons with expertise in business, education,  
 139 marketing, and information management. The President of the  
 140 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may each  
 141 appoint only one member from the body over which he or she  
 142 presides.

143 Section 3. Section 295.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 144 read:

145 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

146 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—The Legislature finds  
 147 that the state has a compelling interest in ensuring that each  
 148 veteran or his or her spouse who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state  
 149 finds employment that meets his or her professional goals and  
 150 receives the training or education necessary to meet those

151 goals. The Legislature also finds that connecting dedicated,  
152 well-trained veterans with businesses that need a dedicated,  
153 well-trained workforce is of paramount importance. The  
154 Legislature recognizes that veterans or their spouses may not  
155 currently have the skills to meet the workforce needs of Florida  
156 employers and may require assistance in obtaining additional  
157 workforce training or in transitioning their skills to meet the  
158 demands of the marketplace. It is the intent of the Legislature  
159 that the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program  
160 coordinate and meet the needs of veterans and their spouses and  
161 the business community to enhance the economy of this state.

162 (2) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section, the  
163 term:

164 (a) "Secondary industry business" is a business that the  
165 state has an additional interest in supporting and for which  
166 veterans and their spouses may have directly transferrable  
167 skills. These businesses are in the fields of health care,  
168 agriculture, commercial construction, education, law  
169 enforcement, and public service.

170 (b) "Servicemember" has the same meaning as in s. 250.01.

171 (c) "Spouse" means a person who is married to a veteran or  
172 an unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran.

173 (d) "Target industry business" is a business as defined in  
174 s. 288.005.

175 (e) "Target market" has the same meaning as in s.

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176 295.21(3)(a).

177 (f) "Veteran" means, irrespective of discharge status, a  
178 person who otherwise meets the definition of the term veteran in  
179 s. 1.01(14) or who is a servicemember.

180 (3) CREATION.—The Veterans Employment and Training  
181 Services Program is created within the Department of Veterans'  
182 Affairs to assist in ~~connecting~~ linking veterans or their  
183 spouses ~~in search of employment~~ with businesses seeking to hire  
184 dedicated, well-trained workers and with opportunities for  
185 entrepreneurship education, training, and resources. The purpose  
186 of the program is to meet the workforce demands of businesses in  
187 this ~~the~~ state by facilitating access to training and education  
188 in high-demand fields for veterans or their spouses and to  
189 inspire the growth and development of veteran-owned small  
190 businesses.

191 (4) ~~(3)~~ ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.,  
192 shall administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services  
193 Program and perform all of the following functions:

194 (a) Conduct marketing and recruiting efforts directed at  
195 veterans or their spouses within the target market who reside in  
196 or ~~who~~ have an interest in relocating to this state and who are  
197 seeking employment. Marketing must include information related  
198 to how a veteran's military experience can be valuable to a  
199 target industry or secondary industry business. Such efforts may  
200 include attending veteran job fairs and events, hosting events



201 for veterans and their spouses or the business community, and  
202 using digital and social media and direct mail campaigns. The  
203 corporation shall also include such marketing as part of its  
204 main marketing campaign.

205 (b) Assist veterans or their spouses who reside in or  
206 relocate to this state and who are seeking employment with  
207 target industry or secondary industry businesses. The  
208 corporation shall offer skills assessments to veterans or their  
209 spouses and assist them in establishing employment goals and  
210 applying for and achieving gainful employment.

211 1. Assessment may include skill match information, skill  
212 gap analysis, résumé creation, translation of military skills  
213 into civilian workforce skills, and translation of military  
214 achievements and experience into generally understood civilian  
215 workforce skills.

216 2. Assistance may include providing the veteran or his or  
217 her spouse with information on current workforce demand by  
218 industry or geographic region, creating employment goals, and  
219 aiding or teaching general knowledge related to completing  
220 applications. ~~The corporation may provide information related to~~  
221 ~~industry certifications approved by the Department of Education~~  
222 ~~under s. 1008.44 as well as information related to earning~~  
223 ~~academic college credit at public postsecondary educational~~  
224 ~~institutions for college-level training and education acquired~~  
225 ~~in the military under s. 1004.096.~~

226           3. ~~The corporation shall encourage veterans or their~~  
227 ~~spouses to register with the state's job bank system and may~~  
228 ~~refer veterans to local one-stop career centers for further~~  
229 ~~services. The corporation shall provide each veteran with~~  
230 ~~information about state workforce programs and shall consolidate~~  
231 ~~information about all available resources on one website that,~~  
232 ~~if possible, includes a hyperlink to each resource's website and~~  
233 ~~contact information, if available.~~

234           4. Assessment and assistance may be in person or by  
235 electronic means, as determined by the corporation to be most  
236 efficient and best meet the needs of veterans or their spouses.

237           (c) Assist Florida target industry and secondary industry  
238 businesses in recruiting and hiring veterans and veterans'  
239 spouses. The corporation shall provide services to Florida  
240 businesses to meet their hiring needs by connecting businesses  
241 with suitable veteran applicants for employment. Suitable  
242 applicants include veterans or veterans' spouses who have  
243 appropriate job skills or may need additional training to meet  
244 the specific needs of a business. The corporation shall also  
245 provide information about the state and federal benefits of  
246 hiring veterans.

247           (d) Create a grant program to provide funding to assist  
248 veterans in meeting the workforce-skill needs of target industry  
249 and secondary industry businesses seeking to hire, promote, or  
250 generally improve specialized skills of veterans, establish

251 criteria for approval of requests for funding, and maximize the  
252 use of funding for this program. Grant funds may be used only in  
253 the absence of available veteran-specific federally funded  
254 programs. Grants may fund specialized training specific to a  
255 particular business.

256 1. The program may prioritize ~~If grant funds to be~~ are  
257 used to provide a ~~technical~~ certificate, a license ~~licensure~~, or  
258 nondegree training from the Master Credentials List pursuant to  
259 s. 445.004(4)(h); any federally created certifications or  
260 licenses; and any skills-based industry certifications or  
261 licenses deemed relevant or necessary by the corporation. a  
262 ~~degree,~~ Funds may be allocated only upon a review that includes,  
263 but is not limited to, documentation of accreditation and  
264 licensure. ~~Instruction funded through the program terminates~~  
265 ~~when participants demonstrate competence at the level specified~~  
266 ~~in the request but may not exceed 12 months. Preference shall be~~  
267 ~~given to target industry businesses, as defined in s. 288.005,~~  
268 ~~and to businesses in the defense supply, cloud virtualization,~~  
269 ~~health care, or commercial aviation manufacturing industries.~~

270 2. Costs and expenditures are ~~shall be~~ limited to \$8,000  
271 per veteran trainee. Qualified businesses must cover the entire  
272 cost for all of the training provided before receiving  
273 reimbursement from the corporation equal to 50 percent of the  
274 cost to train a veteran who is a permanent, full-time employee.  
275 Eligible costs and expenditures include, but are not limited to:

276           a. Tuition and fees.

277           b. Books and classroom materials.

278           c. Rental fees for facilities.

279           3. Before funds are allocated for a request pursuant to

280 this section, the corporation shall prepare a grant agreement

281 between the business requesting funds and the corporation. Such

282 agreement must include, but need not be limited to:

283           a. Identification of the personnel necessary to conduct

284 the instructional program, instructional program description,

285 and any vendors used to conduct the instructional program.

286           b. Identification of the estimated duration of the

287 instructional program.

288           c. Identification of all direct, training-related costs.

289           d. Identification of special program requirements that are

290 not otherwise addressed in the agreement.

291           e. Permission to access aggregate information specific to

292 the wages and performance of participants upon the completion of

293 instruction for evaluation purposes. The agreement must specify

294 that any evaluation published subsequent to the instruction may

295 not identify the employer or any individual participant.

296           4. A business may receive a grant under any state program

297 ~~the Quick-Response Training Program created under s. 288.047~~ and

298 a grant under this section for the same veteran trainee.

299           5. A portion of grant funds, as determined by the

300 corporation, may be used for veterans who are not active members

301 of the United States Armed Forces for educational stipends while  
 302 training at any location of the University of Florida's  
 303 Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences within this state.  
 304 The corporation and the University of Florida shall enter into a  
 305 grant agreement before funds are expended. The corporation must  
 306 determine the amount of the stipend. The training for any  
 307 individual may not be less than 4 months and not more than 6  
 308 months.

309 (e) Contract with one or more entities to administer an  
 310 entrepreneur initiative program for veterans in this state which  
 311 connects business leaders in the state with veterans seeking to  
 312 become entrepreneurs.

313 1. The corporation shall award each contract in accordance  
 314 with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 to one  
 315 or more public or private entities that:

316 a. Demonstrate the ability to implement the program and  
 317 the commitment of resources, including financial resources, to  
 318 such programs.

319 b. Have a demonstrated experience working with veteran  
 320 entrepreneurs.

321 c. As determined by the corporation, have been recognized  
 322 for their performance in assisting entrepreneurs to launch  
 323 successful businesses in this ~~the~~ state.

324 2. Each contract must include performance metrics,  
 325 including a focus on employment and business creation. The

326 entity may also work with a university or college offering  
327 related programs to refer veterans or to provide services. The  
328 entrepreneur initiative program may include activities and  
329 assistance such as peer-to-peer learning sessions, mentoring,  
330 technical assistance, business roundtables, networking  
331 opportunities, support of student organizations, speaker series,  
332 or other tools within a virtual environment.

333 (f) Administer a ~~As the state's principal assistance~~  
334 ~~organization under the United States Department of Defense's~~  
335 ~~SkillBridge initiative program~~ for target industry and secondary  
336 industry qualified businesses in this state and for eligible  
337 veterans transitioning servicemembers who reside in, or who wish  
338 to reside in, this state. In administering the initiative, the  
339 corporation shall:

340 1. Establish and maintain, as applicable, its  
341 certification for the SkillBridge initiative program or any  
342 other similar workforce training and transition programs  
343 established by the United States Department of Defense;

344 2. Educate businesses, business associations, and eligible  
345 veterans transitioning servicemembers on the SkillBridge  
346 initiative program and its benefits, and educate military  
347 command and personnel within the state on the opportunities  
348 available to eligible veterans transitioning servicemembers  
349 ~~through the SkillBridge program~~;

350 3. Assist businesses in obtaining approval for skilled

351 workforce training curricula under the SkillBridge initiative  
 352 ~~program~~, including, but not limited to, apprenticeships,  
 353 internships, or fellowships; and

354 4. Match eligible veterans ~~transitioning servicemembers~~  
 355 ~~who are deemed eligible for SkillBridge participation by their~~  
 356 ~~military command~~ with training opportunities offered by the  
 357 corporation or participating businesses, with the intent of  
 358 having them ~~transitioning servicemembers~~ achieve gainful  
 359 employment in this state upon completion of their SkillBridge  
 360 training.

361 ~~(g) Assist veterans and their spouses in accessing~~  
 362 ~~training, education, and employment in health care professions.~~

363 ~~(h) Coordinate with the Office of Veteran Licensure~~  
 364 ~~Services within the Department of Health to assist veterans and~~  
 365 ~~their spouses in obtaining licensure pursuant to s. 456.024.~~

366 (5) COLLABORATION.—The corporation may assist state  
 367 agencies and entities with recruiting veteran talent into their  
 368 workforce. The corporation is encouraged to, and may collaborate  
 369 with state agencies and other entities in efforts to, maximize  
 370 access to and provide information on one website that, if  
 371 possible, includes hyperlinks to the websites of and contact  
 372 information, if available, for state agencies and other entities  
 373 that maintain benefits, services, training, education, and other  
 374 resources that are available to veterans and their spouses.

375 (a) Outreach, information exchange, marketing, and

376 referrals between agencies, entities, and the corporation  
 377 regarding programs and initiatives that may be conducted  
 378 include, but are not limited to, the Veterans Employment and  
 379 Training Services Program and those within any of the following:

- 380 1. The Department of Veterans' Affairs:
  - 381 a. Access to benefits and assistance programs.
  - 382 b. Hope Navigators Program.
- 383 2. The Department of Commerce:
  - 384 a. The Disabled Veteran Outreach Program and Local Veteran  
 385 Employment Representatives.
  - 386 b. CareerSource Florida, Inc., and local workforce boards  
 387 employment and recruitment services.
  - 388 c. The Quick-Response Training Program.
  - 389 d. Select Florida.
- 390 3. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation,  
 391 reciprocity and the availability of certain license and fee  
 392 waivers.
- 393 4. The Department of Education:
  - 394 a. CAPE industry certifications under s. 1008.44.
  - 395 b. Information related to earning postsecondary credit at  
 396 public postsecondary educational institutions for college-level  
 397 training and education acquired in the military under s.  
 398 1004.096.
- 399 5. The Department of Health:
  - 400 a. The Office of Veteran Licensure Services.



401 b. The Florida Veterans Application for Licensure Online  
 402 Response expedited licensing.

403 (b) The corporation may coordinate and collaborate with  
 404 the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help, the State  
 405 University System, the Florida College System, the Florida  
 406 Defense Support Task Force, the Florida Small Business  
 407 Development Center Network, and the Florida Talent Development  
 408 Council, as necessary.

409 Section 4. Section 295.25, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 410 read:

411 295.25 Veterans exempt from certain filing fees.—The  
 412 Department of State may not charge veterans who reside in this  
 413 state the applicable fees for filing articles of organization,  
 414 articles of incorporation, a certificate of limited partnership,  
 415 or a partnership registration statement, or for the designation  
 416 of a registered agent, if applicable, as provided in s.  
 417 605.0213, s. 607.0122, s. 617.0122, s. 620.1109, or s.  
 418 620.81055.

419 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 379.353, Florida  
 420 Statutes, is amended to read:

421 379.353 Recreational licenses and permits; exemptions from  
 422 fees and requirements.—

423 (1) The commission shall issue without fee hunting,  
 424 freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing licenses and permits  
 425 shall be issued without fee to any resident who is certified or

426 | determined to be:

427 |       (a) ~~To be~~ Totally and permanently disabled for purposes of  
 428 | workers' compensation under chapter 440 as verified by an order  
 429 | of a judge of compensation claims or written confirmation by the  
 430 | carrier providing workers' compensation benefits, or to be  
 431 | totally and permanently disabled by the Railroad Retirement  
 432 | Board, by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or  
 433 | its predecessor, or by any branch of the United States Armed  
 434 | Forces, or who holds a valid identification card issued under  
 435 | ~~the provisions of~~ s. 295.17, upon proof of such certification or  
 436 | determination ~~same~~. Any license issued under this paragraph  
 437 | after January 1, 1997, expires after 5 years and must be  
 438 | reissued, upon request, every 5 years thereafter.

439 |       (b) ~~To be~~ Disabled by the United States Social Security  
 440 | Administration, upon proof of such certification or  
 441 | determination ~~same~~. Any license issued under this paragraph  
 442 | after October 1, 1999, expires after 2 years and must be  
 443 | reissued, upon proof of certification of disability, every 2  
 444 | years thereafter.

445 |       (c) A disabled veteran of the United States Armed Forces  
 446 | who was honorably discharged upon separation from service and  
 447 | who is certified by the United States Department of Veterans  
 448 | Affairs or its predecessor or by any branch of the United States  
 449 | Armed Forces as having a service-connected disability percentage  
 450 | rating of 50 percent or greater, upon proof of such

451 certification or determination. Any license issued under this  
 452 paragraph after July 1, 2024, expires after 5 years and must be  
 453 reissued, upon request, every 5 years thereafter.

454  
 455 A disability license issued after July 1, 1997, and before July  
 456 1, 2000, retains the rights vested thereunder until the license  
 457 has expired.

458 Section 6. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section  
 459 381.78, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

460 381.78 Advisory council on brain and spinal cord  
 461 injuries.-

462 (1) There is created within the department a 16-member  
 463 advisory council on brain and spinal cord injuries. The council  
 464 shall be composed of a minimum of:

465 (a) Two ~~four~~ individuals who have brain injuries or are  
 466 family members of individuals who have brain injuries, with one  
 467 individual appointed by the President of the Senate and the  
 468 other individual appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
 469 Representatives. ~~, a minimum of four~~

470 (b) Two individuals who have spinal cord injuries or are  
 471 family members of individuals who have spinal cord injuries,  
 472 with one individual appointed by the President of the Senate and  
 473 the other individual appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
 474 Representatives. ~~, and a minimum of~~

475 (c) Two individuals who represent the special needs of

476 children who have brain or spinal cord injuries, with one  
477 individual appointed by the President of the Senate and the  
478 other individual appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
479 Representatives.

480 (d) Two individuals who have, or who are family members of  
481 individuals who have or had, a traumatic brain injury, chronic  
482 traumatic encephalopathy, or subconcussive impacts due to  
483 sports, with one individual appointed by the President of the  
484 Senate and the other individual appointed by the Speaker of the  
485 House of Representatives.

486 (e) Two veterans as defined in s. 1.01(14) who have or  
487 have had a traumatic brain injury, chronic traumatic  
488 encephalopathy, or subconcussive impacts due to military  
489 service, or family members of such veterans, with one individual  
490 appointed by the President of the Senate and the other  
491 individual appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
492 Representatives.

493 (f) Six individuals appointed by the State Surgeon General  
494 who are ~~The balance of the council members shall be~~ physicians,  
495 other allied health professionals, administrators of brain and  
496 spinal cord injury programs, or ~~and~~ representatives from support  
497 groups who ~~that~~ have expertise in areas related to the  
498 rehabilitation of individuals who have brain or spinal cord  
499 injuries.

500 ~~(2) Members of the council shall be appointed to serve by~~

501 ~~the State Surgeon General.~~ All members' terms shall be staggered  
 502 terms of ~~for~~ 4 years. An individual may not serve more than two  
 503 terms. Any council member who is unwilling or unable to properly  
 504 fulfill the duties of the office shall be succeeded by an  
 505 individual chosen by the State Surgeon General to serve out the  
 506 unexpired balance of the replaced council member's term. If the  
 507 unexpired balance of the replaced council member's term is less  
 508 than 18 months, ~~then,~~ notwithstanding the provisions of this  
 509 subsection, the succeeding council member may be reappointed by  
 510 the State Surgeon General twice.

511 (3) The council shall meet at least quarterly and may  
 512 adjourn a meeting only by unanimous consent ~~two times annually.~~

513 Section 7. Paragraph (u) of subsection (2) of section  
 514 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

515 1003.42 Required instruction.—

516 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public  
 517 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education  
 518 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and  
 519 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the  
 520 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,  
 521 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing  
 522 approved methods of instruction, the following:

523 (u)1. In order to encourage patriotism, the sacrifices  
 524 that ~~veterans and~~ Medal of Honor recipients have made in serving  
 525 our country and protecting democratic values worldwide. Such

526 instruction must occur on or before Medal of Honor Day,  
 527 ~~Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day.~~ Members of the instructional  
 528 staff are encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans and  
 529 Medal of Honor recipients when practicable.

530 2. The history and importance of Veterans' Day and  
 531 Memorial Day. Such instruction must include two 45-minute  
 532 lessons that occur on or before the respective holidays.

533  
 534 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards  
 535 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.  
 536 Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the  
 537 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is  
 538 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or  
 539 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness  
 540 initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (u).

541 Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
 542 288.0001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

543 288.0001 Economic Development Programs Evaluation.—The  
 544 Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of  
 545 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)  
 546 shall develop and present to the Governor, the President of the  
 547 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
 548 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the Economic  
 549 Development Programs Evaluation.

550 (2) The Office of Economic and Demographic Research and

551 OPPAGA shall provide a detailed analysis of economic development  
 552 programs as provided in the following schedule:

553 (c) By January 1, 2016, and every 3 years thereafter, an  
 554 analysis of the following:

555 1. The tax exemption for semiconductor, defense, or space  
 556 technology sales established under s. 212.08(5)(j).

557 2. The Military Base Protection Program established under  
 558 s. 288.980.

559 3. The Quick Response Training Program established under  
 560 s. 288.047.

561 4. The Incumbent Worker Training Program established under  
 562 s. 445.003.

563 5. The direct-support organization and international trade  
 564 and business development programs established or funded under s.  
 565 288.012 or s. 288.826.

566 6. The program established under s. 295.22(3) ~~s.~~  
 567 ~~295.22(2)~~.

568 Section 9. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
 569 made by this act to section 379.353, Florida Statutes, in a  
 570 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
 571 379.3581, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

572 379.3581 Hunter safety course; requirements; penalty.—  
 573 (2)

574 (b) A person born on or after June 1, 1975, who has not  
 575 successfully completed a hunter safety course may apply to the

576 commission for a special authorization to hunt under  
577 supervision. The special authorization for supervised hunting  
578 shall be designated on any license or permit required under this  
579 chapter for a person to take game or fur-bearing animals. A  
580 person issued a license with a special authorization to hunt  
581 under supervision must hunt under the supervision of, and in the  
582 presence of, a person 21 years of age or older who is licensed  
583 to hunt pursuant to s. 379.354 or who is exempt from licensing  
584 requirements or eligible for a free license pursuant to s.  
585 379.353.

586 Section 10. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
587 made by this act to section 379.353, Florida Statutes, in  
588 references thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and  
589 paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 379.401, Florida  
590 Statutes, are reenacted to read:

591 379.401 Penalties and violations; civil penalties for  
592 noncriminal infractions; criminal penalties; suspension and  
593 forfeiture of licenses and permits.—

594 (2) LEVEL TWO VIOLATIONS.—

595 (b)1. A person who commits a Level Two violation but who  
596 has not been convicted of a Level Two or higher violation within  
597 the past 3 years commits a misdemeanor of the second degree,  
598 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

599 2. Unless the stricter penalties in subparagraph 3. or  
600 subparagraph 4. apply, a person who commits a Level Two



601 violation within 3 years after a previous conviction for a Level  
602 Two or higher violation commits a misdemeanor of the first  
603 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with  
604 a minimum mandatory fine of \$250.

605 3. Unless the stricter penalties in subparagraph 4. apply,  
606 a person who commits a Level Two violation within 5 years after  
607 two previous convictions for a Level Two or higher violation,  
608 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as  
609 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum mandatory  
610 fine of \$500 and a suspension of any recreational license or  
611 permit issued under s. 379.354 for 1 year. Such suspension shall  
612 include the suspension of the privilege to obtain such license  
613 or permit and the suspension of the ability to exercise any  
614 privilege granted under any exemption in s. 379.353.

615 4. A person who commits a Level Two violation within 10  
616 years after three previous convictions for a Level Two or higher  
617 violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable  
618 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum  
619 mandatory fine of \$750 and a suspension of any recreational  
620 license or permit issued under s. 379.354 for 3 years. Such  
621 suspension shall include the suspension of the privilege to  
622 obtain such license or permit and the suspension of the ability  
623 to exercise any privilege granted under s. 379.353. If the  
624 recreational license or permit being suspended was an annual  
625 license or permit, any privileges under ss. 379.353 and 379.354

626 may not be acquired for a 3-year period following the date of  
627 the violation.

628 (3) LEVEL THREE VIOLATIONS.—

629 (b)1. A person who commits a Level Three violation but who  
630 has not been convicted of a Level Three or higher violation  
631 within the past 10 years commits a misdemeanor of the first  
632 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

633 2. A person who commits a Level Three violation within 10  
634 years after a previous conviction for a Level Three or higher  
635 violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable  
636 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum  
637 mandatory fine of \$750 and a suspension of any recreational  
638 license or permit issued under s. 379.354 for the remainder of  
639 the period for which the license or permit was issued up to 3  
640 years. Such suspension shall include the suspension of the  
641 privilege to obtain such license or permit and the ability to  
642 exercise any privilege granted under s. 379.353. If the  
643 recreational license or permit being suspended was an annual  
644 license or permit, any privileges under ss. 379.353 and 379.354  
645 may not be acquired for a 3-year period following the date of  
646 the violation.

647 3. A person who commits a violation of s. 379.354(17)  
648 shall receive a mandatory fine of \$1,000. Any privileges under  
649 ss. 379.353 and 379.354 may not be acquired for a 5-year period  
650 following the date of the violation.

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651 | Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024. |