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The Appropriations Committee on Education (Simon) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 446.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

446.021 Definitions of terms used in ss. 446.011-446.092.-As used in ss. 446.011-446.092, the term:

(4) "Journeyworker" means a person working in an apprenticeable occupation who has successfully completed a

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registered and state-approved apprenticeship program or who has worked the number of years required by established industry practices for the particular trade or occupation and, if required for the specific industry, has passed the appropriate state-approved industry test.

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 450.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

450.061 Hazardous occupations prohibited; exemptions.-

- (2) A no minor under 18 years of age, regardless of whether such person's disabilities of nonage have been removed, may not shall be employed or permitted or suffered to work in any of the following places of employment or in any of the following occupations, provided that the provisions of paragraphs (b), (e), (g), (h), (j), (m), (o), and (q) do $\frac{\text{shall}}{\text{shall}}$ not apply to the employment of student learners under the conditions prescribed in s. 450.161:
 - (a) In or around explosive or radioactive materials.
- (b) On any scaffolding, roof, superstructure, residential or nonresidential building construction, or ladder above 6 feet. A minor 16 or 17 years of age may be employed on any residential building construction if:
- 1. The minor 16 or 17 years of age has earned his or her Occupational Safety and Health Administration 10 certification and is under the direct supervision of a person who:
- a. Has earned his or her Occupational Safety and Health Administration 10 certification.
 - b. Is 21 years of age or older.
- c. Has at least 2 years of work experience related to the work he or she is supervising.

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- 2. The minor 16 or 17 years of age is not working on any scaffolding, roof, superstructure, or ladder above 6 feet.
- 3. The work being performed by the minor 16 or 17 years of age is not in violation of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, any Occupational Safety and Health Administration rule, or federal law related to minors in the workplace.
- (c) In or around toxic substances or corrosives, including pesticides or herbicides, unless proper field entry time allowances have been followed.
 - (d) Any mining occupation.
 - (e) In the operation of power-driven woodworking machines.
 - (f) In the operation of power-driven hoisting apparatus.
- (g) In the operation of power-driven metal forming, punching, or shearing machines.
- (h) Slaughtering, meat packing, processing, or rendering, except as provided in 29 C.F.R. s. 570.61(c).
 - (i) In the operation of power-driven bakery machinery.
- (j) In the operation of power-driven paper products and printing machines.
 - (k) Manufacturing brick, tile, and like products.
 - (1) Wrecking or demolition.
 - (m) Excavation operations.
 - (n) Logging or sawmilling.
 - (o) Working on electric apparatus or wiring.
 - (p) Firefighting.
- (q) Operating or assisting to operate, including starting, stopping, connecting or disconnecting, feeding, or any other activity involving physical contact associated with operating, a tractor over 20 PTO horsepower, any trencher or earthmoving

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Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 489.117, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.117 Registration; specialty contractors.

(4)(a)1. A person whose job scope does not substantially correspond to either the job scope of one of the contractor categories defined in s. 489.105(3)(a)-(o), or the job scope of one of the certified specialty contractor categories established by board rule, is not required to register with the board. A local government, as defined in s. 163.211, may not require a person to obtain a license, issued by the local government or the state, for a job scope which does not substantially correspond to the job scope of one of the contractor categories defined in s. 489.105(3)(a)-(o) and (q) or authorized in s. 489.1455 s. 489.1455(1), or the job scope of one of thecertified specialty contractor categories established pursuant to s. 489.113(6). A local government may not require a state or local license to obtain a permit for such job scopes. For purposes of this section, job scopes for which a local government may not require a license include, but are not limited to, painting; flooring; cabinetry; interior remodeling when the scope of the project does not include a task for which a state license is required; driveway or tennis court installation; handyman services; decorative stone, tile, marble, granite, or terrazzo installation; plastering; pressure washing; stuccoing; caulking; and canvas awning and ornamental iron installation.

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critical state concern under s. 380.05 may offer a license for any job scope which requires a contractor license under this part if the county imposed such a licensing requirement before January 1, 2021.

- 3. A local government may continue to offer a license for veneer, including aluminum or vinyl gutters, siding, soffit, or fascia; rooftop painting, coating, and cleaning above three stories in height; or fence installation and erection if the local government imposed such a licensing requirement before January 1, 2021.
- 4. A local government may not require a license as a prerequisite to submit a bid for public works projects if the work to be performed does not require a license under general law.
- Section 4. Section 489.1455, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 489.1455 Journeyman; reciprocity; standards.-
- (1) Counties and municipalities must recognize a person as a journeyman are authorized to issue journeyman licenses in the plumbing, pipe fitting, mechanical, or HVAC trades if he or she meets the following requirements: -
- (2) An individual who holds a valid, active journeyman license in the plumbing, pipe fitting, mechanical, or HVAC trades issued by any county or municipality in this state may work as a journeyman in the trade in which he or she is licensed in any county or municipality of this state without taking an additional examination or paying an additional license fee, if he or she:
 - (1) (a) Has scored at least 70 percent, or after October 1,

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1997, at least 75 percent, on a proctored journeyman Block and Associates examination or other proctored examination approved by the board for the trade in which he or she is licensed; (2) (b) Has completed a registered and state-approved an apprenticeship program as defined in s. 446.021(6) or has at least 12,000 hours of on-the-job training in his or her specific trade registered with a registration agency defined in 29 C.F.R. s. 29.2 and demonstrates 4 years' verifiable practical experience in the trade for which he or she is licensed, or demonstrates 6 years' verifiable practical experience in the trade for which he or she is licensed; and (3) (c) Has satisfactorily completed specialized and advanced module coursework approved by the Florida Building Commission, as part of the building code training program established in s. 553.841, specific to the discipline or, pursuant to authorization by the certifying authority, provides proof of completion of such coursework within 6 months after such certification.; and (d) Has not had a license suspended or revoked within the last 5 years. (3) A local government may charge a registration fee for reciprocity, not to exceed \$25. Section 5. Section 489.5335, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 489.5335 Journeyman; reciprocity; standards.-(1) Counties and municipalities must recognize a person as a journeyman are authorized to issue journeyman licenses in the

electrical and alarm system trades if he or she meets the

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(2) An individual who holds a valid, active journeyman license in the electrical or alarm system trade issued by any county or municipality in this state may work as a journeyman in the trade in which he or she is licensed in any other county or municipality of this state without taking an additional examination or paying an additional license fee, if he or she: (1) (a) Has scored at least 70 percent, or after October 1, 1997, at least 75 percent, on a proctored journeyman Block and Associates examination or other proctored examination approved by the board for the trade in which he or she is licensed; (2) (b) Has completed a registered and state-approved an apprenticeship program as defined in s. 446.021(6) or has at least 12,000 hours of on-the-job training in his or her specific trade registered with a registration agency defined in 29 C.F.R. s. 29.2 and demonstrates 4 years' verifiable practical experience in the trade for which he or she is licensed, or demonstrates 6 years' verifiable practical experience in the trade for which he or she is licensed; and (3) (c) Has satisfactorily completed specialized and advanced module coursework approved by the Florida Building Commission, as part of the building code training program established in s. 553.841, specific to the discipline or, pursuant to authorization by the certifying authority, provides proof of completion of such curriculum or coursework within 6 months after such certification.; and (d) Has not had a license suspended or revoked within the last 5 years. (3) A local government may charge a registration fee for reciprocity, not to exceed \$25.

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Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (14) of section 1001.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school board.—The district school board may exercise the following supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or State Board of Education rule.

- (14) RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC AND CAREER ACHIEVEMENT.
- (c) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, each district school board shall require each high school within its jurisdiction to host an annual career fair during the school year and establish a process to provide students in grades 11 and 12 the opportunity to meet or interview with potential employers during the career fair. The career fair must be held on the campus of the high school, except that a group of high schools in the district or a group of districts may hold a joint career fair at an alternative location to satisfy the requirement in this paragraph. A joint career fair must be held at a location located within reasonable driving distance for students at all participating schools. The career fair must be held during the school day and may use Florida's online career planning and work-based learning system as part of the career fair activities. Alternatively, district school boards may consult with local workforce development boards, advisory committees, and business groups to determine free or costeffective methods to provide other career and industry networking opportunities during the school day for secondary students and exposure for elementary and secondary students to a representative variety of industries, businesses, and careers.

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District school board policies and procedures may include conducting assemblies or other appropriate public events in which students sign actual or ceremonial documents accepting scholarships or enrollment. The district school board may encourage holding such events in an assembly or gathering of the entire student body as a means of making academic and career success and recognition visible to all students.

Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 1003.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.41 State academic standards.-

(3) The Commissioner of Education shall, as deemed necessary needed, shall develop and submit proposed revisions to the standards for review and comment by Florida educators, school administrators, representatives of the Florida College System institutions and state universities who have expertise in the content knowledge and skills necessary to prepare a student for postsecondary education and careers, a representative from the Department of Commerce, business and industry leaders for in-demand careers, and the public. The commissioner, after considering reviews and comments, shall submit the proposed revisions to the State Board of Education for adoption.

Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) and subsection (10) of section 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma.-

- (7) CAREER EDUCATION COURSES THAT SATISFY HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT REQUIREMENTS.-
- (a) Participation in career education courses engages students in their high school education, increases academic



achievement, enhances employability, and increases postsecondary success. The department shall develop, for approval by the State Board of Education, multiple, additional career education courses or a series of courses that meet the requirements set forth in s. 1003.493(2), (4), and (5) and this subsection and allow students to earn credit in both the career education course and courses required for high school graduation under this section and s. 1003.4281.

- 1. The state board must determine at least biennially whether if sufficient academic standards are covered to warrant the award of academic credit, including satisfaction of graduation, assessment, and state university admissions requirements under this section.
 - 2. Career education courses must:
 - a. Include workforce and digital literacy skills.
- b. Integrate required course content with practical applications and designated rigorous coursework that results in one or more industry certifications or clearly articulated credit or advanced standing in a 2-year or 4-year certificate or degree program, which may include high school junior and senior year work-related internships or apprenticeships. The department shall negotiate state licenses for material and testing for industry certifications.

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The instructional methodology used in these courses must comprise authentic projects, problems, and activities for contextual academic learning and emphasize workplace skills identified under s. 445.06.

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related technical instruction for an apprenticeship program registered with the Department of Education under chapter 446 or preapprenticeship program registered with the Department of Education under chapter 446 may use such credit to satisfy the high school graduation credit requirements in paragraph (3)(e) or paragraph (3)(g). The state board shall approve and identify in the Course Code Directory the apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs from which earned credit may be used pursuant to this subparagraph.

- 4. The State Board of Education shall, by rule, establish a process that enables a student to receive work-based learning credit or credit in electives for completing a threshold level of demonstrable participation in extracurricular activities associated with career and technical student organizations. Work-based learning credit or credit in electives for extracurricular activities or supervised agricultural experiences may not be limited by grade level.
- (10) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CREDIT.—The Department of Education shall convene a workgroup, no later than December 1, 2024, to:
- (a) Identify best practices in career and technical education pathways from middle school to high school to aid middle school students in career planning and facilitate their transition to high school programs. The career pathway must be linked to postsecondary programs.
- (b) Establish three mathematics pathways for students enrolled in secondary grades by aligning mathematics courses to programs, postsecondary education, and careers. The workgroup shall collaborate to identify the three mathematics pathways and



301 the mathematics course sequence within each pathway which align 302 to the mathematics skills needed for success in the 303 corresponding academic programs, postsecondary education, and 304 careers. 305 Section 9. Section 1004.015, Florida Statutes, is repealed. Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 306 307 1004.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 308 1004.91 Requirements for career education program basic 309 skills.-310 (3) (a) The following students may be exempted from this 311 section: 312 1. An adult student with a disability may be exempted from 313 this section. 314 2. A student who possesses a high school diploma from a 315 private school that is in compliance with s. 1002.42, or, for a 316 student in a home education program, a signed affidavit 317 submitted by the student's parent or legal guardian attesting that the student has completed a home education program pursuant 318 319 to the requirements of s. 1002.41. 320 Section 11. Paragraph (j) of subsection (3) of section 321 14.36, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 322 14.36 Reimagining Education and Career Help Act.-The 323 Reimagining Education and Career Help Act is created to address 324 the evolving needs of Florida's economy by increasing the level 325 of collaboration and cooperation among state businesses and 326 education communities while improving training within and equity 327 and access to a more integrated workforce and education system

(3) The duties of the office are to:

for all Floridians.

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330 (i) Direct the objectives of the Talent Development Council 331 established in s. 1004.015. 332 Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 333 1001.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 334 1001.02 General powers of State Board of Education.-335 (3) (a) The State Board of Education shall adopt a strategic 336 plan that specifies goals and objectives for the state's public 337 schools and Florida College System institutions. The plan shall 338 be formulated in conjunction with plans of the Board of 339 Governors in order to provide for the roles of the universities 340 and Florida College System institutions to be coordinated to 341 best meet state needs and reflect cost-effective use of state 342 resources. The strategic plan must clarify the mission 343 statements of each Florida College System institution and the 344 system as a whole and identify degree programs, including 345 baccalaureate degree programs, to be offered at each Florida 346 College System institution in accordance with the objectives 347 provided in this subsection and the coordinated 5-year plan 348 pursuant to paragraph (2) (v). The strategic plan must cover a 349 period of 5 years, with modification of the program lists after 350 2 years. Development of each 5-year plan must be coordinated 351 with and initiated after completion of the master plan. The 352 strategic plans must specifically include programs and procedures for responding to the educational needs of teachers 353 354 and students in the public schools of this state and consider 355 reports and recommendations of the Florida Talent Development

Coordinating Committee pursuant to s. 1007.01. The state board

shall submit a report to the President of the Senate and the

Council pursuant to s. 1004.015 and the Articulation

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Speaker of the House of Representatives upon modification of the plan and as part of its legislative budget request.

Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 1001.706, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.

- (5) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO ACCOUNTABILITY.-
- (b) The Board of Governors shall develop a strategic plan specifying goals and objectives for the State University System and each constituent university, including each university's contribution to overall system goals and objectives. The strategic plan must:
- 1. Include performance metrics and standards common for all institutions and metrics and standards unique to institutions depending on institutional core missions, including, but not limited to, student admission requirements, retention, graduation, percentage of graduates who have attained employment, percentage of graduates enrolled in continued education, licensure passage, nondegree credential attainment, average wages of employed graduates, average cost per graduate, excess hours, student loan burden and default rates, faculty awards, total annual research expenditures, patents, licenses and royalties, intellectual property, startup companies, annual giving, endowments, and well-known, highly respected national rankings for institutional and program achievements.
- 2. Consider reports and recommendations of the Florida Talent Development Council under s. 1004.015 and the Articulation Coordinating Committee under s. 1007.01, and the information provided by the Labor Market Statistics Center within the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Labor



Market Estimating Conference.

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- 3. Include student enrollment and performance data delineated by method of instruction, including, but not limited to, traditional, online, and distance learning instruction.
- 4. Include criteria for designating baccalaureate degree and master's degree programs at specified universities as highdemand programs of emphasis. Once the criteria are available and applicable to baccalaureate degrees and graduate degrees, the Board of Governors shall adopt the criteria to determine value for and prioritization of degree credentials and degree programs established by the Credentials Review Committee under s. 445.004 for designating high-demand programs of emphasis. The Board of Governors must review designated programs of emphasis, at a minimum, every 3 years to ensure alignment with the prioritization of degree credentials and degree programs identified by the Credentials Review Committee.
- 5. Include criteria for nondegree credentials. Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of section 1009.8962, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1009.8962 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund.-

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(b) Annually, by February 1, each institution awarded grant funds in the previous fiscal year shall submit a report to the Board of Governors or Department of Education, as applicable, that demonstrates the expansion as outlined in the proposal and the use of funds. At minimum, the report must include, by program level, the number of additional nursing education students enrolled; if scholarships were awarded using grant

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funds, the number of students who received scholarships and the average award amount; and the outcomes of students as reported by the Florida Talent Development Council pursuant to s. 1004.015(6).

Section 15. (1) The Career and Technical Education Task Force, a task force as defined in s. 20.03(5), Florida Statutes, is created adjunct to the Department of Commerce to study the status of career and technical education in each school district within the state. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the task force shall operate in a manner consistent with s. 20.052, Florida Statutes. The department shall provide administrative and staff support relating to the functions of the task force.

- (2) The Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Commissioner of Education, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Corrections, and the Secretary of Juvenile Justice shall each appoint two members to the task force by September 1, 2024. The commissioner shall appoint the chair of the task force.
 - (3) The task force shall do all of the following:
- (a) Compile a list of career and technical education courses offered within each school district. Such data must be broken down by industry, grade level, location, the number of students enrolled in such courses, the number of students who complete such courses, and the total number of students per district enrolled in such courses.
- (b) Compile a list of career and technical education courses offered through the Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice. Such data must be broken down by

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location, population, industry course offering, the number of students enrolled in each course, and the number of students who complete such courses.

- (c) Identify the total funding provided for the career and technical education courses offered by school districts and analyze whether such funding is uniform across the state or if such funding varies by geography, course, or industry.
- (d) Identify the total funding provided for the career and technical education courses offered by the Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- (e) Compare funding and reimbursement rates and timelines for career and technical education courses to funding and reimbursement rates and timelines for traditional K-12 education courses.
- (f) Identify any additional funding available for additional career and technical education courses, including federal funding, industry funding, or additional state funding.
- (g) Identify how career and technical education courses are advertised to parents and students.
- (h) Identify the needs of school districts to expand career and technical education, including what needs could be met by the Legislature.
- (i) Identify the number of students who earn an industry certification through career and technical education courses who also find employment in relevant industries.
- (j) Review existing postsecondary credits available for K-12 career and technical education course offerings and how this information is advertised to students and parents.
 - (k) Compare existing career and technical education course



475 offerings with data from the Department of Commerce and industry leaders about in-demand careers and the state's economic needs. 476 477 (1) Provide recommendations for changes and expansions to 478 career and technical education course offerings beginning in the 479 2026-2027 school year. 480 (m) Provide recommendations for increasing funding, 481 eliminating barriers to expanding career and technical education 482 offerings, and streamlining regulations. 483 (n) Provide recommendations for improving the marketing of 484 career and technical education offerings to students and 485 parents. 486 (4) The task force shall submit to the Governor, the 487 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of 488 Representatives, and the Secretary of Commerce a report of its 489 findings by September 1, 2025. The task force shall submit to 490 the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Secretary of Commerce its 491 recommendations by January 1, 2026. This section shall expire 492 493 upon submission of the recommendations. Section 16. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024. 494 ======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== 495 And the title is amended as follows: 496 497 Delete everything before the enacting clause 498 and insert: 499 A bill to be entitled 500 An act relating to career and technical education; 501 amending s. 446.021, F.S.; revising the definition of 502 the term "journeyworker"; amending s. 450.061, F.S.;

providing an exemption for minors to work in specified

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conditions; amending s. 489.117, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending ss. 489.1455 and 489.5335, F.S.; requiring counties and municipalities to recognize certain persons as journeymen for specified occupations if such persons meet specified criteria; deleting provisions authorizing a local government to charge a specified registration fee; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; providing an alternative to career fairs through other career and industry networking opportunities; amending s. 1003.41, F.S.; revising a list of individuals who are required to review and comment on certain revisions to the state academic standards; making technical changes; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; revising the requirements for certain credits and certifications to meet specified graduation requirements; specifying the date by which the Department of Education must convene a specified work group; making a technical change; repealing s. 1004.015, F.S., relating to the Florida Talent Development Council; amending s. 1004.91, F.S.; expanding an exemption from a requirement for completion of a career education program basic skills examination; amending ss. 14.36, 1001.02, 1001.706, 1009.8962, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating the Career and Technical Education Task Force adjunct to the Department of Commerce; providing the purpose of the task force; providing the membership and duties of the task force; requiring the task force to submit a report and



533	recommendations to certain officials by specified
534	dates; providing for expiration of the task force;
535	providing an effective date.