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1  
2 An act relating to military and veteran support;  
3 amending s. 250.10, F.S.; revising participation  
4 requirements and authorizing certain courses for the  
5 Educational Dollars for Duty program; directing the  
6 Adjutant General to adopt certain rules; providing  
7 appropriations; amending s. 250.35, F.S.; updating  
8 references with respect to courts-martial; creating s.  
9 265.0031, F.S.; establishing the Florida Veterans'  
10 Walk of Honor and the Florida Veterans' Memorial  
11 Garden; directing the Department of Management  
12 Services, in consultation with the direct-support  
13 organization of the Department of Veterans' Affairs,  
14 to make space available for such purpose; amending s.  
15 288.0001, F.S.; directing the Office of Economic and  
16 Demographic Research and the Office of Program Policy  
17 Analysis and Government Accountability to provide a  
18 specified analysis of certain grant and entrepreneur  
19 initiative programs; amending ss. 295.065, 295.07,  
20 295.08, and 295.085, F.S.; revising and providing  
21 governmental employment preference for certain  
22 persons; creating s. 295.188, F.S.; authorizing  
23 private employers to provide employment preference for  
24 certain persons; creating s. 295.21, F.S.;  
25 establishing Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., within the  
26 Department of Veterans' Affairs; providing for a board

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27 of directors and the duties and requirements thereof;  
28 creating s. 295.22, F.S.; creating the Veterans  
29 Employment and Training Services Program within the  
30 department; providing program requirements; directing  
31 Enterprise Florida, Inc., to provide certain  
32 information about Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to  
33 certain businesses; creating s. 295.23, F.S.;

34 directing the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing  
35 Corporation to perform specified duties relating to  
36 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., and to expend specified  
37 funds in the performance of such duties; requiring the  
38 Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation to  
39 provide certain funds to Florida Is For Veterans,  
40 Inc.; providing appropriations; requiring Florida Is  
41 For Veterans, Inc., and the Florida Tourism Industry  
42 Marketing Corporation to submit certain plans and  
43 performance measures to the Legislative Budget  
44 Commission and receive the commission's approval  
45 before expending certain funds; directing Florida Is  
46 For Veterans, Inc., to submit a report to the Governor  
47 and Legislature relating to gaps in veteran resources;  
48 directing the Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
49 Government Accountability to conduct a performance  
50 audit of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.; amending ss.  
51 296.06 and 296.36, F.S.; revising the eligibility  
52 requirements for residency in the Florida State

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53 Veterans' Domiciliary Home and admittance to a state  
54 veterans' nursing home; amending s. 322.031, F.S.;  
55 providing conditions under which the spouses and  
56 dependents of servicemembers are exempt from obtaining  
57 or displaying a driver license or learner's permit;  
58 amending s. 322.121, F.S.; granting an automatic  
59 extension for the expiration of a driver license to  
60 the spouse and dependents of servicemembers; amending  
61 s. 455.213, F.S.; extending the application deadline  
62 for military veterans to have certain fees waived by  
63 the Department of Business and Professional Regulation  
64 and waiving such fees for the spouses of veterans;  
65 amending ss. 456.013 and 468.304, F.S.; extending the  
66 application deadline for military veterans to have  
67 certain fees waived by the Department of Health and  
68 waiving such fees for the spouses of veterans;  
69 amending s. 456.024, F.S.; providing licensing  
70 procedures and waiving fees for certain health care  
71 practitioners; amending ss. 458.315 and 459.0076,  
72 F.S.; revising provisions for issuance of temporary  
73 certificates for practice in areas of critical need to  
74 conform to changes made by the act; creating ss.  
75 458.3151 and 459.00761, F.S.; providing application  
76 requirements and procedures for active duty military  
77 and veteran physicians to obtain temporary  
78 certificates for practice in areas of critical need;

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79 | amending s. 499.012, F.S.; providing that specified  
80 | military service meets certain permitting  
81 | requirements; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; providing  
82 | legislative findings and intent with respect to  
83 | establishing charter schools on military  
84 | installations; encouraging military installation  
85 | commanders to collaborate with the Commissioner of  
86 | Education; providing for operation and control of such  
87 | schools; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; directing state  
88 | universities, Florida College System institutions, and  
89 | certain career centers to waive certain fees for  
90 | veterans; providing applicability; providing  
91 | appropriations; providing effective dates.

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93 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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95 | Section 1. Subsections (7) and (8) of section 250.10,  
96 | Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

97 | 250.10 Appointment and duties of the Adjutant General.—

98 | (7) The Adjutant General shall develop an education  
99 | assistance program for members in good standing of the Florida  
100 | National Guard who enroll in an authorized course of study at a  
101 | public or nonpublic postsecondary institution or technical  
102 | center ~~of higher learning~~ in the state which has been accredited  
103 | by an accrediting body recognized by the United States  
104 | Department of Education or licensed by the Commission for

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105 Independent Education. Education assistance also may be used for  
 106 training to obtain industry certifications approved by the  
 107 Department of Education pursuant to s. 1008.44 and continuing  
 108 education to maintain license certifications. The education  
 109 assistance ~~This~~ program shall be known as the Educational  
 110 Dollars for Duty program (EDD).

111 (a) The program shall establish ~~set forth~~ application  
 112 requirements, including, but not limited to, requirements that  
 113 the applicant:

- 114 1. Be 17 years of age or older.
- 115 2. Be presently domiciled in the state.
- 116 3. Be an active drilling member and in good standing in  
 117 the Florida National Guard at the beginning of and throughout  
 118 the entire academic term for which benefits are received.

119 4. Maintain continuous satisfactory participation in the  
 120 Florida National Guard for the ~~any~~ school term for which  
 121 ~~exemption~~ benefits are received.

122 5. Upon enrollment in the program, complete a memorandum  
 123 of agreement to:

- 124 a. Comply with the rules of the program. ~~and~~
- 125 b. Serve in the Florida National Guard for the period  
 126 specified in the member's enlistment or reenlistment contract.
- 127 c. Authorize the release of information pursuant to  
 128 subparagraph (d)6. by the postsecondary institution or technical  
 129 center to the education service office of the Department of  
 130 Military Affairs, subject to applicable federal and state law.

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131 (b) The program shall define those members of the Florida  
 132 National Guard who are ineligible to participate in the program  
 133 and those courses of study which are not authorized for the  
 134 program.

135 1. Ineligible members include, but are not limited to, a  
 136 ~~any~~ member, commissioned officer, warrant officer, or enlisted  
 137 person who has obtained a master's degree using the program.

138 2. Inactive members of the Florida National Guard and  
 139 members of the Individual Ready Reserve are not eligible to  
 140 participate in the program.

141 ~~3.2.~~ Courses not authorized include noncredit courses,  
 142 courses that do not meet degree requirements, courses that do  
 143 not meet requirements for completion of career training, or  
 144 other courses as determined by program definitions.

145 4. The program may not pay repeat course fees.

146 (c) The program may include, but is not limited to:

147 1. Courses at a public or nonpublic postsecondary  
 148 institution or technical center in the state which is accredited  
 149 by an accrediting body recognized by the United States  
 150 Department of Education or licensed by the Commission for  
 151 Independent Education.

152 2. Training to obtain industry certifications, limited to  
 153 certifications approved by the Department of Education under s.  
 154 1008.44.

155 3. Continuing education to maintain a license or  
 156 certification. Notwithstanding subparagraph (b)1., members who

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157 have obtained a master's degree using the program are eligible  
 158 for funding under this subparagraph.

159 4. Licensing and industry certification examination fees.  
 160 Notwithstanding subparagraph (b)1., members who have obtained a  
 161 master's degree using the program are eligible for funding under  
 162 this subparagraph.

163 5. Notwithstanding subparagraph (b)3., developmental  
 164 educational courses.

165 ~~3. Developmental education courses are authorized for the~~  
 166 ~~program.~~

167 ~~(d)(e)~~ The Adjutant General shall adopt rules for the  
 168 overall policy, guidance, administration, implementation, and  
 169 proper use of the program. Such rules must include, but need not  
 170 be limited to:7

171 1. Guidelines for certification by the Adjutant General of  
 172 a guard member's eligibility.7

173 2. Procedures for notification to a postsecondary an  
 174 institution or technical center of a guard member's termination  
 175 of eligibility.~~7~~~~and~~

176 3. Guidelines for approving courses of study that are  
 177 authorized for the program, including online courses, industry  
 178 certification training, and continuing education to maintain  
 179 license certifications.

180 4. Guidelines for approving the use of program funds for  
 181 licensing and industry certification examination fees.

182 5. Procedures for restitution when a guard member fails to

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183 comply with the penalties described in this section.

184 6. Procedures that require a public or nonpublic  
185 postsecondary institution or technical center that receives  
186 funding from the program to provide information regarding course  
187 enrollment, course withdrawal, course cancellation, course  
188 completion, course failure, and grade verification of enrolled  
189 members to the education service office of the Department of  
190 Military Affairs.

191 7. Guidelines for the payment of tuition and fees, not to  
192 exceed the highest in-state tuition rate charged by a public  
193 postsecondary institution in the state.

194 (8) Subject to appropriations, the Department of Military  
195 Affairs may pay the full cost of tuition and fees for required  
196 courses for current members of the Florida National Guard.  
197 Members are eligible to use the program upon enlistment in the  
198 Florida National Guard. If a member is enrolled in a nonpublic  
199 postsecondary education institution or a nonpublic vocational-  
200 technical program, the Department of Military Affairs shall pay  
201 an amount that may not exceed the rate of the highest in-state  
202 ~~equal to the amount that would be required to pay for the~~  
203 ~~average~~ tuition and fees at a public postsecondary education  
204 institution or public vocational-technical program.

205 (a) The Adjutant General shall give preference and  
206 priority to eligible members who have deployed on federal  
207 military orders while a member of the Florida National Guard.

208 (b) The Department of Military Affairs may reimburse a



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209 member for student textbook and instructional material costs in  
 210 accordance with limits set each fiscal year based on funding  
 211 availability and regardless of the source of tuition funding,  
 212 but only after tuition and fees for all eligible members are  
 213 paid for that fiscal year.

214 ~~(a) A member may participate in the program if he or she~~  
 215 ~~maintains satisfactory participation in, and is an active~~  
 216 ~~drilling member of, the Florida National Guard. Inactive members~~  
 217 ~~of the Florida National Guard and members of the Individual~~  
 218 ~~Ready Reserve (IRR) are not eligible to participate in the~~  
 219 ~~program.~~

220 (c)~~(b)~~ Penalties for noncompliance with program  
 221 requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

222 1. If a member of the Florida National Guard receives  
 223 payment of tuition and fees for an ~~any~~ academic term and fails  
 224 to maintain satisfactory participation in the Florida National  
 225 Guard during that academic term, the member shall reimburse the  
 226 Department of Military Affairs all tuition charges and student  
 227 fees for the academic term for which the member received  
 228 payment.

229 2. If a member of the Florida National Guard leaves the  
 230 Florida National Guard during the period specified in the  
 231 member's enlistment or reenlistment contract, the member shall  
 232 reimburse the Department of Military Affairs all tuition charges  
 233 and student fees for which the member received payments,  
 234 regardless of whether the obligation to reimburse the department

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235 was incurred before, on, or after July 1, 2009, unless the  
 236 Adjutant General finds that there are justifiable extenuating  
 237 circumstances.

238 3. If the service of a member of the Florida National  
 239 Guard is terminated or the member is placed on scholastic  
 240 probation while receiving payments, the member shall reimburse  
 241 the Department of Military Affairs all tuition charges and  
 242 student fees for the academic term for which the member received  
 243 payment.

244 4. If a member defaults on any reimbursement made under  
 245 this paragraph, the department may charge the member the maximum  
 246 interest rate authorized by law.

247 Section 2. Beginning in the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum  
 248 of \$1.53 million in recurring funds is appropriated from the  
 249 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Military Affairs to  
 250 supplement the Educational Dollars for Duty program to ensure  
 251 that Florida National Guard members are rewarded for their  
 252 service to the country with the ability to pursue higher  
 253 learning in the state pursuant to s. 250.10(7) and (8), Florida  
 254 Statutes.

255 Section 3. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of  
 256 \$250,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General  
 257 Revenue Fund to the Department of Military Affairs for the  
 258 purpose of information technology upgrades to accommodate  
 259 administering and auditing the Educational Dollars for Duty  
 260 program.

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261 Section 4. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 250.35,  
 262 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

263 250.35 Courts-martial.—

264 (1) The Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 10 U.S.C.  
 265 ss. 801 et seq., and the Manual for Courts-Martial (2012 ~~2008~~  
 266 Edition) are adopted for use by the Florida National Guard,  
 267 except as otherwise provided by this chapter.

268 (2) Courts-martial may try a ~~any~~ member of the Florida  
 269 National Guard for any crime or offense made punishable by the  
 270 Uniform Code of Military Justice (2012 ~~2008~~ Edition), except  
 271 that a commissioned officer, warrant officer, or cadet may not  
 272 be tried by summary courts-martial.

273 Section 5. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section  
 274 265.0031, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

275 265.0031 Florida Veterans' Walk of Honor and Florida  
 276 Veterans' Memorial Garden.—

277 (1) To recognize and honor those military veterans who  
 278 have made significant contributions to the state through their  
 279 service to the United States, the Florida Veterans' Walk of  
 280 Honor and the Florida Veterans' Memorial Garden are established.

281 (2) The Florida Veterans' Walk of Honor and the Florida  
 282 Veterans' Memorial Garden shall be administered by the direct-  
 283 support organization of the Department of Veterans' Affairs  
 284 without funding from the state. However, donations made to the  
 285 Florida Veterans' Walk of Honor and the Florida Veterans'  
 286 Memorial Garden shall be credited to the direct-support

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287 organization of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and used  
 288 solely to support and maintain the Florida Veterans' Walk of  
 289 Honor, the Florida Veterans' Memorial Garden, and other efforts  
 290 of the direct-support organization.

291 (3) The Department of Management Services, in consultation  
 292 with the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the direct-support  
 293 organization of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, shall make  
 294 space available on the Capitol Complex grounds for the  
 295 construction of the Florida Veterans' Walk of Honor and the  
 296 Florida Veterans' Memorial Garden.

297 Section 6. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of  
 298 section 288.0001, Florida Statutes, to read:

299 288.0001 Economic Development Programs Evaluation.—The  
 300 Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of  
 301 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)  
 302 shall develop and present to the Governor, the President of the  
 303 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
 304 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the Economic  
 305 Development Programs Evaluation.

306 (2) The Office of Economic and Demographic Research and  
 307 OPPAGA shall provide a detailed analysis of economic development  
 308 programs as provided in the following schedule:

309 (d) By January 1, 2019, and every 3 years thereafter, an  
 310 analysis of the grant and entrepreneur initiative programs  
 311 established under s. 295.22(3)(d) and (e).

312 Section 7. Section 295.065, Florida Statutes, is amended

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313 to read:

314 295.065 Legislative intent.—It is the intent of the  
 315 Legislature to provide preference and priority in the hiring  
 316 practices of this state as set forth in this chapter. ~~In~~ All  
 317 written job announcements and audio and video advertisements  
 318 used by employing agencies of the state and its political  
 319 subdivisions must include a notice stating, ~~there shall be a~~  
 320 ~~notation~~ that certain servicemembers and veterans, and the  
 321 spouses and family members of the servicemembers and veterans,  
 322 receive preference and priority in employment by the state and  
 323 are encouraged to apply for the positions being filled.

324 Section 8. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 295.07,  
 325 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

326 295.07 Preference in appointment and retention.—

327 (1) The state and its political subdivisions ~~in the state~~  
 328 shall give preference in appointment and retention in positions  
 329 of employment to:

330 (a) Those disabled veterans:

331 1. Who have served on active duty in any branch of the  
 332 United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~, have received  
 333 an honorable discharge ~~been separated therefrom under honorable~~  
 334 ~~conditions~~, and have established the present existence of a  
 335 service-connected disability that ~~which~~ is compensable under  
 336 public laws administered by the United States ~~U.S.~~ Department of  
 337 Veterans ~~Veterans'~~ Affairs; or

338 2. Who are receiving compensation, disability retirement

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339 benefits, or pension by reason of public laws administered by  
 340 the United States ~~U.S.~~ Department of Veterans ~~Veterans'~~ Affairs  
 341 and the United States Department of Defense.

342 (b) The spouse of a ~~any~~ person who has a total disability,  
 343 permanent in nature, resulting from a service-connected  
 344 disability and who, because of this disability, cannot qualify  
 345 for employment, and the spouse of a ~~any~~ person missing in  
 346 action, captured in line of duty by a hostile force, or forcibly  
 347 detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or  
 348 power.

349 (c) A wartime veteran ~~of any war~~ as defined in s.  
 350 1.01(14), who has. ~~The veteran must have served at least 1 day~~  
 351 ~~during a wartime period to be eligible for veterans' preference.~~  
 352 Active duty for training may ~~shall~~ not be allowed for  
 353 eligibility under this paragraph.

354 (d) The unremarried widow or widower of a veteran who died  
 355 of a service-connected disability.

356 (e) The mother, father, legal guardian, or unremarried  
 357 widow or widower of a member of the United States Armed Forces  
 358 who died in the line of duty under combat-related conditions, as  
 359 verified by the United States Department of Defense.

360 (f) A veteran as defined in s. 1.01(14). Active duty for  
 361 training may not be allowed for eligibility under this  
 362 paragraph.

363 (g) A current member of any reserve component of the  
 364 United States Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard.

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365 (3) Preference in employment and retention may be given  
 366 only to eligible persons who are described in subsection (1) ~~and~~  
 367 ~~who are residents of this state.~~

368 Section 9. Section 295.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 369 read:

370 295.08 Positions for which a numerically based selection  
 371 process is used.—For positions for which an examination is used  
 372 to determine the qualifications for entrance into employment  
 373 with the state or political subdivisions in the state, 15 points  
 374 shall be added to the earned ratings of a person included under  
 375 s. 295.07(1)(a) or (b), 10 points shall be added to the earned  
 376 ratings of a any person included under s. 295.07(1)(c), (d), or  
 377 (e) ~~295.07(1)(a) or (b),~~ and 5 points shall be added to the  
 378 earned rating of a any person included under s. 295.07(1)(f) or  
 379 (g) ~~295.07(1)(e) and (d),~~ if the person has obtained a  
 380 qualifying score on the examination for the position. The names  
 381 of persons eligible for preference shall be entered on an  
 382 appropriate register or list in accordance with their respective  
 383 augmented ratings. However, except for classes of positions with  
 384 Federal Government designations of professional or technician,  
 385 the names of all persons qualified to receive a 15-point ~~10-~~  
 386 ~~point~~ preference whose service-connected disabilities have been  
 387 rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
 388 predecessor or the United States Department of Defense to be 30  
 389 percent or more shall be placed at the top of the appropriate  
 390 register or employment list, in accordance with their respective

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391 augmented ratings. The respective augmented rating is the  
 392 examination score or evaluated score in addition to the  
 393 applicable veteran's preference points.

394 Section 10. Section 295.085, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 395 to read:

396 295.085 Positions for which a numerically based selection  
 397 process is not used.—In all positions in which the appointment  
 398 or employment of persons is not subject to a written  
 399 examination, with the exception of positions that are exempt  
 400 under s. 295.07(4), first preference in appointment, employment,  
 401 and retention shall be given by the state and political  
 402 subdivisions in the state to a person ~~persons~~ included under s.  
 403 295.07(1)(a) or (b) ~~295.07(1)(a) and (b)~~, and second preference  
 404 shall be given to a person ~~persons~~ included under s.  
 405 295.07(1)(c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) ~~295.07(1)(c) and (d)~~ who  
 406 possess the minimum qualifications necessary to discharge the  
 407 duties of the position involved.

408 Section 11. Section 295.188, Florida Statutes, is created  
 409 to read:

410 295.188 Preference in hiring veterans for private  
 411 employers.—

412 (1) The Legislature intends to establish a permissive  
 413 preference in private employment for certain veterans.

414 (2) A private employer may adopt an employment policy that  
 415 gives preference in hiring to an honorably discharged veteran,  
 416 as defined in s. 1.01(14); the spouse of a veteran with a



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417 service-connected disability, as described in s. 295.07(1)(b);  
 418 the unremarried widow or widower of a veteran who died of a  
 419 service-connected disability, as described in s. 295.07(1)(d);  
 420 or the unremarried widow or widower of a member of the United  
 421 States Armed Forces who died in the line of duty under combat-  
 422 related conditions. Such policy shall be applied uniformly to  
 423 employment decisions regarding hiring and promotion.

424 (3) These preferences are not considered violations of any  
 425 state or local equal employment opportunity law.

426 Section 12. Section 295.21, Florida Statutes, is created  
 427 to read:

428 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.-

429 (1) CREATION.-There is created within the Department of  
 430 Veterans' Affairs a nonprofit corporation, to be known as  
 431 "Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.," which shall be registered,  
 432 incorporated, organized, and operated in compliance with chapter  
 433 617, and which is not a unit or entity of state government. As  
 434 used in this section and s. 295.22, unless the context indicates  
 435 otherwise, the term "corporation" means Florida Is For Veterans,  
 436 Inc. The corporation shall be a separate budget entity and is  
 437 not subject to the control, supervision, or direction of the  
 438 department in any manner, including, but not limited to,  
 439 personnel, purchasing, transactions involving real or personal  
 440 property, or budgetary matters.

441 (2) PURPOSE.-The purpose of the corporation is to promote  
 442 Florida as a veteran-friendly state that seeks to provide

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443 veterans with employment opportunities and that promotes the  
444 hiring of veterans by the business community. The corporation  
445 shall encourage retired and recently separated military  
446 personnel to remain in the state or to make the state their  
447 permanent residence. The corporation shall promote the value of  
448 military skill sets to businesses in the state, assist in  
449 tailoring the training of veterans to match the needs of the  
450 employment marketplace, and enhance the entrepreneurial skills  
451 of veterans.

452 (3) DUTIES.—The corporation shall:

453 (a) Conduct research to identify the target market and the  
454 educational and employment needs of those in the target market.  
455 The corporation shall contract with at least one entity pursuant  
456 to the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 and the  
457 provisions of s. 295.187 to perform the research. Such entity  
458 must have experience conducting market research on the veteran  
459 demographic. The corporation shall seek input from the Florida  
460 Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation on the scope, process,  
461 and focus of such research.

462 (b) Advise the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing  
463 Corporation, pursuant to s. 295.23, on:

- 464 1. The target market as identified in paragraph (a).  
465 2. Development and implementation of a marketing campaign  
466 to encourage members of the target market to remain in the state  
467 or to make the state their permanent residence.  
468 3. Methods for disseminating information to the target

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469 market that relates to the interests and needs of veterans of  
 470 all ages and facilitates veterans' knowledge of and access to  
 471 benefits.

472 (c) Promote and enhance the value of military skill sets  
 473 to businesses.

474 (d) Implement the Veterans Employment and Training  
 475 Services Program established by s. 295.22.

476 (e) Responsibly and prudently manage all funds received  
 477 and ensure that the use of such funds conforms to all applicable  
 478 laws, bylaws, or contractual requirements.

479 (f) Administer the programs created in this section and s.  
 480 295.22.

481 (4) GOVERNANCE.—

482 (a) The corporation shall be governed by a nine-member  
 483 board of directors. The Governor, the President of the Senate,  
 484 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each  
 485 appoint three members to the board. In making appointments, the  
 486 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
 487 House of Representatives must consider representation by active  
 488 or retired military personnel and their spouses representing a  
 489 range of ages and persons with expertise in business, education,  
 490 marketing, and information management.

491 (b) The board of directors shall annually elect a chair  
 492 from among the board's members.

493 (c) Each member of the board of directors shall be  
 494 appointed for a term of 4 years, except that, to achieve

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495 staggered terms, the initial appointees of the Governor shall  
496 serve terms of 2 years. A member is ineligible for reappointment  
497 to the board except that a member appointed to a term of 2 years  
498 or less may be reappointed for an additional term of 4 years.  
499 The initial appointments to the board must be made by July 15,  
500 2014. Vacancies on the board shall be filled in the same manner  
501 as the original appointment. A vacancy that occurs before the  
502 scheduled expiration of the term of the member shall be filled  
503 for the remainder of the unexpired term.

504 (d) The Legislature finds that it is in the public  
505 interest for the members of the board of directors to be subject  
506 to the requirements of ss. 112.313, 112.3135, and 112.3143.  
507 Notwithstanding the fact that they are not public officers or  
508 employees, for purposes of ss. 112.313, 112.3135, and 112.3143,  
509 the board members shall be considered to be public officers or  
510 employees. In addition to the postemployment restrictions of s.  
511 112.313(9), a person appointed to the board of directors may not  
512 have direct interest in a contract, franchise, privilege,  
513 project, program, or other benefit arising from an award by the  
514 corporation during the appointment term and for 2 years after  
515 the termination of such appointment. A person who accepts  
516 appointment to the board of directors in violation of this  
517 subsection, or accepts a direct interest in a contract,  
518 franchise, privilege, project, program, or other benefit granted  
519 by the corporation to an awardee within 2 years after the  
520 termination of his or her service on the board, commits a

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521 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.  
522 775.082 or s. 775.083. Further, each member of the board of  
523 directors who is not otherwise required to file financial  
524 disclosure under s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution or s.  
525 112.3144 shall file a statement of financial interests under s.  
526 112.3145.

527 (e) Each member of the board of directors shall serve  
528 without compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for travel  
529 and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061 while performing  
530 his or her duties.

531 (f) Each member of the board of directors is accountable  
532 for the proper performance of the duties of office and owes a  
533 fiduciary duty to the people of this state to ensure that awards  
534 provided are disbursed and used as prescribed by law and  
535 contract. An appointed member of the board of directors may be  
536 removed by the officer who appointed the member for malfeasance,  
537 misfeasance, neglect of duty, incompetence, permanent inability  
538 to perform official duties, unexcused absence from three  
539 consecutive board meetings, arrest or indictment for a crime  
540 that is a felony or a misdemeanor involving theft or a crime of  
541 dishonesty, or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to or being  
542 found guilty of any crime.

543 (g) A majority of the members of the board of directors  
544 constitutes a quorum. Council meetings may be held via  
545 teleconference or other electronic means.

546 (5) POWERS.—In addition to the powers and duties

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547 prescribed in chapter 617 and the articles and bylaws adopted  
 548 thereunder, the board of directors may:

549 (a) Make and enter into contracts and other instruments  
 550 necessary or convenient for the exercise of its powers and  
 551 functions. However, notwithstanding s. 617.0302, the corporation  
 552 may not issue bonds.

553 (b) Make expenditures, including any necessary  
 554 administrative expenditure.

555 (c) Adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws, consistent with the  
 556 powers granted to it under this section or the articles of  
 557 incorporation, for the administration of the activities of the  
 558 corporation, and the exercise of its corporate powers.

559 (d) Accept funding for its programs and activities from  
 560 federal, state, local, and private sources.

561 (e) Adopt and register a fictitious name for use in its  
 562 marketing activities.

563  
 564 The credit of the State of Florida may not be pledged on behalf  
 565 of the corporation.

566 (6) PUBLIC RECORDS AND MEETINGS.—The corporation is  
 567 subject to the provisions of chapters 119 and 286 relating to  
 568 public records and meetings, respectively.

569 (7) STAFFING AND ASSISTANCE.—

570 (a) The corporation is authorized to hire or contract for  
 571 all staff necessary for the proper execution of its powers and  
 572 duties. All employees of the corporation shall comply with the

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573 Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees under part III  
 574 of chapter 112. Corporation staff must agree to refrain from  
 575 having any direct interest in any contract, franchise,  
 576 privilege, project, program, or other benefit arising from an  
 577 award by the corporation during the term of their appointment  
 578 and for 2 years after the termination of such appointment.

579 (b) All agencies of the state are authorized and directed  
 580 to provide such technical assistance as the corporation may  
 581 require to identify programs within each agency which provide  
 582 assistance or benefits to veterans who are located in this state  
 583 or who are considering relocation to this state.

584 (c) The Department of Veterans' Affairs may authorize the  
 585 corporation's use of the department's property, facilities, and  
 586 personnel services, subject to this section. The department may  
 587 prescribe by contract any condition with which the corporation  
 588 must comply in order to use the department's property,  
 589 facilities, or personnel services.

590 (d) The department may not authorize the use of its  
 591 property, facilities, or personnel services if the corporation  
 592 does not provide equal employment opportunities to all persons  
 593 regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national  
 594 origin.

595 (8) ANNUAL REPORT.—The corporation shall submit an annual  
 596 progress report and work plan by December 1 to the Governor, the  
 597 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
 598 Representatives. The report must include:

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599 (a) Status and summary of findings regarding the target  
 600 market, veteran benefits, and any identified gaps in services.

601 (b) Status of the marketing campaign, delivery systems of  
 602 the marketing campaign, and outreach to the target market.

603 (c) Status of the Veterans Employment and Training  
 604 Services Program administered under s. 295.22.

605 (d) Proposed revisions or additions to performance  
 606 measurements for the programs administered by the corporation.

607 (e) Identification of contracts that the corporation has  
 608 entered into to carry out its duties.

609 (f) An annual compliance and financial audit of accounts  
 610 and records for the previous fiscal year prepared by an  
 611 independent certified public accountant pursuant to rules  
 612 adopted by the Auditor General.

613 (9) DISSOLUTION.-All moneys and property held by the  
 614 corporation shall revert to the state if the corporation ceases  
 615 to exist.

616 Section 13. Section 295.22, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 617 read:

618 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.-

619 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.-The Legislature finds  
 620 that the state has a compelling interest in ensuring that each  
 621 veteran who is a resident of the state finds employment that  
 622 meets his or her professional goals and receives the training or  
 623 education necessary to meet those goals. The Legislature also  
 624 finds that connecting dedicated, well-trained veterans with



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625 businesses that need a dedicated, well-trained workforce is of  
626 paramount importance. The Legislature recognizes that veterans  
627 may not currently have the skills to meet the workforce needs of  
628 Florida employers and may require assistance in obtaining  
629 additional workforce training or in transitioning their skills  
630 to meet the demands of the marketplace. It is the intent of the  
631 Legislature that the Veterans Employment and Training Services  
632 Program coordinate and meet the needs of veterans and the  
633 business community to enhance the economy of this state.

634 (2) CREATION.—The Veterans Employment and Training  
635 Services Program is created within the Department of Veterans'  
636 Affairs to assist in linking veterans in search of employment  
637 with businesses seeking to hire dedicated, well-trained workers.  
638 The purpose of the program is to meet the workforce demands of  
639 businesses in the state by facilitating access to training and  
640 education in high-demand fields for veterans.

641 (3) ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall  
642 administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program  
643 and perform all of the following functions:

644 (a) Conduct marketing and recruiting efforts directed at  
645 veterans who reside in or who have an interest in relocating to  
646 this state and who are seeking employment. Marketing must  
647 include information related to how a veteran's military  
648 experience can be valuable to a business. Such efforts may  
649 include attending veteran job fairs and events, hosting events  
650 for veterans or the business community, and using digital and

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651 social media and direct mail campaigns. The corporation shall  
652 also include such marketing as part of its main marketing  
653 campaign.

654 (b) Assist veterans who reside in or relocate to this  
655 state and who are seeking employment. The corporation shall  
656 offer skills assessments to veterans and assist them in  
657 establishing employment goals and applying for and achieving  
658 gainful employment.

659 1. Assessment may include skill match information, skill  
660 gap analysis, résumé creation, translation of military skills  
661 into civilian workforce skills, and translation of military  
662 achievements and experience into generally understood civilian  
663 workforce skills.

664 2. Assistance may include providing the veteran with  
665 information on current workforce demand by industry or  
666 geographic region, creating employment goals, and aiding or  
667 teaching general knowledge related to completing applications.  
668 The corporation may provide information related to industry  
669 certifications approved by the Department of Education under s.  
670 1008.44 as well as information related to earning academic  
671 college credit at public postsecondary educational institutions  
672 for college-level training and education acquired in the  
673 military under s. 1004.096.

674 3. The corporation shall encourage veterans to register  
675 with the state's job bank system and may refer veterans to local  
676 one-stop career centers for further services. The corporation

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677 shall provide each veteran with information about state  
678 workforce programs and shall consolidate information about all  
679 available resources on one website that, if possible, includes a  
680 hyperlink to each resource's website and contact information, if  
681 available. If appropriate, a veteran shall be encouraged to  
682 participate in the Complete Florida Degree Program established  
683 under s. 1006.735.

684 4. Assessment and assistance may be in person or by  
685 electronic means, as determined by the corporation to be most  
686 efficient and best meet the needs of veterans.

687 (c) Assist Florida businesses in recruiting and hiring  
688 veterans. The corporation shall provide services to Florida  
689 businesses to meet their hiring needs by connecting businesses  
690 with suitable veteran applicants for employment. Suitable  
691 applicants include veterans who have appropriate job skills or  
692 may need additional training to meet the specific needs of a  
693 business. The corporation shall also provide information about  
694 the state and federal benefits of hiring veterans.

695 (d) Create a grant program to provide funding to assist  
696 veterans in meeting the workforce-skill needs of businesses  
697 seeking to hire veterans, establish criteria for approval of  
698 requests for funding, and maximize the use of funding for this  
699 program. Grant funds may be used only in the absence of  
700 available veteran-specific federally funded programs. Grants may  
701 fund specialized training specific to a particular business.

702 1. Grant funds may be allocated to any training provider

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703 selected by the business, including a career center, a Florida  
704 College System institution, a state university, or an in-house  
705 training provider of the business. If grant funds are used to  
706 provide a technical certificate, a licensure, or a degree, funds  
707 may be allocated only upon a review that includes, but is not  
708 limited to, accreditation and licensure documentation.  
709 Instruction funded through the program must terminate when  
710 participants demonstrate competence at the level specified in  
711 the request; however, the grant term may not exceed 48 months.  
712 Preference shall be given to target industry businesses, as  
713 defined in s. 288.106, and to businesses in the defense supply,  
714 cloud virtualization, or commercial aviation manufacturing  
715 industries.

716 2. Costs and expenditures for the grant program must be  
717 documented and separated from those incurred by the training  
718 provider. Costs and expenditures shall be limited to \$8,000 per  
719 veteran trainee. Eligible costs and expenditures include:

720 a. Tuition and fees.

721 b. Curriculum development.

722 c. Books and classroom materials.

723 d. Rental fees for facilities at public colleges and  
724 universities, including virtual training labs.

725 e. Overhead or indirect costs not to exceed 5 percent of  
726 the grant amount.

727 3. Before funds are allocated for a request pursuant to  
728 this section, the corporation shall prepare a grant agreement

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729 between the business requesting funds, the educational  
730 institution or training provider receiving funding through the  
731 program, and the corporation. Such agreement must include, but  
732 need not be limited to:

733 a. Identification of the personnel necessary to conduct  
734 the instructional program, the qualifications of such personnel,  
735 and the respective responsibilities of the parties for paying  
736 costs associated with the employment of such personnel.

737 b. Identification of the match provided by the business,  
738 including cash and in-kind contributions, equal to at least 50  
739 percent of the total grant amount.

740 c. Identification of the estimated duration of the  
741 instructional program.

742 d. Identification of all direct, training-related costs.

743 e. Identification of special program requirements that are  
744 not otherwise addressed in the agreement.

745 f. Permission to access aggregate information specific to  
746 the wages and performance of participants upon the completion of  
747 instruction for evaluation purposes. The agreement must specify  
748 that any evaluation published subsequent to the instruction may  
749 not identify the employer or any individual participant.

750 4. A business may receive a grant under the Quick-Response  
751 Training Program created under s. 288.047 and a grant under this  
752 section for the same veteran trainee. If a business receives  
753 funds under both programs, one grant agreement may be entered  
754 into with Workforce Florida, Inc., as the grant administrator.

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755 (e) Contract with one or more entities to administer an  
 756 entrepreneur initiative program for veterans in this state which  
 757 connects business leaders in the state with veterans seeking to  
 758 become entrepreneurs.

759 1. The corporation shall award each contract in accordance  
 760 with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 to one  
 761 or more public or private universities that:

762 a. Demonstrate the ability to implement the program and  
 763 the commitment of university resources, including financial  
 764 resources, to such programs.

765 b. Have a military and veteran resource center.

766 c. Have a regional small business development center in  
 767 the Florida Small Business Development Center Network.

768 d. As determined by the corporation, have been nationally  
 769 recognized for commitment to the military and veterans.

770 2. Each contract must include performance metrics,  
 771 including a focus on employment and business creation. Each  
 772 university must coordinate with any entrepreneurship center  
 773 located at the university. The university may also work with an  
 774 entity offering related programs to refer veterans or to provide  
 775 services. The entrepreneur initiative program may include  
 776 activities and assistance such as peer-to-peer learning  
 777 sessions, mentoring, technical assistance, business roundtables,  
 778 networking opportunities, support of student organizations,  
 779 speaker series, or other tools within a virtual environment.

780 (4) DUTIES OF ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, INC.—Enterprise Florida,

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781 Inc., shall provide information about the corporation and its  
 782 services to prospective, new, expanding, and relocating  
 783 businesses seeking to conduct business in this state. Enterprise  
 784 Florida, Inc., shall, to the greatest extent possible,  
 785 collaborate with the corporation to meet the employment needs,  
 786 including meeting the job-creation requirements, of any business  
 787 receiving assistance or services from Enterprise Florida, Inc.

788 Section 14. Section 295.23, Florida Statutes, is created  
 789 to read:

790 295.23 Veterans research and marketing campaign.-

791 (1) The Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation  
 792 shall:

793 (a) Provide input to Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., on  
 794 research to identify the target market and the educational and  
 795 employment needs of those in the target market.

796 (b) Develop and conduct a marketing campaign to encourage  
 797 retired and recently separated military personnel to remain in  
 798 the state or to make the state their permanent residence.

799 (c) Develop a process for the dissemination of information  
 800 to the target market and targeting that information to the  
 801 interests and needs of veterans of all ages to facilitate  
 802 veterans' knowledge of and access to benefits.

803 (2) The Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation  
 804 shall seek advice from Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., on the  
 805 scope, process, and focus of the marketing campaign. Input must  
 806 be received before invitations to bid, requests for proposals,

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807 or invitations to negotiate for contracted services are  
 808 advertised. Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall be kept  
 809 informed at each stage of the marketing campaign and may provide  
 810 recommendations to the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing  
 811 Corporation to ensure that the effort effectively reaches  
 812 veterans.

813 (3) For the purposes of this section, the Florida Tourism  
 814 Industry Marketing Corporation shall expend \$1 million annually  
 815 on marketing the state to veterans as a permanent home and on  
 816 information dissemination to improve veterans' knowledge of and  
 817 access to benefits through a combination of existing funds  
 818 appropriated to the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing  
 819 Corporation by the Legislature and private funds.

820 Section 15. For fiscal year 2014-2015, the Florida Tourism  
 821 Industry Marketing Corporation shall provide Florida Is For  
 822 Veterans, Inc., \$300,000 to conduct market research pursuant to  
 823 s. 295.21(3) (a), Florida Statutes.

824 Section 16. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of  
 825 \$56,768 in recurring funds and \$4,258 in nonrecurring funds are  
 826 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of  
 827 Veterans' Affairs, and one full-time equivalent position with  
 828 associated salary rate of 36,350, is authorized to assist  
 829 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., in performing state financial  
 830 activities. The funds appropriated in this section shall be  
 831 released pursuant to s. 216.192, Florida Statutes.

832 Section 17. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of



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833 \$344,106 in recurring funds and \$14,391 in nonrecurring funds  
834 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Department  
835 of Veterans' Affairs for the purpose of funding the costs for  
836 startup, staffing, and general operations of the Florida Is For  
837 Veterans, Inc. The funds appropriated in this section shall be  
838 released pursuant to s. 216.192, Florida Statutes.

839 Section 18. By August 15, 2014, Florida Is For Veterans,  
840 Inc., shall submit a plan to the Legislative Budget Commission,  
841 through the Department of Veterans' Affairs, pursuant to s.  
842 216.177, Florida Statutes. The plan shall:

843 (1) Provide a strategy and framework for the general  
844 operations of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., including the  
845 fulfillment of its purpose, duties, and goals as provided in ss.  
846 295.21 and 295.22, Florida Statutes;

847 (2) Include specific performance measures by which Florida  
848 Is For Veterans, Inc., and its functions shall be evaluated; and

849 (3) Include details of the existing expenditures and  
850 obligations of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., as well as a  
851 budget and timelines for expected expenditures related both to  
852 general operations and to products, services, and grants to be  
853 provided under programs administered by Florida Is For Veterans,  
854 Inc.

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856 Copies of the plan shall also be submitted to the President of  
857 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The  
858 Legislative Budget Commission must approve the plan, including

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859 the performance measures, before Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.,  
 860 may expend funds for the duties required under s. 295.22,  
 861 Florida Statutes.

862 Section 19. By August 15, 2014, the Florida Tourism  
 863 Industry Marketing Corporation and Florida Is For Veterans,  
 864 Inc., shall jointly develop and submit to the Legislative Budget  
 865 Commission, through the Department of Economic Opportunity,  
 866 pursuant to s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, specific performance  
 867 measures by which the research and marketing campaign  
 868 established under s. 295.23, Florida Statutes, shall be  
 869 evaluated. Copies of the performance measures shall also be  
 870 submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
 871 House of Representatives. The Legislative Budget Commission must  
 872 approve the performance measures before the Florida Tourism  
 873 Industry Marketing Corporation or Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.,  
 874 may expend funds for the duties required under s. 295.23,  
 875 Florida Statutes.

876 Section 20. By February 2, 2016, Florida Is For Veterans,  
 877 Inc., shall submit a report to the Governor, the President of  
 878 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
 879 identifying existing gaps in veteran resources and recommending  
 880 best practices that may be used to assist veterans and  
 881 improvements to current or new resources and programs.

882 Section 21. By February 1, 2018, the Office of Program  
 883 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall conduct a  
 884 performance audit of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc. The audit

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885 shall assess the implementation and outcomes of activities under  
 886 ss. 295.21 and 295.22, Florida Statutes, and evaluate the  
 887 corporation's accomplishments and progress toward making Florida  
 888 a veteran-friendly state. The audit must provide recommendations  
 889 for any necessary improvements. The report of the audit's  
 890 findings shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and  
 891 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

892 Section 22. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
 893 296.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

894 296.06 State policy; eligibility requirements.—

895 (2) To be eligible for residency in the home, a veteran  
 896 must:

897 (b) ~~Have been a resident of the state for 1 year~~  
 898 ~~immediately preceding application and~~ Be a resident of the state  
 899 at the time of application.

900 Section 23. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
 901 296.36, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

902 296.36 Eligibility and priority of admittance.—

903 (1) To be eligible for admittance to the home, the person  
 904 must be a veteran as provided in s. 1.01(14) or have eligible  
 905 peacetime service as defined in s. 296.02 and must:

906 (b) Be ~~Have been~~ a resident of the state ~~for 1 year~~  
 907 ~~immediately preceding, and~~ at the time of application for,  
 908 admission to the home.

909 Section 24. Section 322.031, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 910 to read:

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911 322.031 Nonresident; when license required.—

912 (1) In each ~~every~~ case in which a nonresident, except a  
 913 nonresident migrant or seasonal farm worker as defined in s.  
 914 316.003(61), accepts employment or engages in a ~~any~~ trade,  
 915 profession, or occupation in this state or enters his or her  
 916 children to be educated in the public schools of this state,  
 917 such nonresident shall, within 30 days after beginning ~~the~~  
 918 ~~commencement~~ of such employment or education, be required to  
 919 obtain a Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license if such nonresident  
 920 operates a motor vehicle on the highways of this state. The  
 921 spouse or dependent child of such nonresident shall also be  
 922 required to obtain a Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license within that  
 923 30-day period before ~~prior to~~ operating a motor vehicle on the  
 924 highways of this state.

925 (2) A member of the United States Armed Forces on active  
 926 duty in this state, his or her spouse, or a dependent residing  
 927 with him or her, is ~~shall~~ not be required to obtain or display a  
 928 Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license if he or she is in possession of  
 929 a valid military identification card and either a valid driver  
 930 license or learner's permit issued by another state, or a valid  
 931 military driving permit. Such a person is not required to obtain  
 932 or display a Florida driver license ~~under this section solely~~  
 933 because he or she enters his or her children to be educated in  
 934 the public schools of this state or because he or she accepts  
 935 employment or engages in a trade, profession, or occupation in  
 936 this state ~~if he or she has a valid military driving permit or a~~

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937 ~~valid driver's license issued by another state.~~

938 (3) A nonresident who is domiciled in another state and  
 939 who commutes into this state in order to work is ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~  
 940 required to obtain a Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license under this  
 941 section solely because he or she has accepted employment or  
 942 engages in a ~~any~~ trade, profession, or occupation in this state  
 943 if he or she has a valid driver ~~driver's~~ license issued by  
 944 another state. Further, a ~~any~~ person who is enrolled as a  
 945 student in a college or university and who is a nonresident but  
 946 is in this state for a period of up to 6 months engaged in a  
 947 work-study program for which academic credits are earned from a  
 948 college whose credits or degrees are accepted for credit by at  
 949 least three accredited institutions of higher learning, as  
 950 defined in s. 1005.02, is ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~ required to obtain a  
 951 Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license for the duration of the work-  
 952 study program if such person has a valid driver ~~driver's~~ license  
 953 issued by another state. A ~~Any~~ nonresident who is enrolled as a  
 954 full-time student in ~~any~~ such institution of higher learning is  
 955 also exempt from the requirement of obtaining a Florida driver  
 956 ~~driver's~~ license for the duration of such enrollment.

957 (4) A nonresident who is at least 21 years of age and who  
 958 has in his or her immediate possession a valid commercial driver  
 959 ~~driver's~~ license issued in substantial compliance with the  
 960 Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 may operate a motor  
 961 vehicle of the type permitted by his or her license to be  
 962 operated in this state.

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963 Section 25. Subsection (5) of section 322.121, Florida  
 964 Statutes, is amended to read:

965 322.121 Periodic reexamination of all drivers.—

966 (5) A member ~~Members~~ of the United States Armed Forces,  
 967 his or her spouse, or a dependent ~~their dependents~~ residing with  
 968 him or her ~~them~~, shall be granted an automatic extension for the  
 969 expiration of his or her ~~their~~ Class E license ~~licenses~~ without  
 970 reexamination while the member of the United States Armed Forces  
 971 is serving on active duty outside this state. This extension is  
 972 valid for 90 days after the member of the United States Armed  
 973 Forces is either discharged or returns to this state to live.

974 Section 26. Subsection (12) of section 455.213, Florida  
 975 Statutes, is amended to read:

976 455.213 General licensing provisions.—

977 (12) The department shall waive the initial licensing fee,  
 978 the initial application fee, and the initial unlicensed activity  
 979 fee for a military veteran or his or her spouse at the time of  
 980 discharge, if he or she ~~who~~ applies to the department for a  
 981 license, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 ~~24~~  
 982 months after the veteran is discharged ~~discharge~~ from any branch  
 983 of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for this waiver,  
 984 the veteran must have been honorably discharged.

985 Section 27. Subsection (13) of section 456.013, Florida  
 986 Statutes, is amended to read:

987 456.013 Department; general licensing provisions.—

988 (13) The department shall waive the initial licensing fee,

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989 the initial application fee, and the initial unlicensed activity  
 990 fee for a military veteran or his or her spouse at the time of  
 991 discharge, if he or she ~~who~~ applies to the department for an  
 992 initial license within 60 ~~24~~ months after the veteran is ~~being~~  
 993 honorably discharged from any branch of the United States Armed  
 994 Forces. The applicant must apply for the fee waiver using a form  
 995 prescribed by the department and must submit supporting  
 996 documentation as required by the department.

997 Section 28. Subsection (3) of section 456.024, Florida  
 998 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (4), and a new subsection  
 999 (3) is added to that section, to read:

1000 456.024 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with  
 1001 administrative boards or the department; spouses; licensure.—

1002 (3) A person who serves or has served as a health care  
 1003 practitioner in the United States Armed Forces, United States  
 1004 Reserve Forces, or the National Guard or a person who serves or  
 1005 has served on active duty with the United States Armed Forces as  
 1006 a health care practitioner in the United States Public Health  
 1007 Service is eligible for licensure in this state. The department  
 1008 shall develop an application form and each board, or the  
 1009 department if there is no board, shall waive the application  
 1010 fee, licensure fee, and unlicensed activity fee for such  
 1011 applicants. For purposes of this subsection, "health care  
 1012 practitioner" means a health care practitioner as defined in s.  
 1013 456.001 and a person licensed under part III of chapter 401 or  
 1014 part IV of chapter 468.

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1015       (a) The board, or department if there is no board, shall  
 1016 issue a license to practice in this state to a person who:  
 1017       1. Submits a complete application.  
 1018       2. Receives an honorable discharge within 6 months before,  
 1019 or will receive an honorable discharge within 6 months after,  
 1020 the date of submission of the application.  
 1021       3. Holds an active, unencumbered license issued by another  
 1022 state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of  
 1023 the United States and who has not had disciplinary action taken  
 1024 against him or her in the 5 years preceding the date of  
 1025 submission of the application.  
 1026       4. Attests that he or she is not, at the time of  
 1027 submission, the subject of a disciplinary proceeding in a  
 1028 jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license or by the United  
 1029 States Department of Defense for reasons related to the practice  
 1030 of the profession for which he or she is applying.  
 1031       5. Actively practiced the profession for which he or she  
 1032 is applying for the 3 years preceding the date of submission of  
 1033 the application.  
 1034       6. Submits a set of fingerprints for a background  
 1035 screening pursuant to s. 456.0135, if required for the  
 1036 profession for which he or she is applying.  
 1037  
 1038 The department shall verify information submitted by the  
 1039 applicant under this subsection using the National Practitioner  
 1040 Data Bank.



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1041 (b) Each applicant who meets the requirements of this  
 1042 subsection shall be licensed with all rights and  
 1043 responsibilities as defined by law. The applicable board, or  
 1044 department if there is no board, may deny an application if the  
 1045 applicant has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo  
 1046 contendere to, regardless of adjudication, any felony or  
 1047 misdemeanor related to the practice of a health care profession  
 1048 regulated by this state.

1049 (c) An applicant for initial licensure under this  
 1050 subsection must submit the information required by s. 456.039(1)  
 1051 and 456.0391(1) no later than 1 year after the license is  
 1052 issued.

1053 Section 29. Subsections (3) through (5) of section  
 1054 458.315, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2)  
 1055 through (4), respectively, and subsections (1) and (2) of that  
 1056 section are amended, to read:

1057 458.315 Temporary certificate for practice in areas of  
 1058 critical need.—

1059 ~~(1) A certificate issued pursuant to this section may be~~  
 1060 ~~eited as the "Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., Temporary~~  
 1061 ~~Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need."~~

1062 (1)(2) A Any physician who:  
 1063 ~~(a)~~ is licensed to practice in any jurisdiction of ~~in~~ the  
 1064 United States and whose license is currently valid; ~~or~~

1065 ~~(b) Has served as a physician in the United States Armed~~  
 1066 ~~Forces for at least 10 years and received an honorable discharge~~

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1067 ~~from the military;~~

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1069 and who pays an application fee of \$300 may be issued a  
1070 temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need.

1071 Section 30. Section 458.3151, Florida Statutes, is created  
1072 to read:

1073 458.3151 Temporary certificate for active duty military  
1074 and veterans practicing in areas of critical need.-

1075 (1) A certificate issued pursuant to this section may be  
1076 cited as the "Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., Temporary  
1077 Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need."

1078 (2) The board may issue a temporary certificate to a  
1079 physician who complies with subsection (3) and who will:

1080 (a) Practice in an area of critical need;

1081 (b) Be employed by or practice in a county health  
1082 department; correctional facility; Department of Veterans'  
1083 Affairs clinic; community health center funded by s. 329, s.  
1084 330, or s. 340 of the United States Public Health Services Act;  
1085 or other agency or institution that is approved by the State  
1086 Surgeon General and provides health care to meet the needs of  
1087 underserved populations in this state; or

1088 (c) Practice for a limited time to address critical  
1089 physician-specialty, demographic, or geographic needs for this  
1090 state's physician workforce as determined by the State Surgeon  
1091 General.

1092 (3) To be eligible for a temporary certificate, a

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1093 physician must submit to the board:  
 1094 (a) A complete application.  
 1095 (b) Proof of an active and valid license to practice in a  
 1096 jurisdiction of the United States.  
 1097 (c) If on active duty, a letter from the physician's  
 1098 military command authorizing the physician to practice medicine  
 1099 at an approved entity in an area of critical need.  
 1100 (d) Documentation demonstrating the physician is serving  
 1101 on active duty in the United States Armed Forces as a  
 1102 commissioned medical officer or has served as a commissioned  
 1103 medical officer in the United States Armed Forces for at least  
 1104 10 years and received an honorable discharge from the military.  
 1105 (4) The board shall use a simplified application for a  
 1106 temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need to  
 1107 reduce administrative impediments and maximize participation.  
 1108 (5) The application fee and all licensure fees, including  
 1109 neurological injury compensation assessments, shall be waived  
 1110 for a physician obtaining a temporary certificate to practice in  
 1111 areas of critical need for the purpose of providing volunteer,  
 1112 uncompensated care for low-income residents. The applicant must  
 1113 submit an affidavit from the employing agency or institution  
 1114 stating that the physician will not receive any compensation for  
 1115 any service involving the practice of medicine.  
 1116 (6) (a) Within 60 days after receipt of a complete  
 1117 application for a temporary certificate, the board shall review  
 1118 the application and associated documentation and:

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1119        1. Issue the temporary certificate;  
 1120        2. Deny the temporary certificate; or  
 1121        3. Require the applicant to complete additional  
 1122 assessment, training, education, or other requirements as a  
 1123 condition of certification. The board shall issue a temporary  
 1124 certificate upon receipt of documentation demonstrating that the  
 1125 requirements of the board have been met.

1126        (b) If an applicant has not actively practiced medicine  
 1127 during the prior 3 years and the board determines the applicant  
 1128 may lack clinical competency, possess diminished or inadequate  
 1129 skills, lack necessary medical knowledge, or exhibit patterns of  
 1130 deficits in clinical decisionmaking, the board may, within 60  
 1131 days after receipt of a complete application:

1132        1. Deny the application;  
 1133        2. Issue a temporary certificate having reasonable  
 1134 restrictions, including, but not limited to, a requirement that  
 1135 the applicant practice under the supervision of a physician  
 1136 approved by the board; or

1137        3. Issue a temporary certificate upon receipt of  
 1138 documentation confirming that the applicant has met any  
 1139 reasonable conditions of the board, including, but not limited  
 1140 to, completing continuing education or undergoing an assessment  
 1141 of skills and training.

1142        (c) The board may not issue a temporary certificate for  
 1143 practice in areas of critical need to a physician who is under  
 1144 investigation in any jurisdiction of the United States for an

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1145 act that would constitute a violation of this chapter until such  
1146 time as the investigation is complete, at which time the  
1147 provisions of s. 458.331 apply.

1148 (7) The recipient of a temporary certificate for practice  
1149 in areas of critical need shall, within 30 days after accepting  
1150 employment, notify the board of all approved institutions in  
1151 which the licensee practices and of all approved institutions  
1152 where practice privileges have been denied. A physician holding  
1153 a temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need  
1154 may enter into a contract to provide volunteer health care  
1155 services pursuant to s. 766.1115.

1156 (8) A temporary certificate issued under this section is  
1157 valid only so long as the State Surgeon General determines that  
1158 the reason for which it was issued remains a critical need to  
1159 the state. The board shall review each temporary  
1160 certificateholder at least annually to ascertain compliance with  
1161 the minimum requirements of this chapter, including this  
1162 section, and rules adopted thereunder. If it is determined that  
1163 such minimum requirements are not being met, the board shall  
1164 revoke such certificate or shall impose restrictions or  
1165 conditions, or both, as a condition of continued practice under  
1166 the certificate.

1167 Section 31. Subsections (3) through (5) of section  
1168 459.0076, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2)  
1169 through (4), respectively, and subsections (1) and (2) of that  
1170 section are amended, to read:

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1171 459.0076 Temporary certificate for practice in areas of  
 1172 critical need.—

1173 ~~(1) A certificate issued pursuant to this section may be~~  
 1174 ~~cited as the "Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., Temporary~~  
 1175 ~~Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need."~~

1176 (1)(2) A Any physician who:

1177 ~~(a)~~ is licensed to practice in any jurisdiction of in ~~in~~ the  
 1178 United States and whose license is currently valid; ~~or~~

1179 ~~(b) Has served as a physician in the United States Armed~~  
 1180 ~~Forces for at least 10 years and received an honorable discharge~~  
 1181 ~~from the military;~~

1182  
 1183 and who pays an application fee of \$300 may be issued a  
 1184 temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need.

1185 Section 32. Section 459.00761, Florida Statutes, is  
 1186 created to read:

1187 459.00761 Temporary certificate for active duty military  
 1188 and veterans practicing in areas of critical need.—

1189 (1) A certificate issued pursuant to this section may be  
 1190 cited as the "Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., Temporary  
 1191 Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need."

1192 (2) The board may issue a temporary certificate to a  
 1193 physician who complies with subsection (3) and who will:

1194 (a) Practice in an area of critical need;

1195 (b) Be employed by or practice in a county health  
 1196 department; correctional facility; Department of Veterans'

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1197 Affairs clinic; community health center funded by s. 329, s.  
 1198 330, or s. 340 of the United States Public Health Services Act;  
 1199 or other agency or institution that is approved by the State  
 1200 Surgeon General and provides health care to meet the needs of  
 1201 underserved populations in this state; or

1202 (c) Practice for a limited time to address critical  
 1203 physician-specialty, demographic, or geographic needs for this  
 1204 state's physician workforce as determined by the State Surgeon  
 1205 General.

1206 (3) To be eligible for a temporary certificate, a  
 1207 physician must submit to the board:

1208 (a) A complete application.

1209 (b) Proof of an active and valid license to practice in  
 1210 any jurisdiction of the United States.

1211 (c) If on active duty, a letter from the physician's  
 1212 military command authorizing the physician to practice medicine  
 1213 at an approved entity in an area of critical need.

1214 (d) Documentation demonstrating the physician is serving  
 1215 on active duty in the United States Armed Forces as a  
 1216 commissioned medical officer or has served as a commissioned  
 1217 medical officer in the United States Armed Forces for at least  
 1218 10 years and received an honorable discharge from the military.

1219 (4) The board shall use a simplified application for a  
 1220 temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need to  
 1221 reduce administrative impediments and maximize participation.

1222 (5) The application fee and all licensure fees, including

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1223 neurological injury compensation assessments, shall be waived  
 1224 for a physician obtaining a temporary certificate to practice in  
 1225 areas of critical need for the purpose of providing volunteer,  
 1226 uncompensated care for low-income residents. The applicant must  
 1227 submit an affidavit from the employing agency or institution  
 1228 stating that the physician will not receive any compensation for  
 1229 any service involving the practice of medicine.

1230 (6) (a) Within 60 days after receipt of a complete  
 1231 application for a temporary certificate, the board shall review  
 1232 the application and associated documentation and:

- 1233 1. Issue the temporary certificate;
- 1234 2. Deny the temporary certificate; or
- 1235 3. Require the applicant to complete additional  
 1236 assessment, training, education, or other requirements as a  
 1237 condition of certification. The board shall issue a temporary  
 1238 certificate upon receipt of documentation demonstrating that the  
 1239 requirements of the board have been met.

1240 (b) If an applicant has not actively practiced medicine  
 1241 during the prior 3 years and the board determines the applicant  
 1242 may lack clinical competency, possess diminished or inadequate  
 1243 skills, lack necessary medical knowledge, or exhibit patterns of  
 1244 deficits in clinical decisionmaking, the board may, within 60  
 1245 days after receipt of a complete application:

- 1246 1. Deny the application;
- 1247 2. Issue a temporary certificate having reasonable  
 1248 restrictions, including, but not limited to, a requirement that



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1249 the applicant practice under the supervision of a physician  
1250 approved by the board; or

1251 3. Issue a temporary certificate upon receipt of  
1252 documentation confirming that the applicant has met any  
1253 reasonable conditions of the board, including, but not limited  
1254 to, completing continuing education or undergoing an assessment  
1255 of skills and training.

1256 (c) The board may not issue a temporary certificate for  
1257 practice in areas of critical need to a physician who is under  
1258 investigation in any jurisdiction of the United States for an  
1259 act that would constitute a violation of this chapter until such  
1260 time as the investigation is complete, at which time the  
1261 provisions of s. 459.015 apply.

1262 (7) The recipient of a temporary certificate for practice  
1263 in areas of critical need shall, within 30 days after accepting  
1264 employment, notify the board of all approved institutions in  
1265 which the licensee practices and of all approved institutions  
1266 where practice privileges have been denied. A physician holding  
1267 a temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need  
1268 may enter into a contract to provide volunteer health care  
1269 services pursuant to s. 766.1115.

1270 (8) A temporary certificate issued under this section is  
1271 valid as long as the State Surgeon General determines that the  
1272 reason for which it was issued remains a critical need to the  
1273 state. The board shall review each temporary certificateholder  
1274 at least annually to ascertain compliance with the minimum

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1275 requirements of this chapter, including this section, and rules  
 1276 adopted thereunder. If it is determined that such minimum  
 1277 requirements are not being met, the board shall revoke such  
 1278 certificate or shall impose restrictions or conditions, or both,  
 1279 as a condition of continued practice under the certificate.

1280 Section 33. Subsection (1) of section 468.304, Florida  
 1281 Statutes, is amended to read:

1282 468.304 Certification.—The department shall certify any  
 1283 applicant who meets the following criteria:

1284 (1) Pays to the department a nonrefundable fee that may  
 1285 not exceed \$100, plus the actual per-applicant cost to the  
 1286 department for purchasing the examination from a national  
 1287 organization. The department shall waive the initial application  
 1288 fee for a military veteran or his or her spouse at the time of  
 1289 discharge, if he or she ~~who~~ applies to the department for an  
 1290 initial certification within 60 ~~24~~ months after the veteran is  
 1291 ~~being~~ honorably discharged from any branch of the United States  
 1292 Armed Forces. The applicant must apply for the fee waiver using  
 1293 a form prescribed by the department and must submit supporting  
 1294 documentation as required by the department. This waiver does  
 1295 not include the fee for purchasing the examination from a  
 1296 national organization.

1297  
 1298 The department may not certify any applicant who has committed  
 1299 an offense that would constitute a violation of any of the  
 1300 provisions of s. 468.3101 or applicable rules if the applicant

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1301 had been certified by the department at the time of the offense.  
 1302 An application for a limited computed tomography certificate may  
 1303 not be accepted. A person holding a valid computed tomography  
 1304 certificate as of October 1, 1984, is subject to s. 468.309.

1305 Section 34. Paragraph (b) of subsection (16) of section  
 1306 499.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1307 499.012 Permit application requirements.—

1308 (16)

1309 (b) To be certified as a designated representative, a  
 1310 natural person must:

1311 1. Submit an application on a form furnished by the  
 1312 department and pay the appropriate fees.†

1313 2. Be at least 18 years of age.†

1314 3. Have at least ~~not less than~~ 2 years of verifiable full-  
 1315 time:

1316 a. Work experience in a pharmacy licensed in this state or  
 1317 another state, where the person's responsibilities included, but  
 1318 were not limited to, recordkeeping for prescription drugs;† ~~or~~  
 1319 ~~have not less than 2 years of verifiable full-time~~

1320 b. Managerial experience with a prescription drug  
 1321 wholesale distributor licensed in this state or in another  
 1322 state; or

1323 c. Managerial experience with the United States Armed  
 1324 Forces, where the person's responsibilities included, but were  
 1325 not limited to, recordkeeping, warehousing, distributing, or  
 1326 other logistics services pertaining to prescription drugs.†

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1327 4. Receive a passing score of at least 75 percent on an  
 1328 examination given by the department regarding federal laws  
 1329 governing distribution of prescription drugs and this part and  
 1330 the rules adopted by the department governing the wholesale  
 1331 distribution of prescription drugs. This requirement shall be  
 1332 effective 1 year after the results of the initial examination  
 1333 are mailed to the persons that took the examination. The  
 1334 department shall offer such examinations at least four times  
 1335 each calendar year.~~;~~ ~~and~~

1336 5. Provide the department with a personal information  
 1337 statement and fingerprints pursuant to subsection (9).

1338 Section 35. Subsection (27) of section 1002.33, Florida  
 1339 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (28), and a new subsection  
 1340 (27) is added to that section, to read:

1341 1002.33 Charter schools.-

1342 (27) MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.-

1343 (a) The Legislature finds that military families face  
 1344 unique challenges due to the highly mobile nature of military  
 1345 service. Among the many challenges that military families face  
 1346 is providing a high-quality education for their children without  
 1347 disruption. The state has a compelling interest in assisting the  
 1348 development and enhancement of learning opportunities for  
 1349 military children and addressing their unique needs.

1350 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that a framework  
 1351 be established to address the needs of military children who,  
 1352 along with their families, face unique challenges due to the

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1353 highly mobile nature of military service. In establishing this  
 1354 framework, military installation commanders are encouraged to  
 1355 collaboratively work with the Commissioner of Education to  
 1356 increase military family student achievement, which may include  
 1357 the establishment of charter schools on military installations.  
 1358 Although the State Board of Education, through the Commissioner  
 1359 of Education, shall supervise this collaboration, the applicable  
 1360 school district shall operate and maintain control over any  
 1361 school that is established on the military installation.

1362 Section 36. Subsection (12) is added to section 1009.26,  
 1363 Florida Statutes, to read:

1364 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

1365 (12) (a) There is established the Congressman C. W. Bill  
 1366 Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program. A state university,  
 1367 Florida College System institution, career center operated by a  
 1368 school district under s. 1001.44, or charter technical career  
 1369 center shall waive out-of-state fees for an honorably discharged  
 1370 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the United States  
 1371 Reserve Forces, or the National Guard who physically resides in  
 1372 this state while enrolled in the institution. Tuition and fees  
 1373 charged to a veteran who qualifies for the out-of-state fee  
 1374 waiver under this subsection may not exceed the tuition and fees  
 1375 charged to a resident student. The waiver is applicable for 110  
 1376 percent of the required credit hours of the degree or  
 1377 certificate program for which the student is enrolled. Each  
 1378 state university, Florida College System institution, career

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1379 center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, and  
 1380 charter technical career center shall report to the Board of  
 1381 Governors and the State Board of Education, respectively, the  
 1382 number and value of all fee waivers granted annually under this  
 1383 subsection.

1384 (b) This subsection may be cited as the "Congressman C.W.  
 1385 Bill Young Tuition Waiver Act."

1386 Section 37. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of  
 1387 \$12.5 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the  
 1388 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Military Affairs for  
 1389 the purpose of continuing renovations to state readiness centers  
 1390 to meet state and federal building codes.

1391 Section 38. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of  
 1392 \$7,489,975 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the  
 1393 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Environmental  
 1394 Protection to allow the Board of Trustees of the Internal  
 1395 Improvement Trust Fund to acquire, pursuant to s. 288.980,  
 1396 Florida Statutes, nonconservation land adjacent to the following  
 1397 installations for the purpose of securing and protecting the  
 1398 installations against encroachment:

- 1399 (1) MacDill Air Force Base.
- 1400 (2) Naval Support Activity Panama City.
- 1401 (3) Naval Station Mayport.

1402 Section 39. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
 1403 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
 1404 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,

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