

House Bill No. 21-A

An act relating to the Agency for Workforce Innovation; requiring the agency to provide quarterly reports on certain expenditures; requiring the report to be submitted to the Governor and Legislature; providing that the report must contain certain information; providing an appropriation; requiring that the appropriation be used for additional temporary jobs for eligible dislocated workers; authorizing the agency to spend the appropriation as permitted by the Federal Government; providing that the appropriation is nonrecurring; requiring the Executive Office of the Governor to provide notice of the allocation of the lump-sum appropriations; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Beginning January 1, 2005, the Agency for Workforce Innovation shall provide quarterly reports on the expenditure of federal funds received from the United States Department of Labor under the Workforce Investment Act's National Emergency Grant for the purpose of providing additional temporary jobs for eligible dislocated workers to assist in the cleanup and restoration efforts resulting from Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne. The quarterly reports relating to the temporary-jobs program shall be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives until the grant expires or the funds are no longer available for this program. The reports must include the number of participants who are provided temporary jobs, the types of services being provided by participants in those temporary jobs, any significant implementation problems that occurred during the reporting period, total expenditures to date, and the number of related monitoring visits conducted by the Agency for Workforce Innovation and the regional workforce boards. Monitoring visits shall be conducted to ensure that the worksites and related activities are consistent with the provisions of the applicable federal statute and regulations.

Section 2. For the 2004-2005 fiscal year, the sum of \$21 million is hereby appropriated from the Employment Security Administration Trust Fund to the Agency for Workforce Innovation in a lump-sum appropriation category. Such budget authority is provided for federal funds received from the United States Department of Labor under the Workforce Investment Act's National Emergency Grant to provide for additional temporary jobs for eligible dislocated workers to assist in the cleanup and restoration efforts resulting from Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne. To the extent that the United States Department of Labor modifies the grant, the agency is authorized to spend the grant funds as permitted by the Federal Government.

Section 3. The appropriation authorized by this act is nonrecurring and is intended to address needs caused by Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne.

Section 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 216.177, Florida Statutes, requiring a 14-day notice for interim budget actions, and pursuant to section 216.351, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor shall provide notice of the allocation of the lump-sum appropriation authorized by this act into traditional appropriation categories to the chair and vice chair of the Legislative Budget Commission at least 3 working days prior to the effective date of such allocation.

Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor December 21, 2004.

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