CHAPTER 2008-161

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 428

An act relating to workforce innovation; amending s. 445.007, F.S.; authorizing designation of a regional workforce board as a one-stop operator and direct provider of certain services by agreement of the chief elected official and the Governor; requiring that Workforce Florida, Inc., establish procedures for a regional workforce board to request permission to operate and the criteria for granting such permission; providing for the permission to operate not exceed a certain period; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 445.007, Florida Statutes, is amended, present subsections (6) through (8) of that section are redesignated as subsections (7) through (9), respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

445.007 Regional workforce boards.—

(5) Workforce Florida, Inc., shall implement a training program for the regional workforce boards to familiarize board members with the state's workforce development goals and strategies.

(6) The regional workforce board shall designate all local service providers and <u>may shall</u> not transfer this authority to a third party. In order to exercise independent oversight, The regional workforce board <u>may shall not</u> be designated as a <u>one-stop operator and</u> direct provider of intake, assessment, eligibility determinations, or other direct provider services <u>except</u> training services. Such designation may occur only with the agreement of the chief elected official and the Governor as specified in 29 U.S.C. s. 2832(f)(2). Workforce Florida, Inc., shall establish procedures by which a regional workforce board may request permission to operate under this section and the criteria under which such permission may be granted. The criteria shall include, but need not be limited to, a reduction in the cost of providing the permitted services. Such permission shall be granted for a period not to exceed 3 years for any single request submitted by the regional workforce board.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor June 17, 2008.

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