

CHAPTER 2018-104

House Bill No. 1201

An act relating to education for prisoners; amending s. 944.801, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Corrections to contract with certain entities to provide education services for the Correctional Education Program; amending s. 951.176, F.S.; authorizing each county to contract with certain entities to provide education services for county inmates; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; authorizing the use of state funds for the operation of postsecondary workforce programs for the education of certain state inmates; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 944.801, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) and (6), respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

944.801 Education for state prisoners.—

(4) The department may contract with a district school board, the Florida Virtual School, or a charter school authorized to operate under s. 1002.33 to provide education services in the Correctional Education Program. The education services may include any educational, career, or vocational training that is authorized by the department.

Section 2. Section 951.176, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

951.176 Provision of education ~~programs for youth.~~—

(1) Each county may contract with a district school board, the Florida Virtual School, or a charter school authorized to operate under s. 1002.33 to provide education services for inmates at county detention facilities. The education services may include any educational, career, or vocational training that is authorized by the sheriff or chief correctional officer, or his or her designee.

(2) Minors who have not graduated from high school and eligible students with disabilities under the age of 22 who have not graduated with a standard diploma or its equivalent who are detained in a county or municipal detention facility as defined in s. 951.23 shall be offered educational services by the local school district in which the facility is located. These educational services shall be based upon the estimated length of time the youth will be in the facility and the youth's current level of functioning. School district superintendents or their designees shall be notified by the county sheriff or chief correctional officer, or his or her designee, upon the assignment of a youth under the age of 21 to the facility. A cooperative agreement with the local school district and applicable law

enforcement units shall be developed to address the notification requirement and the provision of educational services to these youth.

Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section 1011.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education programs.—

(7)

(b) State funds provided for the operation of postsecondary workforce programs may not be expended for the education of state inmates with more than 24 months of time remaining to serve on their sentence or federal inmates.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor March 23, 2018.

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