

CHAPTER 2022-143

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 722

An act relating to education for student inmates; amending ss. 944.801 and 951.176, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Corrections and each county, respectively, to contract with Florida College System institutions to provide education services for student inmates; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; authorizing the expenditure of state funds for the education of state inmates who have a specified amount of time remaining to serve on their sentences; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 944.801, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

944.801 Education for state prisoners.—

(7) The department may contract with a district school board, the Florida Virtual School, ~~or a charter school authorized to operate under s. 1002.33, or~~ a Florida College System institution 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. Subsection (1) of section 951.176, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

951.176 Provision of education.—

(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, or~~ a Florida College System institution 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.

Section 3. Upon the expiration and reversion of the amendment made to section 1011.80, Florida Statutes, pursuant to section 25 of chapter 2021-37, Laws of Florida, paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section 1011.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education programs.—

(8)

(b) Notwithstanding s. 1011.81(4), 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 or less of time remaining to serve on their sentences ~~or federal inmates~~.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor May 26, 2022.

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