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CAREERSOURCE FLORIDA STRATEGIC POLICY EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY CONSORTIUMS

Signed into law May 15, 2023, Senate Bill 240, an act relating to education, amended Section 445.007, Florida Statutes, requiring each local workforce development board to create an education and industry consortium composed of representatives of educational entities and businesses in the designated service delivery area.

CareerSource Florida surveyed local workforce development boards and education institutions to determine what ongoing activities existed and obtain information and recommendations from local education and industry stakeholders about the availability of education, employment and training opportunities available to businesses and job seekers in local workforce development areas.

A workgroup was convened to develop a collaborative strategic policy that meets statutory requirements of Senate Bill 240 and aligns all relevant federal, state and local laws and policies. The workgroup, which included stakeholders from education, business, state government and local workforce development boards, met six times and made recommendations informing the strategic policy elements listed below.

This policy requires each local workforce development board to create an education and industry consortium composed of representatives of educational entities and businesses in the designated service delivery area. The chair of the local workforce development board shall appoint the consortium members from a list of criteria described in the policy.

Local education and industry consortiums will meet quarterly to discuss both the needs of local businesses and the associated educational offerings in the local areas. The consortium will provide a quarterly report to the local workforce development board to inform the local board on programs, services and partnerships in the service delivery area.

Local education and industry consortium reports will be published on local workforce development board websites and made available to the public.

The policy defines the requirements for consortium membership and quarterly reporting.

FOR CONSIDERATION

- **Approve CareerSource Florida Strategic Policy – Education and Industry Consortiums, implementing the requirements established in Senate Bill 240, signed into law May 15, 2023.**