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1741 preceding term and preregisters as no less than a half-time
1742 student for the subsequent academic term. A student who attends
1743 an institution that does not provide preregistration shall
1744 provide documentation of intent to enroll as no less than a
1745 half-time student for the subsequent academic term.

1746 (9) A participating postsecondary educational institution
1747 is encouraged to provide academic credit to students who
1748 participate in the program, subject to State Board of Education
1749 rule.

1750 (10)~~(9)~~ The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for
1751 the program as are necessary for its administration, for the
1752 determination of eligibility and selection of institutions to
1753 receive funds for students, to ensure the proper expenditure of
1754 funds, and to provide an equitable distribution of funds between
1755 students at public and independent colleges and universities,
1756 ~~and~~ career centers operated by district school boards under s.
1757 1001.44, and charter technical career centers under s. 1002.34.

1758 (11)~~(10)~~ A participating institution that receives funds
1759 from the program shall certify to the department the amount of
1760 funds disbursed to each student within 30 days after the end of
1761 each term.

1762 Section 33. Section 1009.771, Florida Statutes, is created
1763 to read:

1764 1009.771 Workforce education partnership programs.—

1765 (1) A state university may establish a workforce education
1766 partnership program to provide assistance to a student who is
1767 enrolled at the state university and is employed by a private
1768 employer participating in the program. The Board of Governors
1769 shall create a template for a state university to establish such

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1770 workforce education partnership program. The Board of Governors
1771 shall consult with state and local workforce and economic
1772 development agencies to develop the template. The template must
1773 include all of the following:

1774 (a) The process for a private employer to participate in
1775 the program.

1776 (b) Student eligibility criteria, including that a student
1777 be enrolled in a degree-granting program at a state university
1778 on at least a half-time basis and be a paid employee of a
1779 private employer participating in the program.

1780 (c) The process for an eligible student to enroll in the
1781 program.

1782 (d) Guidance and requirements for the state university and
1783 the private employer to:

1784 1. Each designate a mentor to assist participating
1785 students.

1786 2. Create a process to make a housing stipend available to
1787 participating students.

1788 3. Create a process to provide life management and
1789 professional skills training to participating students.

1790 (e) The requirement that the private employer establish an
1791 educational assistance program pursuant to s. 127 of the
1792 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and provide tuition assistance for
1793 a student enrolled at the state university while the student
1794 works for the private employer, up to the maximum amount that
1795 the employer may exclude from the employer's gross income under
1796 that section.

1797 (f) The requirement that the state university work with
1798 participating students to ensure that they have applied for and

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1799 are receiving the maximum amount of financial aid in the form of
1800 scholarships and grants.

1801 (g) The requirement that the state university and the
1802 private employer seek out additional sources of funding to pay
1803 for remaining costs for participating students.

1804 (2) The Board of Governors shall evaluate the effectiveness
1805 of workforce education partnership programs established pursuant
1806 to this section to determine whether additional training and
1807 employment programs may use the template created pursuant to
1808 subsection (1) to establish a workforce education partnership
1809 program.

1810 (3) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations to
1811 administer this section.

1812 Section 34. Section 1009.895, Florida Statutes, is amended
1813 to read:

1814 1009.895 Open Door Grant Program.—

1815 ~~(1) As used in this section, the term:~~

1816 ~~(a) "Cost of the program" means the cost of tuition, fees,~~
1817 ~~examination, books, and materials to a student enrolled in an~~
1818 ~~eligible program.~~

1819 ~~(b) "Department" means the Department of Education.~~

1820 ~~(c) "Institution" means school district postsecondary~~
1821 ~~technical career centers under s. 1001.44, Florida College~~
1822 ~~System institutions under s. 1000.21(3), charter technical~~
1823 ~~career centers under s. 1002.34, and school districts with~~
1824 ~~eligible integrated education and training programs.~~

1825 ~~(d) "Program" means a noncredit industry certification~~
1826 ~~preparation, clock hour career certificate programs, or for-~~
1827 ~~credit short-term career and technical education programs that~~