1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to summer youth service learning; 3 providing a short title; creating s. 446.046, F.S.; 4 creating a summer youth service learning program; 5 providing the purpose of the program; providing 6 student eligibility; providing requirements for 7 participating employers; requiring specified entities 8 to participate in the program; providing requirements 9 for employment opportunities through the program; requiring the Department of Education to create a 10 11 statewide employment hub; providing requirements for the statewide employment hub; requiring school 12 13 districts and public postsecondary institutions to provide certain information to students; authorizing 14 15 employers to provide students with a pass for public 16 transportation during a specified time period; 17 requiring participating employers to provide students 18 with an accurate letter of recommendation; providing 19 for implementation; requiring rulemaking; providing requirements for such rules; providing an effective 20 21 date. 22 23 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 24 25 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Youth Service Page 1 of 5

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26	Learning and Employment Assistance Initiative Act."		
27	Section 2. Section 446.046, Florida Statutes, is created		
28	to read:		
29	446.046 Summer youth service learning program		
30	(1) PURPOSEThere is created within the department a		
31	summer youth service learning program to match low-income and		
32	moderate-income students who have outstanding academic records		
33	or trade skills with appropriate summer employment opportunities		
34	with state agencies, school districts, local governments, and		
35	participating private businesses in order to prepare such		
36	students to enter the workforce as adults. Such summer		
37	employment opportunities shall be funded by the Legislature and		
38	will enable students to gain meaningful work experience and		
39	exposure to exciting career industries; interact with working		
40	professionals in a positive environment; and learn and develop		
41	the skills, attitudes, and commitment necessary to succeed in		
42	today's world of work.		
43	(2) STUDENT ELIGIBILITYTo be eligible to participate in		
44	the program, a student must:		
45	(a) Be between the ages of 14 and 22 years, inclusive.		
46	(b) Be enrolled in a secondary school or postsecondary		
47	educational institution within the state.		
48	(c) Be in good academic standing, as established by the		
49	State Board of Education under subsection (8).		
50	(d) Be responsible for transportation to and from the		
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51	place of employment.		
52	(e) Meet any other criteria established by the State Board		
53	of Education.		
54	(3) PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERSEach state agency and		
55	district school board shall, and local governments and local		
56	private businesses may, participate in the program. To provide		
57	summer employment opportunities to students under this section,		
58	a participating employer must:		
59	(a) Comply with chapter 448, part I of chapter 450, and		
60	all applicable federal laws and regulations.		
61	(b) Post any summer employment opportunities for		
62	participating students on the department's employment hub under		
63	subsection (4).		
64	(c) Meet any other requirements established by the State		
65	Board of Education.		
66	(4) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND EMPLOYMENT HUB		
67	(a) The department shall create a statewide employment hub		
68	for summer employment opportunities through the program.		
69	Participating employers shall post available summer employment		
70	opportunities to the employment hub. Each school district and		
71	public postsecondary institution must notify students of the		
72	employment hub. The employment hub shall be a website and must		
73	include:		
74	1. A mechanism for students to search for summer		
75	employment opportunities by geographic area and job		
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76	responsibilities.			
77	2. Information about the requirements for each job,			
78	including any necessary qualifications.			
79	3. An online application for students to complete for			
80	employment opportunities available through the program.			
81	(b) Summer employment opportunities available through the			
82	program must focus on trade skills and experiences that will			
83	help a student gain full-time employment upon completing his or			
84	her education.			
85	(5) TRANSPORTATION FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS A			
86	participating employer under this section may, upon request,			
87	furnish an employed student with a pass for public			
88	transportation which is valid for the duration of the student's			
89	summer employment opportunity.			
90	(6) LETTER OF RECOMMENDATIONParticipating employers must			
91	provide each participating student with a letter of			
92	recommendation at the end of his or her summer employment. The			
93	letter of recommendation must be an honest and accurate			
94	recounting of the student's performance in the program.			
95	(7) FUNDINGThis program shall be implemented to the			
96	extent funded in the General Appropriations Act.			
97	(8) RULESThe State Board of Education shall adopt rules			
98	to administer the program. Such rules must include, at a			
99	minimum, criteria for:			
100	(a) Student eligibility and academic standards for			
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101	participation in the program.
102	(b) The participation of private businesses in the
103	program.
104	(c) Summer employment opportunities available through the
105	program.
106	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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