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 2 An act relating to veterans; creating s. 265.8021,
 3 F.S.; defining the term "veteran"; creating the Major
 4 John Leroy Haynes Florida Veterans' History Program
 5 within the Division of Arts and Culture of the
 6 Department of State as a Florida Folklife Program;
 7 providing the program's purpose; authorizing the
 8 division to request assistance from the Department of
 9 Veterans' Affairs; requiring the division's
 10 folklorists to seek out and identify certain veterans;
 11 authorizing the division or a folklorist to interview
 12 such veterans or invite them to submit written or
 13 electronic accounts of their experiences; authorizing
 14 the division to contract with a third-party vendor for
 15 a specified purpose; authorizing the division to adopt
 16 rules; amending s. 295.21, F.S.; revising the purpose
 17 of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.; revising the duties
 18 of the corporation to require that it conduct
 19 specified activities directed toward its target
 20 market; defining the term "target market"; revising
 21 the number of members on the corporation's board of
 22 directors; deleting obsolete language; specifying that
 23 certain appointments made by the President of the
 24 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
 25 may not be from their respective chambers; providing

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26 | that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of
 27 | the House of Representatives shall each appoint one
 28 | member from his or her chamber to serve as ex officio,
 29 | nonvoting members of the corporation's board of
 30 | directors; making technical changes; amending s.
 31 | 295.22, F.S.; defining terms; revising the purpose of
 32 | the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program;
 33 | revising the functions that Florida Is For Veterans,
 34 | Inc., must perform in administering a specified
 35 | program; authorizing the program to prioritize grant
 36 | funds; revising the uses of specified grant funds;
 37 | authorizing a business to receive certain other grant
 38 | funds in addition to specified grant funds;
 39 | authorizing the corporation to provide certain
 40 | assistance to state agencies and entities, to provide
 41 | a website that has relevant hyperlinks, and to
 42 | collaborate with specified state agencies and other
 43 | entities for specified purposes; conforming provisions
 44 | to changes made by the act; making technical changes;
 45 | amending s. 379.353, F.S.; providing free hunting,
 46 | freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing licenses to
 47 | certain disabled veterans; providing that specified
 48 | licenses issued to such veterans expire periodically
 49 | and must be reissued upon request after such time
 50 | period; amending s. 381.78, F.S.; revising the

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51 membership of the advisory council on brain and spinal
 52 cord injuries; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring
 53 instruction on the history and importance of Veterans'
 54 Day and Memorial Day; amending s. 288.0001, F.S.;
 55 conforming a cross-reference; reenacting ss.
 56 379.3581(2)(b) and 379.401(2)(b) and (3)(b), F.S.,
 57 relating to special authorization hunting licenses and
 58 the suspension and forfeiture of licenses and permits,
 59 respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s.
 60 379.353, F.S., in references thereto; providing an
 61 appropriation and authorizing a position; providing an
 62 effective date.

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

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66 Section 1. Section 265.8021, Florida Statutes, is created
 67 to read:

68 265.8021 Major John Leroy Haynes Florida Veterans' History
 69 Program.—

70 (1) As used in this section, the term "veteran" has the
 71 same meaning as in s. 1.01(14).

72 (2) The Major John Leroy Haynes Florida Veterans' History
 73 Program is created within the Division of Arts and Culture as a
 74 Florida Folklife Program to collect and preserve the stories and
 75 experiences of Florida's veterans and the State of Florida's

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76 military contributions throughout the nation's history. The
 77 division may request assistance with the program from the
 78 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

79 (3) In order to collect and preserve the stories and
 80 experiences of Florida's veterans and the State of Florida's
 81 military contributions throughout the nation's history, the
 82 division's folklorists shall seek out and identify those
 83 veterans who are willing to share their experiences. The
 84 division or a folklorist may interview veterans or invite
 85 veterans to submit written or electronic accounts of their
 86 experiences for inclusion in the program.

87 (4) As provided in s. 265.802, the division may contract
 88 with a third-party vendor to fulfill its responsibilities under
 89 subsection (3).

90 (5) The division may adopt rules to implement the program.

91 Section 2. Subsection (2), paragraph (a) of subsection
 92 (3), and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 295.21,
 93 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

94 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

95 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the corporation is to serve as
 96 the state's initial point of military transition assistance
 97 dedicated to promoting ~~promote~~ Florida as a veteran-friendly
 98 state helping ~~that seeks~~ to provide veterans and their spouses
 99 with employment opportunities and promoting ~~that promotes~~ the
 100 hiring of veterans and their spouses by the business community.

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101 The corporation shall encourage retired and recently separated
 102 military personnel to remain in this ~~the~~ state or to make this
 103 ~~the~~ state their permanent residence. The corporation shall
 104 promote the value of military skill sets to businesses in this
 105 ~~the~~ state, assist in tailoring the training of veterans and
 106 their spouses to match the needs of the employment marketplace,
 107 and enhance the entrepreneurial skills of veterans and their
 108 spouses.

109 (3) DUTIES.—The corporation shall:

110 (a) Conduct marketing, awareness, and outreach activities
 111 directed toward its target market. As used in this section, the
 112 term "target market" means servicemembers of the United States
 113 Armed Forces who have 24 months or less until discharge,
 114 veterans with 36 months or less since discharge, and members of
 115 the Florida National Guard or reserves. The term includes
 116 spouses of such individuals, and surviving spouses of such
 117 individuals who have not remarried ~~research to identify the~~
 118 ~~target market and the educational and employment needs of those~~
 119 ~~in the target market. The corporation shall contract with at~~
 120 ~~least one entity pursuant to the competitive bidding~~
 121 ~~requirements in s. 287.057 and the provisions of s. 295.187 to~~
 122 ~~perform the research. Such entity must have experience~~
 123 ~~conducting market research on the veteran demographic. The~~
 124 ~~corporation shall seek input from the Florida Tourism Industry~~
 125 ~~Marketing Corporation on the scope, process, and focus of such~~

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126 ~~research.~~

127 (4) GOVERNANCE.—

128 (a) The corporation shall be governed by an 11-member a
 129 ~~nine-member~~ board of directors. The Governor, the President of
 130 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
 131 shall each appoint three members to the board. The appointments
 132 made by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
 133 of Representatives may not be from the body over which he or she
 134 presides. In making appointments, the Governor, the President of
 135 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives must
 136 consider representation by active or retired military personnel
 137 and their spouses, representing a range of ages and persons with
 138 expertise in business, education, marketing, and information
 139 management. Additionally, the President of the Senate and the
 140 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one
 141 member from the body over which he or she presides to serve on
 142 the board as ex officio, nonvoting members.

143 Section 3. Section 295.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 144 read:

145 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

146 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—The Legislature finds
 147 that the state has a compelling interest in ensuring that each
 148 veteran or his or her spouse who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state
 149 finds employment that meets his or her professional goals and
 150 receives the training or education necessary to meet those

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151 goals. The Legislature also finds that connecting dedicated,
152 well-trained veterans with businesses that need a dedicated,
153 well-trained workforce is of paramount importance. The
154 Legislature recognizes that veterans or their spouses may not
155 currently have the skills to meet the workforce needs of Florida
156 employers and may require assistance in obtaining additional
157 workforce training or in transitioning their skills to meet the
158 demands of the marketplace. It is the intent of the Legislature
159 that the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program
160 coordinate and meet the needs of veterans and their spouses and
161 the business community to enhance the economy of this state.

162 (2) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section, the
163 term:

164 (a) "Secondary industry business" is a business that the
165 state has an additional interest in supporting and for which
166 veterans and their spouses may have directly transferable
167 skills. Such businesses are in the fields of health care,
168 agriculture, commercial construction, education, law
169 enforcement, and public service.

170 (b) "Servicemember" means any person serving as a member
171 of the United States Armed Forces on active duty or state active
172 duty and all members of the Florida National Guard and United
173 States Reserve Forces.

174 (c) "Target industry business" is a business as defined in
175 s. 288.005.

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176 (d) "Target market" means servicemembers of the United
 177 States Armed Forces who have 24 months or less until discharge,
 178 veterans with 36 months or less since discharge, and members of
 179 the Florida National Guard or reserves. The term includes
 180 spouses of such individuals, and surviving spouses of such
 181 individuals who have not remarried.

182 (3) CREATION.—The Veterans Employment and Training
 183 Services Program is created within the Department of Veterans'
 184 Affairs to assist in connecting servicemembers, linking
 185 veterans, or their spouses who are in the target market ~~in~~
 186 ~~search of employment~~ with businesses seeking to hire dedicated,
 187 well-trained workers and with opportunities for entrepreneurship
 188 education, training, and resources. The purpose of the program
 189 is to meet the workforce demands of businesses in this ~~the~~ state
 190 by facilitating access to training and education in high-demand
 191 fields for such individuals and to inspire the growth and
 192 development of veteran-owned small businesses ~~veterans or their~~
 193 ~~spouses.~~

194 (4) ~~(3)~~ ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.,
 195 shall administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services
 196 Program and perform all of the following functions:

197 (a) Conduct marketing and recruiting efforts directed at
 198 individuals within the target market ~~veterans or their spouses~~
 199 who reside in or ~~who~~ have an interest in relocating to this
 200 state and who are seeking employment. Marketing must include

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201 information related to how a ~~veteran's~~ military experience can
 202 be valuable to a target industry or secondary industry business.
 203 Such efforts may include attending ~~veteran~~ job fairs and events,
 204 hosting events for servicemembers, veterans, and their spouses
 205 or the business community, and using digital and social media
 206 and direct mail campaigns. The corporation shall also include
 207 such marketing as part of its main marketing campaign.

208 (b) Assist individuals in the target market ~~veterans or~~
 209 ~~their spouses~~ who reside in or relocate to this state and who
 210 are seeking employment with target industry or secondary
 211 industry businesses. The corporation shall offer skills
 212 assessments to such individuals ~~veterans or their spouses~~ and
 213 assist them in establishing employment goals and applying for
 214 and achieving gainful employment.

215 1. Assessment may include skill match information, skill
 216 gap analysis, résumé creation, translation of military skills
 217 into civilian workforce skills, and translation of military
 218 achievements and experience into generally understood civilian
 219 workforce skills.

220 2. Assistance may include providing the servicemember,
 221 veteran, or his or her spouse with information on current
 222 workforce demand by industry or geographic region, creating
 223 employment goals, and aiding or teaching general knowledge
 224 related to completing applications. ~~The corporation may provide~~
 225 ~~information related to industry certifications approved by the~~

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226 ~~Department of Education under s. 1008.44 as well as information~~
 227 ~~related to earning academic college credit at public~~
 228 ~~postsecondary educational institutions for college-level~~
 229 ~~training and education acquired in the military under s.~~
 230 ~~1004.096.~~

231 3. ~~The corporation shall encourage veterans or their~~
 232 ~~spouses to register with the state's job bank system and may~~
 233 ~~refer veterans to local one-stop career centers for further~~
 234 ~~services. The corporation shall provide each veteran with~~
 235 ~~information about state workforce programs and shall consolidate~~
 236 ~~information about all available resources on one website that,~~
 237 ~~if possible, includes a hyperlink to each resource's website and~~
 238 ~~contact information, if available.~~

239 4. ~~Assessment and assistance may be in person or by~~
 240 ~~electronic means, as determined by the corporation to be most~~
 241 ~~efficient and best meet the needs of veterans or their spouses.~~

242 (c) Assist Florida target industry and secondary industry
 243 businesses in recruiting and hiring individuals in the target
 244 market ~~veterans and veterans' spouses~~. The corporation shall
 245 provide services to Florida businesses to meet their hiring
 246 needs by connecting businesses with suitable ~~veteran~~ applicants
 247 for employment. Suitable applicants include veterans or
 248 veterans' spouses who have appropriate job skills or may need
 249 additional training to meet the specific needs of a business.
 250 The corporation shall also provide information about the state

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251 and federal benefits of hiring veterans.

252 (d) Create a grant program to provide funding to assist
253 individuals in the target market ~~veterans~~ in meeting the
254 workforce-skill needs of target industry and secondary industry
255 businesses seeking to hire, promote, or generally improve
256 specialized skills of veterans, establish criteria for approval
257 of requests for funding, and maximize the use of funding for
258 this program. Grant funds may be used only in the absence of
259 available veteran-specific federally funded programs. Grants may
260 fund specialized training specific to a particular business.

261 1. The program may prioritize ~~If grant funds to be are~~
262 used to provide a ~~technical~~ certificate, a license licensure, or
263 nondegree training from the Master Credentials List pursuant to
264 s. 445.004(4)(h); any federally created certifications or
265 licenses; and any skills-based industry certifications or
266 licenses deemed relevant or necessary by the corporation. ~~a~~
267 ~~degree,~~ Funds may be allocated only upon a review that includes,
268 but is not limited to, documentation of accreditation and
269 licensure. ~~Instruction funded through the program terminates~~
270 ~~when participants demonstrate competence at the level specified~~
271 ~~in the request but may not exceed 12 months. Preference shall be~~
272 ~~given to target industry businesses, as defined in s. 288.005,~~
273 ~~and to businesses in the defense supply, cloud virtualization,~~
274 ~~health care, or commercial aviation manufacturing industries.~~

275 2. Costs and expenditures are ~~shall be~~ limited to \$8,000

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276 | per ~~veteran~~ trainee. Qualified businesses must cover the entire
 277 | cost for all of the training provided before receiving
 278 | reimbursement from the corporation equal to 50 percent of the
 279 | cost to train a veteran who is a permanent, full-time employee.
 280 | Eligible costs and expenditures include, but are not limited to:
 281 | a. Tuition and fees.
 282 | b. Books and classroom materials.
 283 | c. Rental fees for facilities.
 284 | 3. Before funds are allocated for a request pursuant to
 285 | this section, the corporation shall prepare a grant agreement
 286 | between the business requesting funds and the corporation. Such
 287 | agreement must include, but need not be limited to:
 288 | a. Identification of the personnel necessary to conduct
 289 | the instructional program, instructional program description,
 290 | and any vendors used to conduct the instructional program.
 291 | b. Identification of the estimated duration of the
 292 | instructional program.
 293 | c. Identification of all direct, training-related costs.
 294 | d. Identification of special program requirements that are
 295 | not otherwise addressed in the agreement.
 296 | e. Permission to access aggregate information specific to
 297 | the wages and performance of participants upon the completion of
 298 | instruction for evaluation purposes. The agreement must specify
 299 | that any evaluation published subsequent to the instruction may
 300 | not identify the employer or any individual participant.

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301 4. A business may receive a grant under any state program
 302 ~~the Quick-Response Training Program created under s. 288.047~~ and
 303 a grant under this section for the same veteran trainee.

304 (e) Contract with one or more entities to administer an
 305 entrepreneur initiative program for individuals in the target
 306 market ~~veterans~~ in this state which connects business leaders in
 307 the state with such individuals ~~veterans~~ seeking to become
 308 entrepreneurs.

309 1. The corporation shall award each contract in accordance
 310 with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 to one
 311 or more public or private entities that:

312 a. Demonstrate the ability to implement the program and
 313 the commitment of resources, including financial resources, to
 314 such programs.

315 b. Have a demonstrated experience working with veteran
 316 entrepreneurs.

317 c. As determined by the corporation, have been recognized
 318 for their performance in assisting entrepreneurs to launch
 319 successful businesses in this ~~the~~ state.

320 2. Each contract must include performance metrics,
 321 including a focus on employment and business creation. The
 322 entity may also work with a university or college offering
 323 related programs to refer individuals in the target market
 324 ~~veterans~~ or to provide services. The entrepreneur initiative
 325 program may include activities and assistance such as peer-to-

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326 peer learning sessions, mentoring, technical assistance,
 327 business roundtables, networking opportunities, support of
 328 student organizations, speaker series, or other tools within a
 329 virtual environment.

330 (f) Administer a ~~As the state's principal assistance~~
 331 ~~organization under the United States Department of Defense's~~
 332 SkillBridge initiative program for target industry and secondary
 333 industry ~~qualified~~ businesses in this state and for eligible
 334 individuals in the target market ~~transitioning servicemembers~~
 335 who reside in, or who wish to reside in, this state. In
 336 administering the initiative, the corporation shall:

337 1. Establish and maintain, as applicable, its
 338 certification for the SkillBridge initiative program or any
 339 other similar workforce training and transition programs
 340 established by the United States Department of Defense;

341 2. Educate businesses, business associations, and eligible
 342 individuals in the target market ~~transitioning servicemembers~~ on
 343 the SkillBridge initiative program and its benefits, and educate
 344 military command and personnel within the state on the
 345 opportunities available to eligible individuals in the target
 346 market ~~transitioning servicemembers through the SkillBridge~~
 347 ~~program~~;

348 3. Assist businesses in obtaining approval for skilled
 349 workforce training curricula under the SkillBridge initiative
 350 ~~program~~, including, but not limited to, apprenticeships,

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351 | internships, or fellowships; and

352 | 4. Match eligible individuals in the target market
 353 | ~~transitioning servicemembers who are deemed eligible for~~
 354 | ~~SkillBridge participation by their military command with~~
 355 | training opportunities offered by the corporation or
 356 | participating businesses, with the intent of having them
 357 | ~~transitioning servicemembers~~ achieve gainful employment in this
 358 | state upon completion of their SkillBridge training.

359 | ~~(g) Assist veterans and their spouses in accessing~~
 360 | ~~training, education, and employment in health care professions.~~

361 | ~~(h) Coordinate with the Office of Veteran Licensure~~
 362 | ~~Services within the Department of Health to assist veterans and~~
 363 | ~~their spouses in obtaining licensure pursuant to s. 456.024.~~

364 | (5) COLLABORATION.—

365 | (a) The corporation may assist state agencies and entities
 366 | with recruiting veteran talent into their workforces.

367 | (b) The corporation is encouraged to, and may collaborate
 368 | with state agencies and other entities in efforts to, maximize
 369 | access to and provide information on one website that, if
 370 | possible, includes hyperlinks to the websites of and contact
 371 | information, if available, for state agencies and other entities
 372 | that maintain benefits, services, training, education, and other
 373 | resources that are available to veterans and their spouses.

374 | (c) The corporation may collaborate with other state
 375 | agencies and entities for outreach, information exchange,

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376 marketing, and referrals regarding programs and initiatives that
 377 include, but are not limited to, the program created by this
 378 section and those within any of the following:

379 1. The Department of Veterans' Affairs:

380 a. Access to benefits and assistance programs.

381 b. Hope Navigators Program.

382 2. The Department of Commerce:

383 a. The Disabled Veteran Outreach Program and local veteran
 384 employment representatives.

385 b. CareerSource Florida, Inc., and local workforce boards
 386 employment and recruitment services.

387 c. The Quick-Response Training Program.

388 d. Efforts of the Florida Defense Support Task Force
 389 created under s. 288.987, the Florida Small Business Development
 390 Center Network, and the direct support organization established
 391 in s. 288.012(6).

392 3. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation,
 393 reciprocity and the availability of certain license and fee
 394 waivers.

395 4. The Department of Education:

396 a. CAPE industry certifications under s. 1008.44.

397 b. Information related to earning postsecondary credit at
 398 public postsecondary educational institutions for college-level
 399 training and education acquired in the military under s.
 400 1004.096.

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401 5. The Department of Health:
 402 a. The Office of Veteran Licensure Services.
 403 b. The Florida Veterans Application for Licensure Online
 404 Response expedited licensing.

405 6. The Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help.

406 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 379.353, Florida
 407 Statutes, is amended to read:

408 379.353 Recreational licenses and permits; exemptions from
 409 fees and requirements.—

410 (1) The commission shall issue without fee hunting,
 411 freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing licenses and permits
 412 ~~shall be issued without fee~~ to any resident who is certified or
 413 determined to be:

414 (a) ~~To be~~ Totally and permanently disabled for purposes of
 415 workers' compensation under chapter 440 as verified by an order
 416 of a judge of compensation claims or written confirmation by the
 417 carrier providing workers' compensation benefits, or to be
 418 totally and permanently disabled by the Railroad Retirement
 419 Board, by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or
 420 its predecessor, or by any branch of the United States Armed
 421 Forces, or who holds a valid identification card issued under
 422 ~~the provisions of s. 295.17,~~ upon proof of such certification or
 423 determination ~~same~~. Any license issued under this paragraph
 424 after January 1, 1997, expires after 5 years and must be
 425 reissued, upon request, every 5 years thereafter.

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426 (b) ~~To be~~ Disabled by the United States Social Security
 427 Administration, upon proof of such certification or
 428 determination ~~same~~. Any license issued under this paragraph
 429 after October 1, 1999, expires after 2 years and must be
 430 reissued, upon proof of certification of disability, every 2
 431 years thereafter.

432 (c) A disabled veteran of the United States Armed Forces
 433 who was honorably discharged upon separation from service and
 434 who is certified by the United States Department of Veterans
 435 Affairs or its predecessor or by any branch of the United States
 436 Armed Forces as having a service-connected disability percentage
 437 rating of 50 percent or greater, upon proof of such
 438 certification or determination. Any license issued under this
 439 paragraph after July 1, 2024, expires after 5 years and must be
 440 reissued, upon request, every 5 years thereafter.

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 442 A disability license issued after July 1, 1997, and before July
 443 1, 2000, retains the rights vested thereunder until the license
 444 has expired.

445 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 381.78, Florida
 446 Statutes, is amended to read:

447 381.78 Advisory council on brain and spinal cord
 448 injuries.—

449 (1) There is created within the department an 18-member ~~a~~
 450 ~~16-member~~ advisory council on brain and spinal cord injuries.

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451 The council shall be composed of a minimum of four individuals
 452 who have brain injuries or are family members of individuals who
 453 have brain injuries, a minimum of four individuals who have
 454 spinal cord injuries or are family members of individuals who
 455 have spinal cord injuries, and a minimum of two individuals who
 456 represent the special needs of children who have brain or spinal
 457 cord injuries. The balance of the council members shall be
 458 physicians, other allied health professionals, administrators of
 459 brain and spinal cord injury programs, and representatives from
 460 support groups that have expertise in areas related to the
 461 rehabilitation of individuals who have brain or spinal cord
 462 injuries. Additionally, the council must include two veterans
 463 who have or have had a traumatic brain injury, chronic traumatic
 464 encephalopathy, or subconcussive impacts due to military
 465 service, or include the family members of such veterans.

466 Section 6. Paragraph (u) of subsection (2) of section
 467 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468 1003.42 Required instruction.—

469 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
 470 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
 471 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
 472 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
 473 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
 474 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
 475 approved methods of instruction, the following:

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476 (u)1. In order to encourage patriotism, the sacrifices
 477 that ~~veterans and~~ Medal of Honor recipients have made in serving
 478 our country and protecting democratic values worldwide. Such
 479 instruction must occur on or before Medal of Honor Day,
 480 ~~Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day.~~ Members of the instructional
 481 staff are encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans and
 482 Medal of Honor recipients when practicable.

483 2. The history and importance of Veterans' Day and
 484 Memorial Day. Such instruction may include two 45-minute lessons
 485 that occur on or before the respective holidays.

486
 487 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
 488 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.
 489 Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the
 490 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
 491 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
 492 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
 493 initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (u).

494 Section 7. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
 495 288.0001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

496 288.0001 Economic Development Programs Evaluation.—The
 497 Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of
 498 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)
 499 shall develop and present to the Governor, the President of the
 500 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the

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501 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the Economic
 502 Development Programs Evaluation.

503 (2) The Office of Economic and Demographic Research and
 504 OPPAGA shall provide a detailed analysis of economic development
 505 programs as provided in the following schedule:

506 (c) By January 1, 2016, and every 3 years thereafter, an
 507 analysis of the following:

508 1. The tax exemption for semiconductor, defense, or space
 509 technology sales established under s. 212.08(5)(j).

510 2. The Military Base Protection Program established under
 511 s. 288.980.

512 3. The Quick Response Training Program established under
 513 s. 288.047.

514 4. The Incumbent Worker Training Program established under
 515 s. 445.003.

516 5. The direct-support organization and international trade
 517 and business development programs established or funded under s.
 518 288.012 or s. 288.826.

519 6. The program established under s. 295.22(3) ~~s.~~
 520 ~~295.22(2)~~.

521 Section 8. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 522 made by this act to section 379.353, Florida Statutes, in a
 523 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 524 379.3581, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

525 379.3581 Hunter safety course; requirements; penalty.—

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526 (2)
 527 (b) A person born on or after June 1, 1975, who has not
 528 successfully completed a hunter safety course may apply to the
 529 commission for a special authorization to hunt under
 530 supervision. The special authorization for supervised hunting
 531 shall be designated on any license or permit required under this
 532 chapter for a person to take game or fur-bearing animals. A
 533 person issued a license with a special authorization to hunt
 534 under supervision must hunt under the supervision of, and in the
 535 presence of, a person 21 years of age or older who is licensed
 536 to hunt pursuant to s. 379.354 or who is exempt from licensing
 537 requirements or eligible for a free license pursuant to s.
 538 379.353.

539 Section 9. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 540 made by this act to section 379.353, Florida Statutes, in
 541 references thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and
 542 paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 379.401, Florida
 543 Statutes, are reenacted to read:

544 379.401 Penalties and violations; civil penalties for
 545 noncriminal infractions; criminal penalties; suspension and
 546 forfeiture of licenses and permits.—

547 (2) LEVEL TWO VIOLATIONS.—

548 (b)1. A person who commits a Level Two violation but who
 549 has not been convicted of a Level Two or higher violation within
 550 the past 3 years commits a misdemeanor of the second degree,

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551 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

552 2. Unless the stricter penalties in subparagraph 3. or
 553 subparagraph 4. apply, a person who commits a Level Two
 554 violation within 3 years after a previous conviction for a Level
 555 Two or higher violation commits a misdemeanor of the first
 556 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with
 557 a minimum mandatory fine of \$250.

558 3. Unless the stricter penalties in subparagraph 4. apply,
 559 a person who commits a Level Two violation within 5 years after
 560 two previous convictions for a Level Two or higher violation,
 561 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as
 562 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum mandatory
 563 fine of \$500 and a suspension of any recreational license or
 564 permit issued under s. 379.354 for 1 year. Such suspension shall
 565 include the suspension of the privilege to obtain such license
 566 or permit and the suspension of the ability to exercise any
 567 privilege granted under any exemption in s. 379.353.

568 4. A person who commits a Level Two violation within 10
 569 years after three previous convictions for a Level Two or higher
 570 violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable
 571 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum
 572 mandatory fine of \$750 and a suspension of any recreational
 573 license or permit issued under s. 379.354 for 3 years. Such
 574 suspension shall include the suspension of the privilege to
 575 obtain such license or permit and the suspension of the ability

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576 | to exercise any privilege granted under s. 379.353. If the
 577 | recreational license or permit being suspended was an annual
 578 | license or permit, any privileges under ss. 379.353 and 379.354
 579 | may not be acquired for a 3-year period following the date of
 580 | the violation.

581 | (3) LEVEL THREE VIOLATIONS.—

582 | (b)1. A person who commits a Level Three violation but who
 583 | has not been convicted of a Level Three or higher violation
 584 | within the past 10 years commits a misdemeanor of the first
 585 | degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

586 | 2. A person who commits a Level Three violation within 10
 587 | years after a previous conviction for a Level Three or higher
 588 | violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable
 589 | as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum
 590 | mandatory fine of \$750 and a suspension of any recreational
 591 | license or permit issued under s. 379.354 for the remainder of
 592 | the period for which the license or permit was issued up to 3
 593 | years. Such suspension shall include the suspension of the
 594 | privilege to obtain such license or permit and the ability to
 595 | exercise any privilege granted under s. 379.353. If the
 596 | recreational license or permit being suspended was an annual
 597 | license or permit, any privileges under ss. 379.353 and 379.354
 598 | may not be acquired for a 3-year period following the date of
 599 | the violation.

600 | 3. A person who commits a violation of s. 379.354(17)

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601 shall receive a mandatory fine of \$1,000. Any privileges under
602 ss. 379.353 and 379.354 may not be acquired for a 5-year period
603 following the date of the violation.

604 Section 10. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of
605 \$91,207 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is
606 appropriated to the Division of Arts and Culture of the
607 Department of State, and one full-time equivalent position with
608 associated salary rate of 68,771 is authorized, to implement and
609 administer the Major John Leroy Haynes Florida Veterans' History
610 Program as created by this act.

611 Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.