

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-221

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Priestly Jackson and White

Date of Introduction: April 13, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: April 14, 2021

Type of Action: Resolution expressing endorsement and support

Bill Summary: This bill is a resolution expressing endorsement and support for the work of the Jacksonville/Duval County Apprenticeship and Training Collaboration in pursuing federal funding for an apprenticeship and training program at Westside High School, including facility improvements at the school and start-up operating funds. The program will introduce and prepare participants for careers and jobs in the fields of skilled unions (electricians, plumbers, sheet metal workers, painters and glazers, first responders etc.).

Background Information: A meeting was recently held with members from the Jacksonville City Council, City of Jacksonville, Duval County School Board, Duval County Public Schools, Duval Legislative Delegation, Central Labor Council-Skilled Unions, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department and Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to discuss apprenticeships, training and jobs collaboration. The purpose of this legislation is to show support and appreciation for all party's efforts in the submission of an application for federal funding for costs for the apprenticeships and training programs at Westside High School. The program will focus upon males and females, who are socio-economically challenged and face limited opportunities and are uncertain about attending college after high school.

Policy Impact Area: Apprenticeship and training program at Westside High School

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey