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CareerSource Polk Commends Governor Ron DeSantis on the Signing of House Bill 1507

House Bill 1507 Establishes the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH) to Increase Alignment and Expand Outcomes of the State's Education and Workforce Systems

BARTOW, Fla., June 25, 2021 - CareerSource Polk, today commended Governor Ron DeSantis for signing House Bill 1507. The bill is designed to strengthen Florida's workforce system through the newly established Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH) and focuses on improving outcomes and further aligning Florida's educational and workforce development systems.

CareerSource Polk is dedicated to its mission of ensuring a sustainable and quality workforce. As the non-profit administrator of a workforce budget totaling \$12.1M (revised annually), the organization strives to provide Polk County career seekers and businesses with comprehensive resources supporting their success.

"We welcome the opportunity for increased collaboration with our state and local partners under the common goal of supporting the initiatives of the REACH office," said Stacy Campbell-Domineck, CareerSource Polk President & CEO. "House Bill 1507 is a win-win for both Florida businesses and job seekers. For students and job seekers, the policy expands and further supports the path to a successful career while businesses stand to gain a larger pool of qualified talent."

CareerSource Polk is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors representing business owners, executives and community leaders throughout Polk County. These committed individuals develop strategic goals to address workforce issues while maintaining transparency and integrity in their administration.

CareerSource Polk prioritizes developing talent within in-demand industries and helping individuals gain the skill sets needed for long-term success. The County's population has grown to nearly 725,000 (U.S. Census, 2019). This is a 20.4% increase from the 2010 U.S. Census.

To learn more about CareerSource Polk and the complementary services it provides for both job seekers and employers, visit www.careersourcepolk.com or call 863-508-1100.

About CareerSource Polk

CareerSource Polk is a private, non-profit administrator of workforce funds. As an equal opportunity employer and program, CareerSource Polk is supported by the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Agriculture as part of awards totaling \$12.1 million (revised annually). The total cost of all programs are 100% financed with federal funds.

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