

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 951

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG

LABOR: Provides with respect to the creation of an office of talent accelerator within Louisiana Works

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1554(T) and to enact R.S. 23:2065(A)(12) through (17) and
3 2092(A)(3) and R.S. 36:308(E), relative to a talent accelerator program; to create an
4 office of talent accelerator program within Louisiana Works; to provide for duties
5 and functions of the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council in conjunction with
6 the talent accelerator program; to create the Business Workforce Committee; to
7 exclude the office of talent accelerator from the state procurement code; to provide
8 for the purposes and functions of the office of talent accelerator; and to provide for
9 related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 23:2065(A)(12) through (17) and 2092(A)(3) are hereby enacted to
12 read as follows:

13 §2065. Council duties and functions

14 A. The council shall do all of the following:

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16 (12) Provide oversight to ensure the state's workforce programs and
17 resources are aligned to meet employer and labor market needs.

18 (13) Work to integrate other state agencies and workforce initiatives into a
19 coordinated system.

1 LaGov agency and shall adopt procurement provisions pursuant to rules adopted in
 2 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The rules created by Louisiana
 3 Economic Development pursuant to this Subsection shall be subject to the approval
 4 of the commissioner of administration before they are sent to committees required
 5 for review of agency rules in R.S. 49:966(B)(1). In addition, the House Committee
 6 on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance shall also have authority
 7 for review of agency rules as provided in R.S. 49:950 et seq.

8 (2) At the discretion of the secretary of Louisiana Works, this Chapter shall
 9 not apply to the office of talent accelerator within Louisiana Works; however, the
 10 office of talent accelerator shall be required to continue as an office within Louisiana
 11 Works and shall adopt procurement provisions in pursuant to rules adopted in
 12 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The rules created by the office
 13 of talent accelerator pursuant to this Subsection shall be subject to the approval of
 14 the commissioner of administration before the rules are sent to committees required
 15 by R.S. 49:966(B)(1). In addition, the House Committee on Appropriations and the
 16 Senate Committee on Finance shall have the authority to review any rules in
 17 accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq.

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19 Section 4. It is the intent of the legislature to create a new office within Louisiana
 20 Works, which shall be known as the office of talent accelerator, for the purpose of
 21 performing functions of the state relating to business workforce solutions under the guidance
 22 and oversight of the secretary of Louisiana Works. The office of talent accelerator shall
 23 serve as the primary office for business-related workforce solutions and development,
 24 managing funding and programs, and providing both strategy and coordination of state,
 25 regional, and local workforce service providers across the state.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates an office of talent accelerator within La. Works and provides for the duties, functions, and operation of the talent accelerator program.

Present law provides a list of duties and functions that the La. Workforce Investment Council (council) shall perform.

Proposed law adds the following duties and functions to the aforementioned list:

- (1) Provide oversight to ensure the state's workforce programs and resources are aligned to meet employer and labor market needs.
- (2) Work to integrate other state agencies and workforce initiatives into a coordinated system.
- (3) Oversee the coordination of training programs and workforce funding statewide.
- (4) Ensure cooperation among agencies engaged in workforce training.
- (5) Through the Business Workforce Committee, recommend performance metrics for the office of talent accelerator.
- (6) Ensure that outcomes are result-oriented and tied to employer needs.

Present law provides a list of standing committees within the council.

Proposed law adds the Business Workforce Committee as a committee of the council.

Proposed law provides that the Business Workforce Committee shall be composed of seven members with a majority of the members being business representatives.

Proposed law requires the Business Workforce Committee to perform all of the following duties:

- (1) Serve as the advisory committee to the office of talent accelerator.
- (2) Provide input on the office of talent accelerator's annual plan of work.
- (3) Recommend candidates for the assistant secretary position within the office of talent accelerator to the secretary of La. Works.
- (4) Recommend performance metrics for the assistant secretary.
- (5) Report annually to the council on the office of talent accelerator's results.

Proposed law provides functions of the office of talent accelerator.

Proposed law provides that the office of talent accelerator shall be exempted from the La. Procurement Code; however, the office of talent accelerator shall be required to continue as

an office and allowed to adopt procurement provisions in accordance with present law (R.S. 49:950 et seq.)

Proposed law requires any rules created by the office to be subject to approval by the commissioner of administration before being sent to committees as required by present law (R.S. 49:966(B)(1)).

Proposed law provides that the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance shall have the authority to review any rules in accordance with present law (R.S. 49:950 et seq.)

(Amends R.S. 39:1554(T); Adds R.S. 23:2065(A)(12)-(17) and 2092(A)(3) and R.S. 36:308(E))