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## 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))