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BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1514(D)(4) and 39:1554(T) and to enact R.S. 23:2065(A)(12) through (17) and 2092(A)(3) and R.S. 36:308(E), relative to a business workforce solutions program; to create the Office of Business Workforce Solutions within Louisiana Works; to provide for duties and functions of the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council in conjunction with the Office of Business Workforce Solutions; to create the Business Workforce Committee; to exclude the Office of Business Workforce Solutions from the state procurement code; to provide for the purposes and functions of the Office of Business Workforce Solutions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 23:1514(D)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 23:2065(A)(12) through (17) and 2092(A)(3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1514. Worker training fund; purpose; training programs; eligibility criteria; program administration

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(4) No more than ten percent of such amounts appropriated to the fund by the state legislature shall be used for the payment of expenses incurred for the administration of this account. Expenses related to employer outreach and engagement of the program are not considered administrative.

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1 §2065. Council duties and functions

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

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

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

8 (14) Oversee the coordination of training programs and workforce funding
9 statewide.

10 (15) Ensure cooperation among agencies engaged in workforce training.

11 (16) Through the Business Workforce Committee, recommend performance
12 metrics for the Office of Business Workforce Solutions.

13 (17) Ensure that outcomes are result-oriented and tied to employer needs.

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15 §2092. Organizational structure of standing committees

16 A.

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18 (3)(a) The Business Workforce Committee shall be a committee of the
19 council.

20 (b) The Business Workforce Committee shall be composed of seven
21 members, with a majority of the members being business representatives and one
22 member being the secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, or their designees.

23 (c) The Business Workforce Committee shall do all of the following:

24 (i) Serve as the advisory committee to the Office of Business Workforce
25 Solutions.

26 (ii) Provide input on the annual plan of work of the Office of Business
27 Workforce Solutions.

28 (iii) Recommend candidates for the assistant secretary position within the
29 Office of Business Workforce Solutions to the secretary of Louisiana Works, which
30 shall be forwarded to the governor by the secretary for consideration.

1 of the commissioner of administration before they are sent to committees required
2 for review of agency rules in R.S. 49:966(B)(1). In addition, the House Committee
3 on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance shall also have authority
4 for review of agency rules as provided in R.S. 49:950 et seq.

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____