<u>Prior law</u> provided for a special fund within the Employment Security Administration Fund (i.e., the fund in which employers deposit their unemployment insurance taxes).

<u>Prior law</u> provided that monies from the special fund are to be used only for the purpose of upgrading employee job skills through training.

<u>Prior law</u> provided that training is to be done by a third-party training provider selected by the applicant and approved pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the La. Workforce Commission.

<u>New law</u> provides that third-party training may be provided by a La. college or university. Provides that a La. college or university may subcontract with an out-of-state college or university to provide third-party training so long as the training takes place on the campus of a La. college or university or job site.

Provides that prior to entering into an agreement with an out-of-state college or university, such La. college or university shall make an inquiry, in writing, to the commissioner of higher education to determine if such third-party training already exists at another La. college or university.

Provides that if the commissioner of higher education advises the inquiring La. college or university within 15 days that another La. college or university already provides such third-party training, the inquiring college or university may contract with the college or university that already provides such third-party training.

Provides that if the commissioner of higher education fails to advise the inquiring La. college or university within 15 days that another La. college or university already provides such third-party training, the inquiring college or university may contract with an out-of-state college or university to provide the actual training.

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