

2020 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE BILL NO. 15

BY SENATOR REESE AND REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

EMPLOYMENT. Requires a short-term COVID-19 occupational forecast. (Item #15)  
(gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 23:76(C)(14), relative to workforce development; to provide relative to the  
3 Occupational Forecasting Conference; to provide relative to the approval of  
4 short-term COVID-19 affected forecasts; to provide relative to short-term  
5 COVID-19 related occupational projections; to provide for deadlines; and to provide  
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 23:76(C)(14) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §76. Forecasting

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11 C. \* \* \*

12 **(14)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to the**  
13 **contrary, a short-term forecast to account for the economic shifts resulting from**  
14 **the global COVID-19 pandemic shall be derived and approved by the**  
15 **conference not later than September 30, 2020. A second short-term**  
16 **COVID-19-affected forecast shall be derived and approved by the conference**  
17 **not later than March 31, 2021, and a third short-term COVID-19-affected**

1           forecast shall be derived and approved by the conference not later than  
2           September 30, 2021.

3           (b) The short-term COVID-19-affected forecast shall include  
4           quantitative data from various sources, surveys and information from the  
5           Louisiana Workforce Commission and Department of Economic Development,  
6           and the input of regional economic development organizations.

7           (c) Each short-term COVID-19-affected forecast approved by the  
8           conference shall be made available for access on the internet and delivered to  
9           the House and Senate committees on education and labor and industrial  
10          relations within thirty days of approval.

11          Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
12          signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
13          by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
14          vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
15          effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Yoursheka George.

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#### DIGEST

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Present law provides that information on projected workforce and job growth and the demand for industries shall include the number of individuals employed and the number of individuals able and available for employment.

Present law establishes the Occupational Forecasting Conference (conference) as a committee of the council to develop official information regarding the statewide and regional workforce development needs of current, new, and emerging industries as the council determines is necessary for both state and regional workforce development system planning processes and state planning and budgeting.

Present law requires the conference to conduct surveys and generate data as part of the state's internet-based job matching and labor market information system.

Present law requires the conference to meet at least two times in a calendar year.

Proposed law retains present law but requires a short-term COVID-19-affected forecast to be derived and approved by September 30, 2020. Requires a second and third short-term COVID-19-affected forecast to be derived and approved by March 31, 2021, and September 30, 2021, respectively.

Proposed law requires approved forecasts to be made available for online access. Requires that the forecasts be delivered to the House and Senate committees on education and labor and industrial relations within 30 days of approval.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 23:76(C)(14))