

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

EMPLOYMENT: Requires short-term COVID-19 occupational forecasts (Item #15)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 23:76(C)(14), relative to workforce development; to provide for occupational  
3 forecasting; to require short-term COVID-19-related occupational projections; and  
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 §76. Forecasting

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9 C.

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11 (14)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, a short-term  
12 forecast to account for the economic shifts resulting from the global COVID-19  
13 pandemic shall be derived and approved by the conference. The short-term COVID-  
14 19-affected forecast shall require quantitative data from various sources, surveys,  
15 and information from the Louisiana Workforce Commission and Louisiana  
16 Economic Development, and the input of regional economic development  
17 organizations.

18 (b) The conference and council shall derive and approve a second and third  
19 short-term COVID-19-affected forecast.

1           (c) Each short-term COVID-19-affected forecast approved by the conference  
2           and council shall be made available for access on the internet and delivered to the  
3           legislative committees on labor and industrial relations and the legislative  
4           committees on education. The council may modify conference reports if it  
5           enunciates a reasonable basis for such modifications. Reports not approved by the  
6           council shall not be final for the purposes of this Section.

7           Section 2. (A) The first short-term COVID-19-affected forecast required by R.S.  
8           23:76(C)(14) as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall be produced and released publicly by  
9           September 30, 2020.

10          (B) The second short-term COVID-19-affected forecast required by R.S.  
11          23:76(C)(14) as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall be produced and released publicly by  
12          March 31, 2021.

13          (C) The third short-term COVID-19-affected forecast required by R.S. 23:76(C)(14)  
14          as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall be produced and released publicly by September 30,  
15          2021.

16          Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
17          signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
18          by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
19          vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
20          effective on the day following such approval.

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#### DIGEST

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HB 65 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires the Occupational Forecasting Conference to develop and produce a short-term occupational forecast report that solely focuses on the impact of COVID-19.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding any other provisions of proposed law, a short-term forecast to account for the economic shifts resulting from the global COVID-19 pandemic shall be derived and approved by the Occupational Forecasting Conference.

Proposed law provides that the short-term COVID-19-affected forecast shall require quantitative data from various sources, surveys, and information from the Louisiana Workforce Commission and Louisiana Economic Development, and the input of regional economic development organizations.

Proposed law provides that the conference and council shall derive and approve of a second and third short-term COVID-19-affected forecast.

Proposed law provides that each short-term COVID-19 affected forecast approved by the conference and council shall be made available on the internet and delivered to the legislative committees on labor and industrial relations and the legislative committees on education.

Proposed law provides that the council may modify conference reports if it enunciates a reasonable basis for such modifications. Proposed law further provides that any reports not approved by the council shall not be final for the purposes of proposed law.

Proposed law provides that the first short-term COVID-19-affected forecast required by proposed law shall be produced and released publicly by September 30, 2020.

Proposed law provides that the second short-term COVID-19-affected forecast required by proposed law shall be produced and released publicly by March 31, 2021.

Proposed law provides that the third short-term COVID-19-affected forecast required by proposed law shall be produced and released publicly by September 30, 2021.

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

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

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to the original bill:

1. Add that the Workforce Investment Council shall work with the Occupational Forecasting Conference.
2. Add that the council may make modifications to the conference reports if it has a reasonable basis and any reports not approved by the council shall not be final.