

ACT No. 623

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 588

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 23:2043(A)(10), (11)(a), and (13), and 2046, to enact R.S.
3 23:2043(A)(9), and to repeal R.S. 23:2043(A)(11)(b) and (14), relative to workforce
4 development; to add and remove members from the Workforce Investment Council;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 23:2043(A)(10), (11)(a), and (13), and 2046 are hereby amended and
8 reenacted and R.S. 23:2043(A)(9) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2043. Members

10 A. The council shall consist of ~~fifty-three~~ members as follows:

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12 (9) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.

13 ~~(10) One member appointed by the governor who is a chief executive officer~~
14 ~~of a community-based organization~~ The president of the Senate or his designee.

15 ~~(11)(a) Twenty-seven members representing business and industry appointed~~
16 ~~by the governor, at least one of whom shall represent a woman-owned business and~~
17 ~~at least two of whom shall represent minority-owned businesses. Members~~
18 ~~representing business shall be individuals who are owners, chief executive officers,~~
19 ~~chief operating officers, or other individuals with optimum policymaking or hiring~~
20 ~~authority and may be members of local boards.~~ Members appointed by the governor,
21 who shall be comprised of the following:

1 (i) Not less than fifty-one percent of the members shall be comprised of
2 representatives of businesses in the state, who are any of the following:

3 (aa) Business owners, chief executive or operating officers of businesses, or
4 other business executives or employers with optimum policymaking or hiring
5 authority, and who, in addition, may be members of a local board.

6 (bb) Representatives of businesses in general, including small businesses, or
7 organizations representing businesses that provide employment opportunities that,
8 at a minimum, include high-quality, work relevant training and development in high-
9 demand industry sectors or occupations in this state, with at least one member being
10 appointed as a representative of a small business as defined by the United States
11 Small Business Administration.

12 (cc) Representatives who are appointed from among individuals nominated
13 by state business organizations and business trade associations.

14 (ii) Not less than twenty percent of the members shall be comprised of
15 representatives of the workforce within this state, who are any of the following:

16 (aa) At least two representatives of labor organizations who have been
17 nominated by state labor federations.

18 (bb) At least one representative who is a member of a labor organization or
19 a training director from a registered apprenticeship program in the state.

20 (cc) Representatives of community-based organizations who have
21 demonstrated experience and expertise in addressing the employment, training, or
22 education needs of individuals with barriers to employment, including organizations
23 that serve veterans or that provide or support competitive, integrated employment for
24 individuals with disabilities.

25 (dd) Representatives of organizations who have demonstrated experience
26 and expertise in addressing the employment, training, or education needs of eligible
27 youth, including representatives of organizations that serve out-of-school youth.

28 (ee) Representatives of local workforce development area boards who have
29 served or are currently serving in the capacity as board directors.

1 (iii) The balance of the membership may include other representatives or
 2 officials as the governor may designate, including but not limited to:

3 (aa) State agency officials from agencies that are one-stop partners.

4 (bb) State agency officials responsible for economic development or juvenile
 5 justice programs in this state.

6 (cc) State agency officials responsible for education programs in this state,
 7 including chief executive officers of community colleges and other institutions of
 8 higher education.

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10 ~~(13)(a) Eleven members representing organized labor appointed by the~~
 11 ~~governor from among nominees submitted by the Louisiana AFL-CIO including~~
 12 ~~representatives of labor organizations and at least one member of a labor~~
 13 ~~organization or a training director from a joint labor management registered~~
 14 ~~apprenticeship program within the state. Following the initial eleven appointments~~
 15 ~~pursuant to this Paragraph, any vacancies that occur for these eleven positions shall~~
 16 ~~be filled from a list of nine nominees submitted by the Louisiana AFL-CIO.~~

17 ~~(b) One of the four organized labor members shall be a certified training~~
 18 ~~director for an apprenticeship program. At least one member who is a representative~~
 19 ~~of the Vocational Rehabilitation Program under the Louisiana Rehabilitation~~
 20 ~~Services.~~

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22 §2046. Terms

23 A. ~~Of the initial forty-one members appointed pursuant to R.S. 10~~
 24 ~~23:2043(A)(5), (6), and (11), fourteen members shall serve a term of two years, 11~~
 25 ~~fourteen members shall serve a term of three years, and thirteen members shall serve~~
 26 ~~12 a term of four years, with all terms ending on June thirtieth of the respective year.~~
 27 Of the initial members appointed pursuant to R.S. 23:2043(A)(5), (6), and (11), not
 28 more than thirty-four percent of the members shall serve a term of two years, not
 29 more than thirty-three percent of the members shall serve a term of three years, and
 30 not more than thirty-three percent of the members shall serve a term of four years,

1 with all terms ending on June thirtieth of the respective year. The terms of the initial
 2 members appointed pursuant to each Paragraph shall be designated by the governor
 3 so as to be apportioned among the optional initial terms. Thereafter, such appointed
 4 members shall serve six-year terms. No person shall serve for more than two terms
 5 whether consecutive or not.

6 B. The term of a member serving on the council pursuant to R.S.
 7 23:2043(A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8), ~~and (14)~~ shall be concurrent with
 8 his service in such official capacity.

9 Section 2. R.S. 23:2043(A)(11)(b) and (14) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____