

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that the executive director of the La. Workforce Commission, the secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services, the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health, the state superintendent of education, and the president of the La. Community and Technical College System ("state partners") collaborate to design and implement a workforce training and education initiative for public assistance recipients. Existing law further provides that the initiative's purposes are to improve employment opportunities and promote workforce advancement. Existing law further provides for an advisory board to assist the state partners and provides for the advisory board membership and meetings.

New law retains existing law and adds the following advisory board members:

1. The executive director of a workforce investment board in Concordia Parish.
2. The executive director of a workforce investment board in Madison Parish.
3. The executive director of a workforce investment board in Morehouse Parish.
4. The executive director of a workforce investment board in Richland Parish.
5. The executive director of a workforce investment board in Tensas Parish.

Existing law requires the state partners to design the initiative's operations and system of services to facilitate replication of the program in all regions of the state.

New law retains existing law and requires, prior to the design and implementation of the initiative, the advisory board to conduct meetings for the purpose of receiving public input regarding the program.

Prior law provides for the pilot initiative to operate and serve participants in certain regions.

New law changes the initial areas served to the following parishes: Concordia, East Carroll, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, St. Landry, and Tensas.

Existing law provides that, if agreed to by the head of each state partner, the partners may expand the geographic service area of the pilot initiative beyond the initial regions.

New law retains existing law but removes the requirement for agreement by each state partner.

Existing law provides for the duties of the state partners in implementing and administering the initiative.

New law retains existing law but makes technical changes.

Existing law provides for the state partners to submit annual reports providing a summary and evaluation of the initiative's outcomes to the legislative committees on labor and industrial relations and to the legislative committees on health and welfare.

New law retains existing law and provides for the annual report to be provided to the advisory board.

New law changes the entity name from "Workforce Training and Education Initiative" to "Louisiana's Pathway to Independency Workforce Training and Education Pilot Initiative".

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 46:353(A)(1)(intro para); adds R.S. 46:353(A)(1)(o)-(s))