
DIGEST

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HB 951 Engrossed

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Abstract: Creates the Office of the Louisiana Talent Accelerator within La. Works and provides for the duties, functions, and operation of the office.

Present law provides a list of duties and functions that the La. Workforce Investment Council (council) shall perform.

Proposed law adds the following duties and functions to the aforementioned list:

- (1) Provide oversight to ensure the state's workforce programs and resources are aligned to meet employer and labor market needs.
- (2) Work to integrate other state agencies and workforce initiatives into a coordinated system.
- (3) Oversee the coordination of training programs and workforce funding statewide.
- (4) Ensure cooperation among agencies engaged in workforce training.
- (5) Through the Business Workforce Committee, recommend performance metrics for the Office of the La. Talent Accelerator (office).
- (6) Ensure that outcomes are result-oriented and tied to employer needs.

Present law provides a list of standing committees within the council.

Proposed law adds the Business Workforce Committee as a committee of the council.

Proposed law provides that the Business Workforce Committee shall be composed of seven members with a majority of the members being business representatives.

Proposed law requires the Business Workforce Committee to perform all of the following duties:

- (1) Serve as the advisory committee to the office.
- (2) Provide input on the office's annual plan of work.

- (3) Recommend candidates for the assistant secretary position within the office to the secretary of La. Works.
- (4) Recommend performance metrics for the assistant secretary.
- (5) Report annually to the council on the office's results.

Proposed law provides for the functions of the office.

Proposed law provides that the office shall be exempted from the La. Procurement Code; however, the office shall be required to continue as an office and allowed to adopt procurement provisions in accordance with present law (R.S. 49:950 et seq.)

Proposed law requires any rules created by the office to be subject to approval by the commissioner of administration before being sent to committees as required by present law (R.S. 49:966(B)(1)).

Proposed law provides that the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance shall have the authority to review any rules in accordance with present law (R.S. 49:950 et seq.)

(Amends R.S. 39:1554(T); Adds R.S. 23:2065(A)(12)-(17) and 2092(A)(3) and R.S. 36:308(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Rename the office of the talent accelerator to the Office of the La. Talent Accelerator.
2. Add the function of requiring the office to manage certain business-related programs and funding administered by La. Works based upon the secretary of La. Works' discretion.
3. Make technical and title changes.