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HOUSE BILL No. 1154

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Citations Affected: IC 22-4.

Synopsis: Unemployment insurance. Requires the department of workforce development to give its annual presentation regarding the status of the unemployment compensation system to the interim study committee on employment and labor (instead of the budget committee, as provided in current law). Modifies the law governing the department of workforce development's recordkeeping, release of records, and confidentiality duties and obligations. Changes the manner in which notice of a claimant's registration, failure to register, renewal, or continuation of the claimant's claim for unemployment benefits may be provided to an employer. Requires that the training grants paid from the special employment and training services fund (fund) be paid each state fiscal year before expenditures from the fund are made for any other purpose. Eliminates the \$5,000,000 maximum on expenditures from the fund by the department of workforce development in a state fiscal year.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

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January 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions. January 31, 2017, amended, reported — Do Pass.



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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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HOUSE BILL No. 1154

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1	SECTION 1. IC 22-4-18-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.171-2016,
2	SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3	JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1. (a) There is created a department under
4	IC 22-4.1-2-1 which shall be known as the department of workforce
5	development.
6	(b) The department of workforce development may do the
7	following:
8	(1) Administer the unemployment insurance program.
9	(2) Enter into agreements with the United States government that
10	may be required as a condition of obtaining federal funds related
11	to activities of the department under this article.
12	(3) Enter into contracts or agreements and cooperate with local
13	governmental units or corporations, including profit or nonprofit
14	corporations, or combinations of units and corporations to carry
15	out the duties of the department imposed by this article, including
16	contracts for the delegation of the department's administrative,
17	monitoring, and program responsibilities and duties set forth in



1 this article. 2 (c) The payment of unemployment insurance benefits must be made 3 in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 3304. 4 (d) The department of workforce development may do all acts and 5 things necessary or proper to carry out the powers expressly granted 6 under this article, including the adoption of rules under IC 4-22-2. 7 (e) The department of workforce development may not charge any 8 claimant for benefits for providing services under this article, except as 9 provided in IC 22-4-17-12. 10 (f) The department of workforce development shall do the 11 following: 12 (1) Submit a report to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 and to the governor before December 1 of 13 14 each year concerning the status of the unemployment compensation system, including the following: 15 (A) Recommendations for maintaining the solvency of the 16 unemployment insurance benefit fund established under 17 18 IC 22-4-26-1. 19 (B) Information regarding expenditures from the special 20 employment and training services fund. 21 (C) Information regarding money released under 22 IC 22-4-25-1(c). 23 (2) Make a presentation before November 1 of each year to the 24 budget committee at each meeting of the budget committee held before November 1, 2016, interim study committee on 25 26 employment and labor (established under IC 2-5-1.3-4) 27 concerning the status of the unemployment compensation system, 28 including the following: 29 (A) Recommendations for maintaining the solvency of the unemployment insurance benefit fund established under 30 31 IC 22-4-26-1. 32 (B) Information regarding expenditures from the special 33 employment and training services fund. 34 (C) Information regarding money released under 35 IC 22-4-25-1(c). 36 (D) Any other information requested by the budget committee. interim study committee on employment and labor. 37 38 (g) In addition to the duties prescribed in subsections (a) through (f), 39 the department of workforce development shall establish, implement, 40 and maintain a training program in the nature and dynamics of 41 domestic and family violence for training of all employees of the 42 department who interact with a claimant for benefits to determine



1 whether the claim of the individual for unemployment benefits is valid 2 and to determine that employment separations stemming from domestic 3 or family violence are reliably screened, identified, and adjudicated and 4 that victims of domestic or family violence are able to take advantage 5 of the full range of job services provided by the department. The 6 training presenters shall include domestic violence experts with 7 expertise in the delivery of direct services to victims of domestic 8 violence, including using the staff of shelters for battered women in the 9 presentation of the training. The initial training shall consist of 10 instruction of not less than six (6) hours. Refresher training shall be 11 required annually and shall consist of instruction of not less than three 12 (3) hours.

13 SECTION 2. IC 22-4-19-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.110-2010, 14 SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE 15 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 6. (a) Each employing unit shall keep true and accurate records containing information the department considers 16 17 necessary. These records are: 18

(1) open to inspection; and

(2) subject to being copied;

20 by an authorized representative of the department at any reasonable 21 time and as often as may be necessary. The department, the review 22 board, or an administrative law judge may require from any employing 23 unit any verified or unverified report, with respect to persons employed 24 by it, which is considered necessary for the effective administration of 25 this article.

26 (b) Except as provided in subsections (d) and (f), information 27 obtained or obtained from any person in the administration of this 28 article and the records of the department relating to the unemployment 29 tax or the payment of benefits is confidential and may not be published 30 or be open to public inspection in any manner revealing the individual's 31 or the employing unit's identity, except in obedience to an order of a 32 court or as provided in this section.

33 (c) A claimant or an employer at a hearing before an administrative law judge or the review board shall be supplied with information from 34 35 the records referred to in this section to the extent necessary for the proper presentation of the subject matter of the appearance. The 36 department may make the information necessary for a proper presentation of a subject matter before an administrative law judge or the review board available to an agency of the United States or an Indiana state agency.

- (d) The department may release the following information:
- (1) Summary statistical data may be released to the public.



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1(2) Employer specific information known as ES 202 Quarterl2Census of Employment and Wages data and data resulting from3enhancements made through the business establishment list4improvement project may be released to the Indiana economic5development corporation only for the following purposes:	n t
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6 (A) The purpose of conducting a survey.	
7 (B) The purpose of aiding the officers or employees of th	
8 Indiana economic development corporation in providin	
9 economic development assistance through program	1
10 development, research, or other methods.	
11 (C) Other purposes consistent with the goals of the Indian	
12 economic development corporation and not inconsistent wit	
13 those of the department, including the purposes of IC 5-28-6-7	
14 (3) Employer specific information known as ES 202 Quarter	y
15 Census of Employment and Wages data and data resulting from	1
16 enhancements made through the business establishment list	t
17 improvement project may be released to:	
18 (A) the budget agency; and	
19 (B) the legislative services agency only for aiding th	е
20 employees of the budget agency or the legislative service	S
21 agency in forecasting tax revenues; and	
22 (C) the Indiana department of labor for the purpose of	f
23 conducting a survey and reporting to the United State	s
24 Department of Labor or the federal Bureau of Labo	r
25 Statistics.	
26 (4) Information obtained from any person in the administration of	f
27 this article and the records of the department relating to th	е
28 unemployment tax or the payment of benefits for use by th	e
29 following governmental entities:	
30 (A) department of state revenue; an agency of the Unite	ł
31 States; or	
32 (B) state or local law enforcement agencies; an agency of th	e
33 state; or	
34 (C) a public official for use in the performance of th	e
35 public official's duties;	
36 only if there is an agreement that the information will be keep	t
37 confidential and used for legitimate governmental purposes.	
38 (e) The department may make information available under	r
39 subsection $\frac{(d)(1)}{(d)(2)}$, or $\frac{(d)(3)}{(d)}$ (d) only:	
40 (1) if:	
41 (A) data provided in summary form cannot be used to identif	y
42 information relating to a specific employer or specifi	с
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1	employee; or
2	(B) there is an agreement that the employer specific
3	information released to the Indiana economic development
4	corporation, the budget agency, or the legislative services
5	agency will be treated as confidential and will be released only
6	in summary form that cannot be used to identify information
7	relating to a specific employer or a specific employee; and
8	(2) after the cost of making the information available to the
9	person requesting the information is paid under IC 5-14-3.
10	(f) In addition to the confidentiality provisions of subsection (b), the
11	fact that a claim has been made under IC $22-4-15-1(c)(8)$ and any
12	information furnished by the claimant or an agent to the department to
13	verify a claim of domestic or family violence are confidential.
14	Information concerning the claimant's current address or physical
15	location shall not be disclosed to the employer or any other person.
16	Disclosure is subject to the following additional restrictions:
17	(1) The claimant must be notified before any release of
18	information.
19	(2) Any disclosure is subject to redaction of unnecessary
20	identifying information, including the claimant's address.
21	(g) An employee:
22	(1) of the department who recklessly violates subsection (a), (c),
23	(d), (e), or (f); or
24	(2) of any governmental entity listed in subsection (d)(4) who
25	recklessly violates subsection (d)(4);
26	commits a Class B misdemeanor.
27	(h) An employee of the Indiana economic development corporation,
28	the budget agency, or the legislative services agency who violates
29	subsection (d) or (e) commits a Class B misdemeanor.
30	(i) An employer or agent of an employer that becomes aware that a
31	claim has been made under IC 22-4-15-1(c)(8) shall maintain that
32	information as confidential.
33	(j) The department may charge a reasonable processing fee not to
34	exceed two dollars (\$2) for each record that provides information about
35	an individual's last known employer released in compliance with a
36	court order under subsection (b).
37	SECTION 3. IC 22-4-19-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
38	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 13. (a) Where an
39	employer makes an offer of employment directly to a claimant,
40	promptly giving written notice to the department of such offer, or when
41	any such employer makes such offer of employment in writing through
42	the department, the commissioner, the deputy, or an authorized

1 representative of the state or the United States employment service, 2 which offer shall specify such claimant by name, and when such 3 claimant thereafter fails to register subsequent to the receipt of such 4 offer of employment by the department, the commissioner, the deputy, 5 or an authorized representative of the state or the United States 6 employment service, then a notice in writing shall promptly be mailed 7 to such employer of such claimant's said failure to return and to 8 register. If such claimant thereafter, in the claimant's benefit period, 9 again registers or renews and continues the claimant's claim for 10 benefits, such employer shall promptly be mailed provided with notice 11 of such fact in order that the employer may have an opportunity to 12 renew and remake an offer of employment to such claimant.

(b) Upon the filing by an individual of an additional claim for
benefits, a notice in writing or a carbon copy of such additional claim
shall be mailed promptly provided to the base period employer or
employers and to the employing unit including an employer from
whose employ the individual claims to have been last separated.

18 (c) Upon the filing by an individual of an initial claim for benefits, 19 a notice in writing or a carbon copy of such initial claim shall be 20 mailed promptly provided to the base period employer or base period employers and to the employing unit units including an 21 22 employer from whose employ the individual claims to have been last 23 separated. The computation of the benefit rights of such individual 24 shall be made as promptly as possible and, if such claim is deemed 25 valid, then a notice of benefit liability shall be mailed provided to each 26 employer whose experience account is potentially chargeable with benefits to be paid to such individual. Such notice shall contain the 27 28 date, the name and social security number of the individual, the ending 29 date of the individual's base period, and the week ending date of the first week of the individual's benefit year. Such notice shall further 30 31 contain information as to the proportion of benefits chargeable to the 32 employer's experience account in ratio to the earnings of such 33 individual from such employer and shall advise such employer of the 34 employer's right to protest such claim and the payment of any benefits 35 thereon and of the place and time within which protest must be made 36 and the form and contents thereof.

(d) Whenever a determination is made with respect to the validity of any claim for benefits, or the eligibility of any claimant for benefits, which involves the cancellation of wage credits or benefit rights, the imposition of any disqualification, period of ineligibility or penalty, or the denial thereof, a notice in writing shall promptly be mailed **provided** to such claimant and to each employer directly involved or

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connected with the issue raised as to the validity of such claim, the eligibility of such claimant for benefits, or the imposition of a disqualification period of ineligibility or penalty, or the denial thereof. Such employer or such claimant may protest any such determination within such time limits and in such manner as provided in IC 22-4-17-2 and upon said protest shall be entitled to a hearing as provided in IC 22-4-17-2 and IC 22-4-17-3.

8 (e) Every employer shall be mailed **provided with** a monthly report 9 of benefit charges which shall contain an itemized statement showing 10 the names of individuals to whom benefits were paid and charged to 11 the experience account of such employer, the weeks with respect to 12 which each such individual received benefits, the amount thereof, and 13 the total amount of benefits charged to such employer's said account 14 during the period covered by such report.

15 (f) Following the computation of rates of contribution for employers 16 for each calendar year, each employer shall be mailed provided with 17 notice not later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of such 18 rates, a notice in writing setting out the employer's rate of contribution 19 for such year, computed by the department as of the preceding June 30, 20 together with sufficient information for such employer to determine 21 and compute the amount of a voluntary payment required from such 22 employer in order to qualify for and obtain a lower rate of contribution 23 for such year and also advising such employer of the length of time 24 within which or last date upon which said voluntary payment will be 25 received or can be made.

26 SECTION 4. IC 22-4-25-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.171-2016, 27 SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE 28 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1. (a) There is created in the state treasury a 29 special fund to be known as the special employment and training services fund. All interest on delinquent contributions and penalties 30 31 collected under this article, together with any voluntary contributions 32 tendered as a contribution to this fund, shall be paid into this fund. The 33 money shall not be expended or available for expenditure in any 34 manner which would permit their substitution for (or a corresponding 35 reduction in) federal funds which would in the absence of said money 36 be available to finance expenditures for the administration of this 37 article, but nothing in this section shall prevent said money from being 38 used as a revolving fund to cover expenditures necessary and proper 39 under the law for which federal funds have been duly requested but not 40 yet received, subject to the charging of such expenditures against such funds when received. The money in this fund shall be used by the 41 42 department for the payment of refunds of interest on delinquent

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1 contributions and penalties so collected, for the payment of costs of 2 administration which are found not to have been properly and validly 3 chargeable against federal grants or other funds received for or in the 4 employment and training services administration fund, on and after 5 July 1, 1945. Such money shall be available either to satisfy the 6 obligations incurred by the department directly, or by transfer by the 7 department of the required amount from the special employment and 8 training services fund to the employment and training services 9 administration fund. The department shall order the transfer of such 10 funds or the payment of any such obligation or expenditure and such 11 funds shall be paid by the treasurer of state on requisition drawn by the 12 department directing the auditor of state to issue the auditor's warrant 13 therefor. Any such warrant shall be drawn by the state auditor based upon vouchers certified by the commissioner. The money in this fund 14 15 is hereby specifically made available to replace within a reasonable time any money received by this state pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 502, as 16 17 amended, which, because of any action or contingency, has been lost 18 or has been expended for purposes other than or in amounts in excess 19 of those approved by the bureau of employment security. The money 20 in this fund shall be continuously available to the department for expenditures in accordance with the provisions of this section and for 21 22 the prevention, detection, and recovery of delinquent contributions, 23 penalties, and improper benefit payments, and shall not lapse at any 24 time or be transferred to any other fund, except as provided in this 25 article. After making the grants required under subsection (c), the department may expend an amount not to exceed five million dollars 26 27 (\$5,000,000) in a state fiscal year for the purposes described in this 28 subsection, unless an additional amount is approved by the budget 29 committee. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit, alter, or 30 amend the liability of the state assumed and created by IC 22-4-28, or 31 to change the procedure prescribed in IC 22-4-28 for the satisfaction of 32 such liability, except to the extent that such liability may be satisfied by 33 and out of the funds of such special employment and training services fund created by this section. Each state fiscal year, the commissioner 34 35 shall make the training grants required under subsection (c) before amounts are expended from the fund in accordance with this 36 37 section for any other purpose. 38

(b) Whenever the balance in the special employment and training
services fund exceeds eight million five hundred thousand dollars
(\$8,500,000), the department shall order payment of the amount that
exceeds eight million five hundred thousand dollars (\$8,500,000) into
the unemployment insurance benefit fund.

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2 commissioner shall release the following amounts before 3 expenditures are made in accordance with this section for any 4 other purpose: 5 (1) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the state educational 6 institution established under IC 21-25-2-1 for training provided 7 to participants in apprenticeship programs approved by the United 8 States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and 9 Training. 10 (2) Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the state educational institution instituted and incorporated under IC 21-22-2-1 for 11 12 training provided to participants in joint labor and management apprenticeship programs approved by the United States 13 14 Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. 15 (3) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for 16 journeyman upgrade training to each of the state educational institutions described in subdivisions (1) and (2). 17 18 (4) Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) annually for 19 training and counseling assistance: 20 (A) provided by Hometown Plans under 41 CFR 60-4.5; and 21 (B) approved by the United States Department of Labor, 22 Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training; 23 to individuals who have been unemployed for at least four (4) 24 weeks or whose annual income is less than twenty thousand 25 dollars (\$20,000). and 26 (5) Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) annually for 27 training and counseling assistance provided by the state 28 institution established under IC 21-25-2-1 to individuals who 29 have been unemployed for at least four (4) weeks or whose annual 30 income is less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the 31 purpose of enabling those individuals to apply for admission to 32 apprenticeship programs offered by providers approved by the 33 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and 34 Training. 35 (d) Each state educational institution described in subsection (c) is 36 entitled to keep ten percent (10%) of the funds released under 37 subsection (c) for the payment of costs of administering the funds. On 38 each June 30 following the release of the funds, any funds released 39

under subsection (c) not used by the state educational institutions under
subsection (c) shall be returned to the special employment and training
services fund.



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(c) Subject to the availability of funds, on July 1 each year the

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions, to which was referred House Bill 1154, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 5, after line 36, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 3. IC 22-4-19-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 13. (a) Where an employer makes an offer of employment directly to a claimant, promptly giving written notice to the department of such offer, or when any such employer makes such offer of employment in writing through the department, the commissioner, the deputy, or an authorized representative of the state or the United States employment service, which offer shall specify such claimant by name, and when such claimant thereafter fails to register subsequent to the receipt of such offer of employment by the department, the commissioner, the deputy, or an authorized representative of the state or the United States employment service, then a notice in writing shall promptly be mailed to such employer of such claimant's said failure to return and to register. If such claimant thereafter, in the claimant's benefit period, again registers or renews and continues the claimant's claim for benefits, such employer shall promptly be mailed provided with notice of such fact in order that the employer may have an opportunity to renew and remake an offer of employment to such claimant.

(b) Upon the filing by an individual of an additional claim for benefits, a notice in writing or a carbon copy of such additional claim shall be mailed promptly **provided** to the base period employer or employers and to the employing unit including an employer from whose employ the individual claims to have been last separated.

(c) Upon the filing by an individual of an initial claim for benefits, a notice in writing or a carbon copy of such initial claim shall be mailed promptly provided to the base period employer or base period employers and to the employing unit units including an employer from whose employ the individual claims to have been last separated. The computation of the benefit rights of such individual shall be made as promptly as possible and, if such claim is deemed valid, then a notice of benefit liability shall be mailed provided to each employer whose experience account is potentially chargeable with benefits to be paid to such individual. Such notice shall contain the date, the name and social security number of the individual, the ending date of the individual's base period, and the week ending date of the



first week of the individual's benefit year. Such notice shall further contain information as to the proportion of benefits chargeable to the employer's experience account in ratio to the earnings of such individual from such employer and shall advise such employer of the employer's right to protest such claim and the payment of any benefits thereon and of the place and time within which protest must be made and the form and contents thereof.

(d) Whenever a determination is made with respect to the validity of any claim for benefits, or the eligibility of any claimant for benefits, which involves the cancellation of wage credits or benefit rights, the imposition of any disqualification, period of ineligibility or penalty, or the denial thereof, a notice in writing shall promptly be mailed **provided** to such claimant and to each employer directly involved or connected with the issue raised as to the validity of such claim, the eligibility of such claimant for benefits, or the imposition of a disqualification period of ineligibility or penalty, or the denial thereof. Such employer or such claimant may protest any such determination within such time limits and in such manner as provided in IC 22-4-17-2 and upon said protest shall be entitled to a hearing as provided in IC 22-4-17-3.

(e) Every employer shall be mailed **provided with** a monthly report of benefit charges which shall contain an itemized statement showing the names of individuals to whom benefits were paid and charged to the experience account of such employer, the weeks with respect to which each such individual received benefits, the amount thereof, and the total amount of benefits charged to such employer's said account during the period covered by such report.

(f) Following the computation of rates of contribution for employers for each calendar year, each employer shall be mailed **provided with notice** not later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of such rates, a notice in writing setting out the employer's rate of contribution for such year, computed by the department as of the preceding June 30, together with sufficient information for such employer to determine and compute the amount of a voluntary payment required from such employer in order to qualify for and obtain a lower rate of contribution for such year and also advising such employer of the length of time within which or last date upon which said voluntary payment will be received or can be made.

SECTION 4. IC 22-4-25-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.171-2016, SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1. (a) There is created in the state treasury a special fund to be known as the special employment and training



services fund. All interest on delinquent contributions and penalties collected under this article, together with any voluntary contributions tendered as a contribution to this fund, shall be paid into this fund. The money shall not be expended or available for expenditure in any manner which would permit their substitution for (or a corresponding reduction in) federal funds which would in the absence of said money be available to finance expenditures for the administration of this article, but nothing in this section shall prevent said money from being used as a revolving fund to cover expenditures necessary and proper under the law for which federal funds have been duly requested but not yet received, subject to the charging of such expenditures against such funds when received. The money in this fund shall be used by the department for the payment of refunds of interest on delinquent contributions and penalties so collected, for the payment of costs of administration which are found not to have been properly and validly chargeable against federal grants or other funds received for or in the employment and training services administration fund, on and after July 1, 1945. Such money shall be available either to satisfy the obligations incurred by the department directly, or by transfer by the department of the required amount from the special employment and training services fund to the employment and training services administration fund. The department shall order the transfer of such funds or the payment of any such obligation or expenditure and such funds shall be paid by the treasurer of state on requisition drawn by the department directing the auditor of state to issue the auditor's warrant therefor. Any such warrant shall be drawn by the state auditor based upon vouchers certified by the commissioner. The money in this fund is hereby specifically made available to replace within a reasonable time any money received by this state pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 502, as amended, which, because of any action or contingency, has been lost or has been expended for purposes other than or in amounts in excess of those approved by the bureau of employment security. The money in this fund shall be continuously available to the department for expenditures in accordance with the provisions of this section and for the prevention, detection, and recovery of delinquent contributions, penalties, and improper benefit payments, and shall not lapse at any time or be transferred to any other fund, except as provided in this article. After making the grants required under subsection (c), the department may expend an amount not to exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in a state fiscal year for the purposes described in this subsection, unless an additional amount is approved by the budget committee. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit, alter, or



amend the liability of the state assumed and created by IC 22-4-28, or to change the procedure prescribed in IC 22-4-28 for the satisfaction of such liability, except to the extent that such liability may be satisfied by and out of the funds of such special employment and training services fund created by this section. Each state fiscal year, the commissioner shall make the training grants required under subsection (c) before amounts are expended from the fund in accordance with this section for any other purpose.

(b) Whenever the balance in the special employment and training services fund exceeds eight million five hundred thousand dollars (\$8,500,000), the department shall order payment of the amount that exceeds eight million five hundred thousand dollars (\$8,500,000) into the unemployment insurance benefit fund.

(c) Subject to the availability of funds, on July 1 each year the commissioner shall release the following amounts before expenditures are made in accordance with this section for any other purpose:

(1) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the state educational institution established under IC 21-25-2-1 for training provided to participants in apprenticeship programs approved by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

(2) Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the state educational institution instituted and incorporated under IC 21-22-2-1 for training provided to participants in joint labor and management apprenticeship programs approved by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

(3) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for journeyman upgrade training to each of the state educational institutions described in subdivisions (1) and (2).

(4) Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) annually for training and counseling assistance:

(A) provided by Hometown Plans under 41 CFR 60-4.5; and

(B) approved by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training;

to individuals who have been unemployed for at least four (4) weeks or whose annual income is less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). and

(5) Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) annually for training and counseling assistance provided by the state institution established under IC 21-25-2-1 to individuals who have been unemployed for at least four (4) weeks or whose annual



income is less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of enabling those individuals to apply for admission to apprenticeship programs offered by providers approved by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

(d) Each state educational institution described in subsection (c) is entitled to keep ten percent (10%) of the funds released under subsection (c) for the payment of costs of administering the funds. On each June 30 following the release of the funds, any funds released under subsection (c) not used by the state educational institutions under subsection (c) shall be returned to the special employment and training services fund.".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1154 as introduced.)

VANNATTER

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

