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AN ACT relating to employment; requiring the Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to provide certain reports on the rate of unemployment of residents in this State to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau; requiring the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board to conduct certain activities to reduce the rate of unemployment for certain groups; requiring the Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Innovation to submit each year a report containing certain information; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to: (1) organize the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation into divisions; (2) provide the Director of the Department of Administration with a list of organizations and agencies in this State whose primary purpose is the training and employment of persons with disabilities; (3) direct the divisions of the Department to share information in their records with certain local governments; and (4) provide certain employment and wage information to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada. (NRS 232.920) **Section 5** of this bill requires the Director to provide the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau a written report each quarter containing the rate of unemployment of residents of this State regarding whom the Department has information, organized by county. **Section 5** additionally requires such a report to disaggregate the rate of unemployment by demographic information, which includes age, race and gender, for each county.

Existing law creates the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board and requires the Board to conduct certain duties. (NRS 232.935) **Section 6** of this bill requires the Board to: (1) receive reports created pursuant to **section 5**; (2) require all applicable agencies which provide workforce development services to coordinate efforts and resources to reduce, in certain situations, the rate of unemployment for certain groups; and (3) provide a written report each year to the Director and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau describing the efforts to reduce the rate of unemployment for certain groups.

Existing law requires the P-20W Advisory Council to develop and oversee a statewide longitudinal data system that links data relating to early childhood education programs and K-12 public education with data relating to postsecondary education and the workforce in this State. (NRS 400.040) **Section 20** of Senate Bill No. 516 of this session moves the responsibility for the oversight of the State’s statewide longitudinal data system from the P-20W Advisory Council to the Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Innovation. **Section 6.5** of this bill requires the Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Innovation, on or before January 1 of each year, to submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau a written report that includes the most current data and reports produced by the statewide longitudinal data system.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Sections 1-4. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 5. NRS 232.920 is hereby amended to read as follows:
232.920 The Director:

1. Shall:

(a) Organize the Department into divisions and other operating units as needed to achieve the purposes of the Department;

(b) Upon request, provide the Director of the Department of Administration with a list of organizations and agencies in this State whose primary purpose is the training and employment of persons with disabilities;

(c) Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute, direct the divisions to share information in their records with agencies of local governments which are responsible for the collection of debts or obligations if the confidentiality of the information is otherwise maintained under the terms and conditions required by law; ~~and~~

(d) Provide the employment and wage information to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada for purposes of the reporting required of the Board of Regents by subsection 4 of NRS 396.531 ~~+~~; and

(e) Provide to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau a written report each quarter containing the rate of unemployment of residents of this State regarding whom the Department has information, organized by county and, for each county, the rate of unemployment disaggregated by demographic information, including, without limitation, age, race and gender. The Director of the Department shall:

(1) Post on the Internet website of the Department the report required by this paragraph;

(2) Provide the report to the Governor's Workforce Investment Board and all applicable agencies for the purposes of subsection 5 of NRS 232.935; and

(3) Post on the Internet website of the Department the written report provided by the Governor's Workforce Investment Board pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 232.935.

2. Is responsible for the administration, through the divisions of the Department, of the provisions of NRS 426.010 to 426.720, inclusive, 426.740, 426.790 and 426.800, and chapters 612 and 615 of NRS, and all other provisions of law relating to the functions of



the Department and its divisions, but is not responsible for the professional line activities of the divisions or other operating units except as otherwise provided by specific statute.

3. May employ, within the limits of legislative appropriations, such staff as is necessary for the performance of the duties of the Department.

Sec. 6. NRS 232.935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.935 1. In appointing members of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, the Governor shall ensure that the membership as a whole represents:

(a) Industry sectors which are essential to this State and which are driven primarily by demand;

(b) Communities and areas of economic development which are essential to this State; and

(c) The diversity of the workforce of this State, including, without limitation, geographic diversity and the diversity within regions of this State.

2. The Governor's Workforce Investment Board shall:

(a) Identify:

(1) Industry sectors which are essential to this State; and

(2) The region or regions of this State where the majority of the operations of each of those industry sectors is conducted.

(b) Establish:

(1) Regional goals for economic development for each of the industry sectors identified pursuant to paragraph (a); and

(2) A council for each industry sector.

(c) Consider and develop programs to promote:

(1) Strategies to improve labor markets for industries and regions of this State, including, without limitation, improving the availability of relevant information;

(2) Coordination of the efforts of relevant public and private agencies and organizations;

(3) Strategies for providing funding as needed by various industry sectors;

(4) Increased production capacities for various industry sectors;

(5) The development of useful measurements of performance and outcomes in various industry sectors;

(6) Participation by and assistance from state and local government agencies;

(7) Expanded market penetration, including, without limitation, by providing assistance to employers with small numbers of employees;



- (8) Partnerships between labor and management;
- (9) Business associations;
- (10) The development of improved instructional and educational resources for employers and employees; and
- (11) The development of improved economies of scale, as applicable, in industry sectors.

3. Each industry sector council established pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2:

(a) Must be composed of representatives from:

- (1) Employers within that industry;
- (2) Organized labor within that industry;
- (3) Universities and community colleges; and
- (4) Any other relevant group of persons deemed to be appropriate by the Board.

(b) Shall, within the parameters set forth in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or the parameters of any other program for which the federal funding is available, identify job training and education programs which the industry sector council determines to have the greatest likelihood of meeting the regional goals for economic development established for that industry sector pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2.

4. The Board shall:

(a) Identify and apply for federal funding available for the job training and education programs identified pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3;

(b) Consider and approve or disapprove applications for money;

(c) Provide and administer grants of money to industry sector councils for the purpose of establishing job training and education programs in industry sectors for which regional goals for economic development have been established pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2; and

(d) Adopt regulations establishing:

(1) Guidelines for the submission and review of applications to receive grants of money from the Department; and

(2) Criteria and standards for the eligibility for and use of any grants made pursuant to paragraph (c).

↳ Except as otherwise required as a condition for federal funding, the regulations required by this subsection must give priority to job training and education programs that are consistent with the State Plan for Economic Development developed by the Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 231.053.



5. *The Board shall:*

(a) Receive reports from the Director pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 232.920;

(b) Require all applicable agencies which provide workforce development services to coordinate efforts and resources to reduce the rate of unemployment for a demographic group contained in the report provided pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 232.920 if, for that demographic group, the rate of unemployment for the group:

(1) Is 200 percent or more of the rate of unemployment for the applicable county as a whole;

(2) Is 4 or more percentage points higher than the rate of unemployment for the applicable county as a whole; or

(3) Has been higher than the rate of unemployment for the applicable county as a whole for 3 or more consecutive years; and

(c) Provide a written report each year to the Director of the Department and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau describing the efforts made by the Board and all applicable agencies to comply with paragraph (b).

6. In carrying out its powers and duties pursuant to this section, the Board shall consult with the Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development and shall cooperate with the Executive Director in implementing the State Plan for Economic Development developed by the Executive Director pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 231.053.

~~6.1~~ 7. As used in this section, “industry sector” means a group of employers closely linked by common products or services, workforce needs, similar technologies, supply chains or other economic links.

Sec. 6.5. Section 20 of Senate Bill No. 516 of this session is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 20. The Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Innovation shall:

1. Provide support to the Office of the Governor, the Governor’s Workforce Development Board created by NRS 232.935 and the industry sector councils established by the Governor’s Workforce Development Board on matters relating to workforce development.

2. Work in coordination with the Office of Economic Development to establish criteria and goals for workforce development and diversification in this State.

3. Collect and systematize and present in biennial reports to the Governor and the Legislature such statistical



details relating to workforce development in the State as the Executive Director of the Office may deem essential to further the objectives of the Office of Workforce Innovation.

4. At the direction of the Governor:

(a) Identify, recommend and implement policies related to workforce development.

(b) Define career pathways and identify priority career pathways for secondary and postsecondary education.

(c) Discontinue career pathways offered by the State which fail to meet minimum standards of quality, rigor and cross-education alignment, or that do not demonstrate a connection to priority industry needs.

(d) In consultation with the Governor's Workforce Development Board, identify industry-recognized credentials, workforce development programs and education.

(e) Maintain and oversee the statewide longitudinal data system that links data relating to early childhood education programs and K-12 public education with data relating to postsecondary education and the workforce in this State.

(f) Collect accurate educational data in the statewide longitudinal data system for the purpose of analyzing student performance through employment to assist in improving the educational system and workforce training program in this State.

(g) *On or before January 1 of each year, submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau a written report that includes, without limitation, the most current data and reports produced by the statewide longitudinal data system.*

(h) Apply for and administer grants, including, without limitation, those that may be available from funding reserved for statewide workforce investment activities.

†† (i) Review the status and structure of local workforce investment areas in the State, in coordination with the Governor and the Governor's Workforce Development Board.

†† (j) Report periodically to the Governor's Workforce Development Board concerning the administration of the policies and programs of the Office of Workforce Innovation.

†† (k) On or before March 31 of each year, submit to the Governor a complete report of the activities, discussions, findings and recommendations of the Office of Workforce Innovation.



⚡ (l) Oversee the State Apprenticeship Council and the State Apprenticeship Director pursuant to NRS 610.110 to 610.185, inclusive, and perform such other functions as may be necessary for the fulfillment of the intent and purposes of chapter 610 of NRS.

⚡ (m) Suggest improvements regarding the allocation of federal and state money to align workforce training and related education programs in the State, including, but not limited to, career and technical education.

Sec. 7. 1. For the purposes of paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 232.920, as amended by section 5 of this act, and paragraph (b) of subsection 5 of NRS 232.935, as amended by section 6 of this act, the Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation shall, as soon as practicable after July 1, 2017, provide to the Governor's Workforce Investment Board the information described in paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 232.920, as amended by section 5 of this act, for the 3 years preceding July 1, 2017.

2. As soon as practicable after receipt of the information required by subsection 1, the Governor's Workforce Investment Board shall begin complying with the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection 5 of NRS 232.935, as amended by section 6 of this act, for any demographic group described by subparagraph (3) of paragraph (b) of subsection 5 of NRS 232.935, as amended by section 6 of this act.

Sec. 8. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

Sec. 9. 1. This section and sections 1 to 6, inclusive, 7 and 8 of this act become effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations or performing any other preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On July 1, 2017, for all other purposes.

2. Section 6.5 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2017, if and only if Senate Bill No. 516 of this session is enacted by the Legislature and approved by the Governor.



