

Senate Bill No. 239—Senators Horsford, Woodhouse, Care, Breeden, Parks; Amodei, Coffin, Copening, Lee, Mathews, Raggio, Rhoads, Washington and Wiener

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AN ACT relating to state departments; providing for greater coordination of Nevada's economic development and workforce development goals; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill requires the Governor's Workforce Investment Board to establish industry sector councils to identify job training and education programs to best meet regional economic development goals. This bill also requires the Board to identify and seek federal funding to provide grants to fund those job training and education programs.

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

Section 1. Chapter 232 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

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; and



(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).*

5. *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. 1.7. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. NRS 232.900 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.900 As used in NRS 232.900 to 232.960, inclusive, ***and section 1 of this act***, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Department" means the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation.

2. "Director" means the Director of the Department.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

