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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 3018

**Introduced by Assembly Member Nunez
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An act to add Division 8 (commencing with Section 15000) to the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to job training.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3018, as amended, Nunez. California Green Collar Jobs Act of 2008: green jobs.

Existing law contains various programs for job training and employment investment.

This bill would set forth legislative findings and declarations relating to the state's green economy and the increasing demand for a highly skilled and well-trained green collar workforce, and would enact the California Green Collar Jobs Act of 2008 requiring the ~~Secretary of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency~~, *California Workforce Investment Board* to establish the *Green Collar Jobs Council* that shall, in consultation with representatives from various public and private groups, to develop a comprehensive array of programs, strategies, and resources to address the workforce needs that accompany California's growing green economy and to establish, among other programs, green job training programs for eligible individuals, as provided.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Division 8 (commencing with Section 15000) is
2 added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

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4 DIVISION 8. CALIFORNIA GREEN COLLAR JOBS ACT
5 *OF 2008*
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7 15000. This division shall be known, and may be cited, as the
8 California Green Collar Jobs Act of 2008.

9 15001. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
10 following:

11 (1) The State of California has long been a national and
12 international leader on environmental, natural resource, *pollution*
13 *prevention*, and energy ~~policy~~, as well as most recently, landmark
14 ~~laws on issues, as well as recent landmark laws in the areas of~~
15 climate change, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and
16 alternative transportation ~~fuel fuels~~.

17 (2) ~~These laws have~~ *The passage of these laws has resulted in*
18 billions of dollars of investment capital ~~pouring~~ *flowing* into the
19 State of California for research, development, and
20 commercialization of new green *and clean* technologies. This ~~vast~~
21 ~~amount of investment~~ *investment of* capital is indicative of the
22 rapidly growing clean and green technology sector of the California
23 economy.

24 (3) As the green economy grows, ~~there is an increased demand~~
25 ~~for, and recognition of, the need it will be accompanied by an~~
26 *increased demand* for a highly skilled and well-trained “green
27 collar” workforce.

28 (4) ~~It is critically important for the State of California to act~~
29 ~~promptly to build and expand the necessary partnerships and~~
30 ~~programs as well as identify the resources necessary to meet our~~
31 ~~statewide green collar workforce needs. Such an effort must involve~~
32 ~~our kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and higher education~~
33 ~~systems, labor unions, environmental community, workforce~~
34 ~~development programs, nongovernmental organizations, and~~
35 ~~private sector industries.~~

36 (b) ~~With more and more California businesses dedicated to~~
37 ~~researching, developing, and commercializing clean and green~~
38 ~~technologies in the areas of renewable energy, energy efficiency,~~

1 greenhouse gas emission reduction, and alternative transportation
2 fuels, there will be an increasing demand for a well-trained, highly
3 skilled workforce to perform the jobs created by California's
4 continued ingenuity, leadership, and innovation in the green
5 economy sector.

6 ~~(e) In order to meet most effectively the workforce needs that~~
7 ~~face California's emerging green economy, the state must create~~
8 ~~a partnership of public and private organizations tasked with~~
9 ~~coordinating our statewide workforce training and development~~
10 ~~efforts.~~

11 15002. ~~(a) The Secretary of the Labor and Workforce~~
12 ~~Development Agency, in consultation with representatives from~~
13 ~~the Community College Chancellor's Office, University of~~
14 ~~California Board of Regents, State Department of Education,~~
15 ~~Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Department of~~
16 ~~Veterans Affairs, the Superintendent of Public Instruction,~~
17 ~~California Environmental Protection Agency, as well as energy,~~
18 ~~alternative fuels, consumer, financial, labor, environmental justice,~~
19 ~~and other groups, shall develop a comprehensive array of programs,~~
20 ~~strategies, and resources to address the workforce needs that~~
21 ~~accompany California's growing green economy.~~

22 ~~(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that this working group be~~
23 ~~known as the Green Collar Jobs Council (GCJC), an~~
24 ~~intergovernmental partnership.~~

25 *(4) California state government must act promptly to build the*
26 *partnerships, expand the programs, and secure the resources*
27 *necessary to meet our green workforce needs. This effort must*
28 *involve both our K-12 and higher education systems, labor unions,*
29 *the environmental community, workforce development programs,*
30 *nongovernmental organizations, philanthropy, and private sector*
31 *industries.*

32 15002. *(a) The California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB)*
33 *shall establish a special committee known as the Green Collar*
34 *Jobs Council (GCJC), comprised of the appropriate representatives*
35 *from its existing board ranks, to develop a strategic initiative in*
36 *the green workforce development arena. The GCJC shall consult*
37 *with other entities including, but not limited to, philanthropic*
38 *groups, nongovernmental organizations, and environmental*
39 *groups, in the development of this strategic initiative.*

40 ~~(e) The GCJC shall~~

- 1 ***(b) As part of the strategic initiative the GCJC shall identify***
2 ***and develop the framework, funding, strategies, programs,***
3 ***partnerships, and opportunities necessary to address the growing***
4 ***need for a highly skilled and well-trained workforce to meet the***
5 ***needs of California’s emerging green economy. The council GCJC***
6 ***shall do all of the following:***
- 7 ***(1) Assist in identifying and linking green collar job***
8 ***opportunities with workforce development training opportunities***
9 ***in the various CWIB regions of the state.***
- 10 ***(2) Create public, private, philanthropic, and nongovernmental***
11 ***partnerships to build and expand the state’s workforce development***
12 ***programs, network, and infrastructure.***
- 13 ***(3) Establish job training programs in the clean and green***
14 ***technology sectors to assist and prepare specific populations, such***
15 ***as at-risk youth, displaced workers, veterans, formerly incarcerated***
16 ***individuals, and others facing barriers to employment.***
- 17 ***(4) Develop statewide and regional labor market data on***
18 ***California’s new and emerging green industries workforce needs,***
19 ***trends, and job growth.***
- 20 ***(5) Identify funding resources and make recommendations on***
21 ***how to expand and leverage these funds.***
- 22 ***(6) Foster regional collaboratives in the green economic sector.***
23 ***15003. On or before April 1, 2009, and each April 1 yearly***
24 ***thereafter, the CWIB shall report to the Legislature on the status***
25 ***of GCJC activities and its development of a green workforce***
26 ***strategic initiative.***