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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1394**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bass**

February 27, 2009

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An act to amend Sections 15002 and 15003 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to workforce investment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1394, as amended, Bass. California Workforce Investment Board: Green Collar Jobs Council.

Existing law establishes the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB), and requires the board to establish a committee known as the Green Collar Jobs Council (GCJC), comprised of specified members, and requires the GCJC to perform certain functions and duties, including the development of a strategic initiative, relating to the training and development of a skilled workforce to meet the needs of California's emerging green economy.

This bill would authorize the CWIB to accept any revenues, moneys, grants, goods, or services from federal and state entities, philanthropic organizations, and other sources, to be used for purposes relating to the administration and implementation of the strategic initiative. The bill would require that all *moneys and* revenues received pursuant to those provisions be deposited into a green collar jobs account required to be established by the Employment Development Department in the state Treasury, and would require that revenue received by the department only be expended for the purpose of awarding *the Green Collar Jobs*

*Account, which the bill would create in the State Treasury, and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would authorize the Employment Development Department to expend those moneys and revenues for purposes related to the administration and implementation of the strategic initiative, and for the award of workforce training grants implementing the strategic initiative. The bill would require the GCJC to consult with appropriate state and local agencies to identify opportunities to coordinate the award of grant and green workforce training funds received by the state; under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or any other funding sources.*

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. Section 15002 of the Unemployment Insurance  
 2 Code is amended to read:  
 3 15002. (a) The California Workforce Investment Board  
 4 (CWIB) shall establish a special committee known as the Green  
 5 Collar Jobs Council (GCJC), comprised of the appropriate  
 6 representatives from the CWIB existing membership, including  
 7 the K-12 representative, the California Community Colleges  
 8 representative, the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency  
 9 representative, the Employment Development Department  
 10 representative, the Department of Industrial Relations  
 11 representative, and other appropriate members. The GCJC may  
 12 consult with other state agencies, other higher education  
 13 representatives, local workforce investment boards, and industry  
 14 representatives as well as philanthropic, nongovernmental, and  
 15 environmental groups, as appropriate, in the development of the  
 16 strategic initiative.  
 17 (b) As part of the strategic initiative the GCJC shall focus on  
 18 developing the framework, funding, strategies, programs, policies,  
 19 and partnerships, and opportunities necessary to address the  
 20 growing need for a highly skilled and well-trained workforce to  
 21 meet the needs of California’s emerging green economy. The GCJC  
 22 shall do all of the following:  
 23 (1) Assist in identifying and linking green collar job  
 24 opportunities with workforce development training opportunities

1 in local workforce investment areas (LWIAs), encouraging regional  
2 collaboration among LWIAs to meet regional economic demands.

3 (2) Align workforce development activities with regional  
4 economic recovery and growth strategies.

5 (3) Develop public, private, philanthropic, and nongovernmental  
6 partnerships to build and expand the state's workforce development  
7 programs, network, and infrastructure.

8 (4) Provide policy guidance to job training programs for the  
9 clean and green technology sectors to help them prepare specific  
10 populations, such as at-risk youth, displaced workers, veterans,  
11 formerly incarcerated individuals, and others facing barriers to  
12 employment.

13 (5) Develop, collect, interpret, and distribute statewide and  
14 regional labor market data on new and emerging green industry  
15 workforce needs, trends, and job growth.

16 (6) Collaborate with community colleges and other educational  
17 institutions, registered apprenticeship programs, business and labor  
18 organizations, community-based and philanthropic organizations  
19 to align workforce development services with strategies for regional  
20 economic development.

21 (7) Identify funding resources and make recommendations on  
22 how to expand and leverage existing resources.

23 (8) Foster regional collaboratives in the green economic sector.

24 (c) The CWIB may accept any revenues, moneys, grants, goods,  
25 or services from federal and state entities, philanthropic  
26 organizations, and other sources, to be used for purposes relating  
27 to the administration and implementation of the strategic initiative,  
28 as described in subdivision (b). The CWIB shall also ensure the  
29 highest level of transparency and accountability and make  
30 information available on the CWIB Internet Web site.

31 ~~(d) All revenues received under subdivision (c) shall be~~  
32 ~~deposited into a green collar jobs account established in the State~~  
33 ~~Treasury by the department.~~

34 ~~(e) Revenue received by the department pursuant to subdivision~~  
35 ~~(d) shall only be expended for the purpose of awarding workforce~~  
36 ~~training grants implementing the strategic initiative.~~

37 ~~(f) The GCJC, in collaboration with the department shall be~~  
38 ~~responsible for soliciting and reviewing grant applications, and~~  
39 ~~making grant funding recommendations to the CWIB. Grants shall~~

1 ~~be awarded within 120 days of receipt of any funding for that~~  
2 ~~purpose.~~

3 *(d) All moneys and revenues received pursuant to subdivision*  
4 *(c) shall be deposited into the Green Collar Jobs Account, which*  
5 *is hereby created in the State Treasury. Upon appropriation by*  
6 *the Legislature, the department may expend those moneys and*  
7 *revenues for purposes related to the administration and*  
8 *implementation of the strategic initiative, and for the award of*  
9 *workforce training grants implementing the strategic initiative.*

10 *(e) Workforce training grants awarded pursuant to subdivision*  
11 *(d) shall be awarded within 180 days of the date of receipt by the*  
12 *department of any funding for that purpose.*

13 SEC. 2. Section 15003 of the Unemployment Insurance Code  
14 is amended to read:

15 15003. (a) On or before April 1, 2010, and annually each April  
16 1 thereafter, the CWIB shall report to the Legislature on the status  
17 of GCJC activities, grants awarded, and its development and  
18 implementation of the green collar jobs strategic initiative.

19 (b) The GCJC shall also consult with the appropriate state and  
20 local agencies to identify opportunities to coordinate the award of  
21 grant and green workforce training funds received by the state  
22 under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of  
23 2009 (Public Law 111-5) or any other funding sources.