

Introduced by Senator Polanco

January 12, 1999

An act relating to workforce investment, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 178, as introduced, Polanco. Workforce investment.

Existing law contains various provisions for job training and placement. The federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 provides for workforce investment activities, including activities in which states may participate.

This bill would express intent to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs, and to coordinate these programs with programs required by the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) This act shall be known and may be
2 cited as the California Workforce Investment Act of 1999.

3 (b) (1) The federal Workforce Investment Act of
4 1998 provides for workforce investment activities,
5 through statewide and local workforce investment
6 systems, that increase the employment, retention, and



1 earnings of participants, and increase occupational skill
2 attainment by participants, and, as a result, improve the
3 quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency,
4 and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the
5 nation. That act requires the participation of the state in
6 these programs and the coordination of federal and state
7 workforce investment activities.

8 (2) The federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998
9 represents the first major reform of the nation's job
10 training system in over 15 years. The act is the
11 culmination of a four-year bipartisan effort on the part of
12 the administration and Congress of the United States to
13 design, with states and local communities, a revitalized
14 system that provides workers with the information,
15 advice, job search assistance, and training they need to
16 get and keep good jobs, and provides employers with
17 skilled workers.

18 (c) Existing state law contains various programs in the
19 following areas, that need to be modified to coordinate
20 with, and build upon, the federal Workforce Investment
21 Act of 1998.

- 22 (1) Workforce investment systems.
- 23 (2) Adult dislocated worker and youth activities.
- 24 (3) Adult education.
- 25 (4) Postsecondary vocational education.
- 26 (5) Workforce investment-related activities.
- 27 (6) Welfare-to-work programs.
- 28 (7) Vocational rehabilitation.
- 29 (8) Older Americans programs.
- 30 (9) Trade adjustment assistance.
- 31 (10) NAFTA assistance.
- 32 (11) Veterans employment and training programs.
- 33 (12) Community services block grants.
- 34 (13) Unemployment assistance.

35 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this
36 act to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment,
37 training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs,
38 and to coordinate these programs with programs
39 required by the federal Workforce Investment Act of
40 1998.



1 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
2 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or
3 safety within the meaning of Article IV of the
4 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts
5 constituting the necessity are:

6 In order to implement the federal Workforce
7 Investment Act of 1998 in a timely manner, it is necessary
8 for this act to take effect immediately.

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