

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 16, 1999

SENATE BILL

No. 178

Introduced by Senator Polanco

January 12, 1999

An act to add Chapter 7.7 (commencing with Section 180) to Division 1 of the Labor Code, relating to work force investment, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 178, as amended, Polanco. Work force investment.

Existing law contains various provisions for job training and placement. The federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 provides for work force 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.~~

This bill would create the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment and Economic Development, with members appointed by the Governor and Legislature, which would advise the Governor with regard to preparation of the state's Workforce Investment Plan as required by the federal act. The bill would appropriate \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Governor for startup costs relating to the council, as specified.

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

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. 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 work force investment activities,
5 through statewide and local work force investment
6 systems, that increase the employment, retention, and
7 earnings of participants, and increase occupational skill
8 attainment by participants, and, as a result, improve the
9 quality of the work force, reduce welfare dependency,
10 and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the
11 nation. That act requires the participation of the state in
12 these programs and the coordination of federal and state
13 work force investment activities.
- 14 (2) The federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998
15 represents the first major reform of the nation's job
16 training system in over 15 years. The act is the
17 culmination of a four-year bipartisan effort on the part of
18 the administration and Congress of the United States to
19 design, with states and local communities, a revitalized
20 system that provides workers with the information,
21 advice, job search assistance, and training they need to
22 get and keep good jobs, and provides employers with
23 skilled workers.
- 24 (c) Existing state law contains various programs in the
25 following areas, that need to be modified to coordinate
26 with, and build upon, the federal Workforce Investment
27 Act of 1998-:
- 28 (1) Work force investment systems.
29 (2) Adult dislocated worker and youth activities.
30 (3) Adult education.
31 (4) Postsecondary vocational education.
32 (5) Work force investment-related activities.
33 (6) Welfare-to-work programs.



- 1 (7) Vocational rehabilitation.
- 2 (8) Older Americans programs.
- 3 (9) Trade adjustment assistance.
- 4 (10) NAFTA assistance.
- 5 (11) Veterans employment and training programs.
- 6 (12) Community services block grants.
- 7 (13) Unemployment assistance.

8 ~~(d) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this~~
 9 ~~act to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment,~~
 10 ~~training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs,~~
 11 ~~and to coordinate these programs with programs~~
 12 ~~required by the federal Workforce Investment Act of~~
 13 ~~1998.~~

14 *(d) The federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998*
 15 *requires the Governor of each state to appoint an*
 16 *advisory board to assist the Governor in the performance*
 17 *of various duties, including the preparation of the state's*
 18 *initial Workforce Investment Plan, which must be*
 19 *submitted to the United States Department of Labor no*
 20 *later than April 1, 2000.*

21 SEC. 2. Chapter 7.7 (commencing with Section 180)
 22 is added to Division 1 of the Labor Code, to read:

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24 CHAPTER 7. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PLAN

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26 180. (a) *The Governor's Council on Workforce*
 27 *Investment and Economic Development, hereinafter*
 28 *known as the 'Governor's Council,' is hereby created.*

29 (b) *It is the intent of the Legislature that the*
 30 *Governor's Council created by this section shall be in full*
 31 *compliance with Sections 111 and 121 of the federal*
 32 *Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-220), which*
 33 *require a state-level work force investment board that is*
 34 *advisory to the Governor.*

35 (c) *All members of the Governor's Council shall be*
 36 *appointed by the Governor, except for the legislative*
 37 *representatives. Senate representatives shall be*
 38 *appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. Assembly*
 39 *representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker of the*
 40 *Assembly.*



1 (d) *The composition of the Governor's Council shall*
2 *be consistent with the requirements of the federal*
3 *Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and shall include*
4 *representatives of advocacy groups for the following*
5 *target populations:*

6 (1) *Migrant and seasonal farm workers.*

7 (2) *Native Americans.*

8 (3) *CalWORKs participants.*

9 (4) *The disabled.*

10 (5) *Youth entering the work force.*

11 (6) *The homeless.*

12 (7) *African-American males.*

13 (8) *Other underemployed populations, including*
14 *veterans, immigrants, prison inmates, and parolees.*

15 (e) *The Governor's Council shall also include*
16 *academics and researchers with expertise in economic*
17 *development and work force preparation.*

18 (f) *The initial duties of the Governor's Council shall be*
19 *those set forth in Section 111 of the federal Workforce*
20 *Investment Act of 1998. The Governor shall otherwise*
21 *establish the duties of the council.*

22 (g) *Staff may be appointed to assist the Governor's*
23 *Council in carrying out its responsibilities. All staff shall*
24 *be appointed by the Governor.*

25 (h) *Commencing with the 1999–2000 fiscal year,*
26 *funding for the support of the Governor's Council shall be*
27 *appropriated to the Governor in the annual Budget Act.*

28 *SEC. 3. The sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)*
29 *is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the*
30 *Governor for startup costs for the Governor's Council on*
31 *Workforce Investment and Economic Development*
32 *created by Section 180 of the Labor Code.*
33 *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the funds*
34 *appropriated by this section are not expended in the*
35 *1998–99 fiscal year, those funds shall be available for*
36 *expenditure by the Governor for the expenses of the*
37 *council in the 1999–2000 fiscal year.*

38 *SEC. 4. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
39 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or*
40 *safety within the meaning of Article IV of the*



1 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts
2 constituting the necessity are:
3 In order to implement the federal Workforce
4 Investment Act of 1998 in a timely manner, it is necessary
5 for this act to take effect immediately.

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