

CHAPTER 139

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

SENATE BILL 01-169

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AN ACT

CONCERNING WORK FORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 23-60-306 (3) (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

23-60-306. Colorado customized training program - creation - policy - functions of the state board for community colleges and occupational education.

(3) (1) Moneys available for the Colorado customized training program shall be expended for the alleviation of unemployment, underemployment, economic distress, low productivity, or employment dislocation through the initiation of economic development and advanced technology training programs. AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD, UP TO FIFTY PERCENT OF ALL MONEYS AVAILABLE FOR THE COLORADO CUSTOMIZED TRAINING PROGRAM MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COLORADO EXISTING INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM CREATED BY SECTION 23-60-307, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING TO MEET ANY EXISTING DEMAND FOR TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS WITHIN EXISTING INDUSTRIES. THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER THE RETENTION AND EXPANSION OF EXISTING BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY AS A HIGH PRIORITY WHEN MAKING FUNDING DECISIONS.

SECTION 2. 26-2-712 (4) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

26-2-712. State department duties - authority. (4) Performance measurements. (a) The state department shall develop performance goals and a formula for measuring a county's progress toward meeting such performance goals in administering and implementing the works program with county block grants. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE DATA GATHERED ON BEHALF OF EACH COUNTY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON A QUARTERLY BASIS REGARDING EMPLOYMENT- AND

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

TRAINING-RELATED PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR THE WORKS PROGRAM. SUCH DATA SHALL INCLUDE WAGES EARNED BY WORKS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS UPON LEAVING THE PROGRAM, JOB RETENTION RATES, AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION. SUCH DATA SHALL BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S COMPUTERIZED SYSTEMS, IF AVAILABLE. COUNTIES SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MANUAL OR COMPUTERIZED SYSTEMS TO GATHER SUCH DATA. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK WITH THE COLORADO OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO GATHER DATA ON WORKS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT PROGRAMS OFFERED BY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS AND THE RESULT OF SUCH PARTICIPATION. SUCH DATA SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE ON AT LEAST AN ANNUAL BASIS AS A PART OF THE WORKS PROGRAM AUDIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-2-723.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

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