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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE WORKFORCE  
10 INVESTMENT ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE  
15 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2205(f), concerning reports of the  
21 Arkansas Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee, is amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 (f) The executive committee shall meet ~~at least one (1) time every~~  
24 ~~other month and shall report~~ as needed between the quarterly board meetings  
25 at the call of the chair of the executive committee or upon the request of  
26 seventy-five percent (75%) of the executive committee members, and the chair  
27 of the executive committee shall report any actions of the executive  
28 committee to the board at the quarterly meetings.  
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2209 is amended to read as follows:

31 15-4-2209. Local workforce investment boards to be established.

32 (a) There shall be established by January 15, 2000, in each local area  
33 of the state and certified by the Governor a local workforce investment board  
34 to set policy for the portion of the statewide workforce investment system  
35 within the local area.

36 (b) The Governor in partnership with the Arkansas Workforce Investment



1 Board shall establish criteria for use by chief elected officials in the  
 2 local areas for appointment of members of the local boards.

3 (c) At a minimum, the criteria shall require that the membership of  
 4 each local board include ~~a majority of representatives of businesses~~ in the  
 5 local area who are representatives of:

6 (1) Businesses in the local area who:

7 ~~(1)(A)~~ (A) Are owners of businesses, chief executives or  
 8 operating officers of businesses, and other business executives or employers  
 9 with policymaking or hiring authority;

10 ~~(2)(B)~~ (B) Represent businesses with employment opportunities  
 11 that reflect the employment opportunities of the local area; and

12 ~~(3)(C)~~ (C) Are appointed from among individuals nominated by  
 13 local business organizations and business trade associations; and

14 (2) Representatives of local educational entities, including:

15 (A) Local educational agencies;

16 (B) Local school boards;

17 (C) Two-year colleges and universities;

18 (D) Entities providing adult education and literacy  
 19 activities;

20 (E) Postsecondary educational institutions, selected from  
 21 among individuals nominated by regional or local educational agencies,  
 22 institutions, or organizations representing local educational entities;

23 (3) Labor organizations nominated by Arkansas local labor  
 24 federations or other representatives of employees if no employees are  
 25 represented by labor organizations;

26 (4) Community-based organizations;

27 (5) Economic development agencies, including the private sector  
 28 economic development entities;

29 (6) Each of the one-stop partners;

30 (7) One (1) member who is an individual with a disability and  
 31 who is familiar with vocational rehabilitation and:

32 (A) Represents an organization of Arkansans with  
 33 disabilities; or

34 (B) Complies with subdivision (c)(1) of this section; and

35 (8) One (1) member who represents veterans' organizations.

36 ~~(d) A majority of the members of the local board shall be~~

1 ~~representatives described in subsection (e) of this section~~ A majority of the  
 2 members of the local board shall be representatives described in subdivision  
 3 (c)(1) of this section.

4 (e) The chief elected official shall ensure that the local board  
 5 membership shall reflect the same percentage of minorities as in the 2002  
 6 Federal Decennial Census for the local workforce investment areas of the  
 7 board.

8 (f) The local board shall elect a chair for the local board from among  
 9 the representatives described in subsection (c) of this section.

10 (g)(1) The chief elected official in a local area is authorized to  
 11 appoint the members of the local board for the area in accordance with the  
 12 state criteria.

13 (2) In the event a local area includes more than one (1) unit of  
 14 general local government, the chief elected officials of the units shall  
 15 execute an agreement that specifies the respective roles of the individual  
 16 chief elected officials:

17 (A) In the appointment of the members of the local board  
 18 from the individuals nominated or recommended to be the members in accordance  
 19 with the criteria; and

20 (B) In carrying out any other responsibilities assigned to  
 21 the officials under this section.

22 (3) If after a reasonable effort the chief elected officials are  
 23 unable to reach agreement, the Governor may appoint the members of the local  
 24 board from individuals so nominated or recommended.

25 ~~(h)(1) A council of one-stop partners shall be established by the~~  
 26 ~~chief elected officials at the local board level that shall include, but not~~  
 27 ~~be limited to:~~

28 ~~(A) Representatives of local educational entities selected~~  
 29 ~~from among individuals nominated by regional or local educational agencies,~~  
 30 ~~institutions, or organizations representing the local educational entities,~~  
 31 ~~including:~~

32 ~~(i) Representatives of local educational agencies;~~

33 ~~(ii) Local school boards;~~

34 ~~(iii) Two-year colleges and universities;~~

35 ~~(iv) Entities providing adult education and literacy~~  
 36 ~~activities; and~~

- ~~(v) Postsecondary educational institutions;~~
- ~~(B) Representatives of labor organizations nominated by Arkansas local labor federations, or other representatives of employees if no employees are represented by labor organizations;~~
- ~~(C) Representatives of community based organizations;~~
- ~~(D) Representatives of economic development agencies, including private sector economic development entities;~~
- ~~(E) Representatives of each of the one stop partners;~~
- ~~(F) One (1) member who is a person with a disability and who is familiar with vocational rehabilitation and:~~
  - ~~(i) Represents an organization of Arkansans with disabilities; or~~
  - ~~(ii) Complies with subsection (c) of this section;~~
- ~~and~~
- ~~(G) One (1) member who represents veterans' organizations.~~

~~(2)(h)~~ The ~~council~~ local board may include other individuals or representatives of entities as the chief elected official in the local area may determine to be appropriate.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2211(e), concerning the powers and duties of local workforce investment boards, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The local board may contract for some or all of its administrative services in an amount consistent with the grant, but in no case shall the cost of administrative services exceed ~~fifteen percent (15%)~~ ten percent (10%) of the total cost of the program.