

The Florida Senate
PROFESSIONAL STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: Commerce Committee

BILL: SB 870

INTRODUCER: Senator Diaz de la Portilla

SUBJECT: Workforce Development

DATE: March 16, 2007

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Gordon	Cooper	CM	Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

This bill intends to revise laws relating to workforce development.

II. Present Situation:

During the 2000 Legislative session, the Legislature passed the Workforce Innovation Act of 2000 to redress problems that existed within its workforce development system.¹ The act transferred responsibility for providing employment services under the federal Wagner-Peyser Act² from the Department of Labor and Employment Security to the newly created Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI). The act also established requirements for performance measures and standards, an integrated data system, and employer participation. In addition, the act provided that state and regional entities govern the workforce development system.

Workforce Florida, Inc., (WFI) is responsible for developing statewide policies for the system while AWI is responsible for implementing WFI's policies. Twenty-four regional workforce boards govern the delivery of program services at the local level. Currently, 96 one-stop career centers, which operate under the direction of the boards, provide employment services to job seekers, such as job training and career counseling. The one-stop centers also assist employers in finding workers to fill vacancies.

¹ Ch. 2000-165, L.O.F.

² Title 29, Chapter 4b, Section 49, U.S.C.

The Workforce Innovation Act of 2000 directed WFI to provide oversight and policy direction for several programs, including welfare transition services funded by the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 provides that the Legislature intends to revise laws relating to workforce development

Section 2 provides that this bill will take effect upon becoming law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Summary of Amendments:

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