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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board; to
2 amend section 48-1623, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2001;
3 to change provisions relating to members; and to repeal
4 the original section.
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 48-1623, Revised Statutes Supplement,
2 2001, is amended to read:

3 48-1623. (1) The Nebraska Workforce Investment Board is
4 established to assist in the development of a state plan to carry
5 out the functions described in the federal Workforce Investment
6 Act.

7 (2) The state board shall include:

8 (a) The Governor;

9 (b) Two members of the Legislature selected by and
10 serving at the pleasure of the Speaker of the Legislature; and

11 (c) Representatives appointed by the Governor who serve
12 at the pleasure of the Governor who are:

13 (i) Representatives of business in the state who:

14 (A) Are owners of businesses, chief executives or
15 operating officers of businesses, and other business executives or
16 employers with optimum policymaking or hiring authority, including
17 members of local boards described in subdivision (2)(a)(i) of
18 section 48-1620;

19 (B) Represent businesses with employment opportunities
20 that reflect the employment opportunities of the state; and

21 (C) Are appointed from among individuals nominated by
22 state business organizations and business trade associations;

23 (ii) Chief elected officials representing both cities and
24 counties;

25 (iii) Representatives of labor organizations who have
26 been nominated by state labor federations;

27 (iv) Representatives of individuals and organizations
28 that have experience with respect to youth programs authorized

1 under section 129 of the federal Workforce Investment Act, 29
2 U.S.C. 2854;

3 (v) Representatives of individuals and organizations that
4 have experience and expertise in the delivery of workforce
5 investment activities, including chief executive officers of
6 community colleges and community-based organizations within the
7 state;

8 (vi) (A) The officials from each of the lead state
9 agencies with responsibility for the programs and activities that
10 are described in section 48-1619 and carried out by one-stop
11 partners; and

12 (B) In any case in which no lead state agency official
13 has responsibility for such a program, service, or activity, a
14 representative in the state with expertise relating to such
15 program, service, or activity; and

16 (vii) Such other representatives and state agency
17 officials as the Governor may designate.

18 (3) The Governor, or the mayor of a city of the
19 metropolitan or primary class who is serving as a member of the
20 state board, may designate a nonvoting representative to
21 participate on his or her behalf in state board committee and
22 general meetings. Such representative shall not be considered a
23 member of the board for purposes of determining if a quorum is
24 present.

25 (4) Members of the board that represent organizations,
26 agencies, or other entities shall be individuals with optimum
27 policymaking authority within the organizations, agencies, or
28 entities. The members of the board shall represent diverse regions

1 of the state, including urban, rural, and suburban areas.

2 ~~(4)~~ (5) A majority of the members of the state board
3 shall be private sector representatives described in subdivision
4 (2)(c)(i) of this section. The Governor shall select a chairperson
5 and a vice-chairperson for the state board from among the
6 representatives described in such subdivision.

7 ~~(5)~~ (6) To transact business at all meetings of the state
8 board, a quorum of members must be present. A quorum of the
9 Nebraska Workforce Investment Board shall be a majority of its
10 appointed members.

11 Sec. 2. Original section 48-1623, Revised Statutes
12 Supplement, 2001, is repealed.