

LEGISLATIVE BILL 210

Approved by the Governor February 7, 2008

Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Cornett, 45, Chairperson; McGill, 26; Rogert, 16; Wallman, 30.

FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board; to amend section 48-1623, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the membership of the board as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 48-1623, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

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

(2) The state board shall include:

(a) The Governor;

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

~~(c) The mayor of a city of the metropolitan class, selected by the Governor;~~

~~(d) The mayor of a city of the primary class, selected by the Governor; and~~

~~(e) Representatives~~ (c) Members appointed by the Governor who serve at the pleasure of the Governor who are:

(i) Representatives of business in the state who:

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

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

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

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

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

(iv) Representatives of individuals and organizations that have experience with respect to youth programs authorized under section 129 of the federal Workforce Investment Act, 29 U.S.C. 2854;

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

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

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

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

(3) The two members of the Legislature serving on the state board shall be nonvoting, ex officio members. All other members shall be voting members. ~~The Governor, mayor of a city of the metropolitan class, or mayor of a city of the primary class may designate a nonvoting representative to participate on his or her behalf in state board committee and general meetings. Such representative shall not be entitled to vote on matters brought before the board and shall be considered a member of the board for purposes of determining if a quorum is present.~~

(4) Members of the board that represent organizations, agencies, or other entities shall be individuals with optimum policymaking authority within the organizations, agencies, or entities. The members of the board shall represent diverse regions of the state, including urban, rural, and suburban areas.

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

subdivision.

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

Sec. 2. Original section 48-1623, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.