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Senate Bill No. 169

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The Committee on Program Review and Investigations reported through SEN. FONFARA of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S
APPRENTICESHIP WEB SITE BASED ON A PROGRAM REVIEW AND
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2017, the Labor Department shall update the department's Internet
3 web site with regard to the office of apprenticeship training. Such
4 update shall include, but need not be limited to:

5 (1) Simplification of the process by which current and prospective
6 apprentices and employers may access comprehensive information
7 relating to apprenticeship training on the department's Internet web
8 site;

9 (2) An accurate list of occupations in which apprentices are
10 employed in the state and the number of apprentices participating in
11 each occupation within the previous calendar year; and

12 (3) Comprehensive information regarding apprenticeship
 13 coursework, including, but not limited to, a list of apprenticeship
 14 coursework providers, the Internet addresses for such apprenticeship
 15 coursework providers, the locations of such apprenticeship
 16 coursework providers, the occupations in which such apprenticeship
 17 coursework providers offer apprenticeship coursework and the costs
 18 associated with such apprenticeship coursework.

19 (b) The department shall update the information described in
 20 subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of this section as often as
 21 practicable, but not less than annually, to improve the efficiency by
 22 which current and prospective apprentices and employers may engage
 23 in apprenticeships in the state.

24 (c) Not later than January 31, 2017, the department shall submit a
 25 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
 26 statutes, to the Legislative Program Review and Investigations
 27 Committee and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 28 having cognizance of matters relating to labor on the update to the
 29 department's Internet web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PRI *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill requires the Department of Labor (DOL) to update its Apprenticeship Training Program website to include information enumerated in the bill by January 1, 2017 and at least annually thereafter, and to report to the legislature on those updates by January 31, 2017. As DOL is currently in the process of improving its Apprenticeship Training Program website, it is anticipated that the updates required under the bill will not result in the need for additional resources. Thus, the bill does not result in any fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 169*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S APPRENTICESHIP WEB SITE BASED ON A PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Labor (DOL) to update its Internet website for the Office of Apprenticeship Training by January 1, 2017. The update must at least:

1. simplify the process by which current and prospective apprentices and employers can access comprehensive information about apprenticeship training;
2. provide an accurate list of occupations in which apprentices are employed in the state and the number of apprentices who participated in each occupation during the previous calendar year; and
3. include comprehensive information about apprenticeship coursework, with a list of coursework providers, their Internet addresses and locations, the occupations in which they offer coursework, and associated costs.

Under the bill, DOL must update the lists of occupations with apprentices and coursework providers as often as practicable, but at least annually, to improve the efficiency of current and prospective apprentices and employers with apprenticeships.

Lastly, DOL must report on the website update to the Program Review and Investigations and Labor and Public Employees committees by January 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Program Review and Investigations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 10 Nay 0 (03/07/2016)