

House Bill 1659

By: Representative Lim of the 99th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial
2 relations, so as to provide for the State Workforce Development Board to require each local
3 workforce development area to provide an annual workforce analysis; to provide for the
4 development of workforce programs in various languages; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations,
9 is amended by revising Chapter 14, relating to the State Workforce Development Board, as
10 follows:

11 "CHAPTER 14

12 34-14-1.

13 (a)(1) Pursuant to Public Law 105-220 and any subsequent amendment to such law, the
14 State Workforce Development Board is hereby created.

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(2) The State Workforce Development Board shall meet federal composition requirements. The Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each have the authority to appoint members as federal law allows. The Governor shall be responsible for selecting the remainder of the members.

(3) The State Workforce Development Board's members' terms of service shall be established by the Governor and shall be at the discretion of the appointing authority.

(4) The State Workforce Development Board shall have powers and duties as specified by the Governor and as provided for in federal law.

(5) The State Workforce Development Board shall be authorized to establish, alter, or amend local workforce development areas in this state and shall be authorized to promulgate rules implementing and governing such local workforce development areas that are compliant with federal law. Such rules shall include the requirement that each local workforce development area create and make annual revisions to a workforce analysis of its respective area, including, but not limited to:

(A) The demographic, cultural, and language diversity of its workforce;

(B) The transportation, child care, financial difficulties, and other factors that hinder access to employment and workforce development programs; and

(C) Socioeconomic and environmental trends that affect and help identify workforce that would benefit from retraining.

(6) The State Workforce Development Board shall meet quarterly or when otherwise requested by the chairperson and shall be governed by a set of bylaws which shall be voted on and approved by the State Workforce Development Board.

(7) The State Workforce Development Board shall be funded by federal law.

(8) The State Workforce Development Board shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for purposes of implementing the state's workforce policy that are compliant with federal law.

(b)(1) The Technical College System of Georgia is designated as the administrator of all programs for which the state is responsible pursuant to Public Law 105-220 and any subsequent amendment to such law.

(2) The Technical College System of Georgia shall administer such programs and their associated funds pursuant to the policies and methods of implementation which are promulgated by the State Workforce Development Board and the Governor.

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(a) The State Workforce Development Board is hereby authorized to develop and facilitate the workforce programs in this state, including, but not limited to workforce programs in various languages. A local workforce development area's chief local elected official may designate a local fiscal agent or a grant recipient which shall be either a municipal government, county government, consolidated government, or regional commission located within the physical boundaries of the local workforce development area and who shall be approved by the State Workforce Development Board in a procedure established through rule.

(b) The State Workforce Development Board may enforce the provisions of this chapter and the applicable federal law if the provisions of either are violated."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.