



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Research Memorandum

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LEGISLATION INTRODUCED AFFECTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN OHIO

SUMMARY

This memorandum summarizes bills introduced in the General Assembly since January 2011, that have sought to create or make changes to workforce development in Ohio. Workforce development is "a combination of social services, community supports, job training and education that positions an individual for success in the workforce."¹ The bills and acts listed affect the implementation of federal workforce development law in Ohio, establish or make changes to job training and education programs, and make other changes intended to increase business and worker access to workforce development services. The time period covered includes the 129th General Assembly through the beginning of the 132nd General Assembly (January 2011 to March 17, 2017) and lists the most recent legislation first.

¹ Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, *What is Workforce Development?*, <https://www.stlouisfed.org/Publications/Bridges/Spring-2010/What-is-Workforce-Development> (accessed March 20, 2017).

Workforce development legislation in Ohio

132nd General Assembly (2017-2018)		
Bill Number and Sponsor	Description	Last Action Taken
H.B. 49 MAIN APPROPRIATIONS BILL (Rep. R. Smith)	Revises the laws governing the state's workforce development system, revises the law governing the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency (OODA), requires the establishment of pre-apprenticeship programs for career-technical education students; requires the establishment of an OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal, requires the development of a regional workforce collaboration model, requires an inventory of noncredit certificate programs that align with in-demand jobs, makes the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) an ongoing program, and revises the law governing certificates of qualification for employment.	Referred to House Finance February 14, 2017
H.B. 110 (Reps. Hagan and Dean)	Creates a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs.	Referred to House Higher Education and Workforce Development March 14, 2017
S.B. 3 (Sens. Beagle and Balderson)	Revises the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and OODA, and designates the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week.	Referred to Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce February 1, 2017

131st General Assembly (2015-2016)		
Bill Number and Sponsor	Description	Last Action Taken
H.B. 1 (Reps. Schuring and Manning)	Establishes the Workforce Grant Program and makes an appropriation.	Re-referred to House Finance
H.B. 3 (Reps. Derickson and Romanchuk)	Specifies that all Ohio-based companies are to have the same access to employer application services available through the OhioMeansJobs website and requires the Governor's Executive Workforce Board to prepare an annual report on the performance of the website.	Effective September 24, 2015
H.B. 64 MAIN APPROPRIATIONS BILL (Rep. R. Smith)	Requires the Director of Job and Family Services (ODJFS Director) to administer the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) during fiscal years 2016 and 2017; creates the Workforce Development Projects Fund in the state treasury for use by the Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS); requires ODJFS, in consultation with	Effective June 30, 2015; certain provisions effective September 29, 2015; certain other provisions

131st General Assembly (2015-2016)

Bill Number and Sponsor	Description	Last Action Taken
	the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, to create, coordinate, and supervise the CCMEP during fiscal years 2016 and 2017; sets forth various requirements regarding the CCMEP; requires participants in certain training or education programs and recipients of specified vocational rehabilitation services to create an account on the OhioMeansJobs website by specified times; and makes changes to laws governing the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund. The Governor vetoed a provision that would have created the Montgomery County Workforce Study Committee to study workforce development issues and trends in the Montgomery County region.	effective on other dates; contains item vetoes
H.B. 340 (Rep. Amstutz)	Establishes the Workforce Grant Program, in existence until December 31, 2019, and requires specified officials to identify jobs in demand in Ohio.	Effective December 22, 2015
H.B. 426 (Rep. Antani)	Requires the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools to report and post job placement information.	Referred to House Education
H.B. 429 (Reps. Antani and Reineke)	Allows employers of automotive technicians and motor vehicle technicians to participate in the Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program.	Effective September 14, 2016
H.B. 475 (Rep. Schuring)	Creates a job training program for resident film crew members.	Reported substitute bill from House Finance
H.B. 571 (Reps. Duffey and Boggs)	Regarding the presentation of career information to students.	Referred to House Education
S.B. 3 (Sens. Hite and Faber)	Revises the Workforce Grant Program to require institutions of higher education, rather than the Chancellor of Higher Education, to award grants to eligible students.	Effective March 16, 2017
S.B. 24 (Sen. Williams)	Qualifies students in noncredit community college programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and requires the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs.	Referred to Senate Finance
S.B. 26 (Sen. Obhof)	Specifies that Ohio-based companies are to have access to appropriate features of the OhioMeansJobs website.	Referred to House Economic and Workforce Development
S.B. 367 (Sen. Beagle)	Revises the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, and certificates of qualification for employment.	Referred to Senate State and Local Government

130th General Assembly (2013-2014)		
Bill Number and Sponsor	Description	Last Action Taken
H.B. 1 (Reps. Derickson and Romanchuk)	Requires a local workforce investment area to use OhioMeansJobs as the local workforce investment area's job placement system, renames county one-stop systems, and makes other changes to Ohio's Workforce Development Law.	Effective September 27, 2013
H.B. 2 (Reps. Derickson and Brown)	Requires an unemployment compensation claimant to register with OhioMeansJobs to be eligible for unemployment benefits and requires a claimant to contact a local one-stop office beginning with the eighth week after filing an application for unemployment benefits.	Effective October 11, 2013
H.B. 37 (Reps. Duffey and Scherer)	Creates the SharedWork Ohio Program.	Effective July 11, 2013
H.B. 59 MAIN APPROPRIATIONS BILL (Rep. Amstutz)	Authorizes the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Director to establish an Employment First Task Force consisting of certain state departments and to enter into interagency agreements with those departments, requires each county board of developmental disabilities to implement an employment first policy that clearly identifies community employment as the desired outcome for every individual of working age who receives services from the board, makes various changes regarding career-technical education programs, and creates the Office of Enterprise Development Advisory Board to advise and assist the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) in implementing the DRC's job training and employment program. The Governor vetoed a provision that would have created the Workforce Training Pilot Program for the Economically Disadvantaged.	Effective June 30, 2013; certain provisions effective September 29, 2013; certain other provisions effective on other dates; contains item vetoes
H.B. 107 (Rep. Baker)	Authorizes the Development Services Agency to award grants to businesses that employ high school students in career exploration internships and makes an appropriation.	Effective June 25, 2014; Section 2 effective March 26, 2014
H.B. 127 (Rep. R. Adams)	Designates the month of March as "Career-Technical Education and Skilled Workforce Development Month."	Effective February 14, 2014
H.B. 208 (Reps. Amstutz and Sykes)	Requires the ODJFS Director to implement the following reforms to workforce development activities – reduce the relative number of individuals who need Medicaid, and enhance the relationship between educational facilities, workforce development activities, and employers.	Referred to House Finance and Appropriations
H.B. 393 (Reps. Baker and Landis)	Requires public high schools to publish annually education and career exploration information, including access to the OhioMeansJobs website.	Effective September 17, 2014

130th General Assembly (2013-2014)

Bill Number and Sponsor	Description	Last Action Taken
H.B. 483 MID-BIENNIUM REVIEW BILL (Rep. Amstutz)	Establishes the Adult Career Opportunity Pilot Program, establishes the Office of Human Services Innovation to recommend coordination and reform of state programs to assist Ohioans in preparing for life and work, and establishes the Workforce Integration Task Force within OODA.	Effective September 15, 2014; appropriations effective June 16, 2014; certain provisions effective on other dates; contains item vetoes
H.B. 486 (Reps. Baker and Stebelton)	Revises the coordination of workforce development and economic development programs, requires ODJFS to consult with the Governor's Executive Workforce Board and create a list of in-demand jobs in Ohio, and requires the Office of Workforce Development report to be completed annually by July 30.	Effective September 16, 2014
H.B. 664 (Rep. Schuring)	Establishes the Workforce Grant Program, authorizes an income tax credit equal to 25% of the student loan payments a grant recipient makes per year, and makes an appropriation.	Referred to House Finance and Appropriations
S.B. 1 (Sens. Beagle and Balderson)	Creates the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund, creates the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program, allocates a portion of casino license fees to finance the loan program, and makes an appropriation.	Effective October 11, 2013; Section 3 effective July 11, 2013
S.B. 2 (Sens. Lehner and Beagle)	Requires a local workforce investment area to use OhioMeansJobs as the local workforce investment area's job placement system, renames county one-stop systems, and makes other changes to Ohio's Workforce Development Law.	Referred to House Manufacturing and Workforce Development
S.B. 14 (Sen. Kearney)	Modifies the membership of workforce policy boards, requires the Office of Workforce Development under ODJFS to assist local workforce policy boards in identifying local skill shortages and working with educational agencies to develop programs to meet workforce demands, authorizes the ODJFS Director to make grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of carrying out urban jobs programs that offer comprehensive services to eligible youth in urban communities to provide them with a pathway to employment or education leading to employment, requires the Director to award competitive grants to nonprofit or for-profit organizations to fund programs that provide summer employment opportunities for individuals between ages 16 and 21 who reside in an area of high poverty, and establishes the Pathways Back to Work Program.	Referred to Senate Finance
S.B. 25 (Sens. Peterson and LaRose)	Creates the SharedWork Ohio Program and declares an emergency.	Referred to House Commerce, Labor and Technology

130th General Assembly (2013-2014)		
Bill Number and Sponsor	Description	Last Action Taken
S.B. 145 (Sens. Burke and Cafaro)	Requires the ODJFS Director to implement the following reforms to workforce development activities – reduce the relative number of individuals who need Medicaid, and enhance the relationship between educational facilities, workforce development activities, and employers.	Referred to Senate Finance
S.B. 166 (Sen. Cafaro)	Relates to the creation of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee – requires an agency to file a copy of certain rules with the Committee if such rules concern certain workforce development activities.	Referred to Senate Finance
S. B. 168 (Sen. Hughes)	Establishes the Columbus State Logistics Program and makes an appropriation.	Referred to Senate Finance

129th General Assembly (2011-2012)		
Bill Number and Sponsor	Description	Last Action Taken
H.B. 153 MAIN APPROPRIATIONS BILL (Rep. Amstutz)	Makes various changes regarding the operation of JobsOhio, and authorizes the Directors of Development and Job and Family Services to enter into interagency agreements, further integrating workforce development actions.	Effective June 30, 2011; certain provisions effective September 29, 2011; certain other provisions effective on other dates; contains item vetoes
H.B. 168 (Rep. Carey)	Establishes the Career Training Workforce Development Grant Program and allocates a portion of casino license fees to finance the program.	Referred to House Economic and Small Business Development
H.B. 296 (Rep. Barnes)	Requires the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents to establish standards and protocols for approving career-technical planning districts to award associate degrees.	Referred to House Education
H.B. 539 (Reps. Derickson and Thompson)	Makes changes to the composition and responsibilities of the State Workforce Policy Board and to the one-stop system of workforce development.	Referred to House Economic and Small Business Development
H.B. 540 (Reps. Newbold and Slaby)	Authorizes the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation to create a website to help link energy companies with trained workers.	Referred to House Economic and Small Business Development

129th General Assembly (2011-2012)		
Bill Number and Sponsor	Description	Last Action Taken
H.B. 541 (Reps. C. Hagan and Sprague)	Revises the law governing Ohio's registered apprenticeship program.	Referred to House Economic and Small Business Development
S.B. 261 (Sen. Tavares)	Prohibits and provides a penalty for employment discrimination and the advertisement of employment positions that discriminate on the basis of an individual's unemployment status; applies to employers, employment agencies, and labor organizations, including an entity controlling apprentice training programs.	Referred to Senate Insurance, Commerce, and Labor
S.B. 296 (Sen. Balderson)	Establishes state funding for job training related or ancillary to the oil and gas industry and makes an appropriation.	Referred to Senate Finance
S.B. 316 (Sen. Lehner, by request)	Revises the State Workforce Policy Board composition and structure and modifies its duties relative to workforce development activities, modifies requirements relative to local workforce development efforts, modifies laws relative to apprentices, and makes changes relative to the Learn to Earn Program.	Effective September 24, 2012; type B day-care provisions effective January 1, 2014

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