

Summary of AM 0644

1. Amends the TechCred “annual open enrollment” period to be an “application” period. This change enables DSA to make the best decision for establishing application periods while considering the typical school year and the training needs of employers.
2. Defines “Regional Sector Partnerships” as regional or statewide workforce collaborative organizations that organize multiple industry sector partnerships into working groups. This language was added to the amendment to ensure proponents of this bill are able to best utilize existing infrastructure of workforce development coalitions throughout the state and remain eligible for grant funding under HB 2.
3. Moves the due date of the annual report from one year after the effective date of HB 2 to August 1 to coincide with other reports provided by DSA.
4. Removes Auditor of State auditing authority and public record protection language. Current law provides audit authority and personal information protection.
5. Requires the inclusion of race and gender demographic information of employers awarded TechCred reimbursement and employees who receive microcredentials through TechCred.
6. Prohibits employers from being eligible for TechCred if they have violated minimum fair wage standards in the last four fiscal years.