

SENATE AMENDMENT 3 TO hb1501.

deleting Section 8 and substituting the following:

"SECTION 8. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

(a) A Commission shall be established to do a comprehensive study of the state s workforce development needs and capabilities. The Commission shall be composed of eighteen (18) members as follows: One member from the House of Representatives; one member from the Senate; one President or Chancellor representing two-year institution of higher education; one President or Chancellor representing four-year institutions of higher education; one President or Director representing technical institutes; one representative of adult education; one representative of rehabilitation services; one representative of secondary vocational education; one local school district superintendent; one representative of the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission; one representative of the Employment Security Department, and seven representatives from business, industry and organized labor. The Speaker of the House shall appoint the member from the House, and the President Pro Tem of the Senate shall appoint the member from the Senate. The Governor shall appoint the chair and the remaining members of the Commission. In the event a vacancy occurs on the Commission, the vacancy will be filled by the same process as the original appointment.

(b) The Commission, in studying the needs and capabilities of the state, shall examine such issues as: the workforce development and adult education needs of business and industry, students, prospective employees, and workers; the connection among education, adult education, and training providers; the economic and labor market changes that will affect workforce education and training needs; and other related issues that impact the economic development and educational opportunities of Arkansas. The Commission will make recommendations concerning the most effective and efficient ways in which the state can meet the workforce education needs of Arkansas. These needs should be met in a coordinated, collaborative, and systematic manner.

(c) The Commission shall complete its work and report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before January 1, 1998, and cease to exist as of January 1, 1998.

(d) The Commission members will be authorized to receive reimbursement for actual expenses while performing the work of the Commission and in accordance with state rules and regulations."

AND

by deleting "board" from line 15 on page 6 and substituting the following:

"local board for technical institutes"