

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6457

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Higher Education, February 2, 2016

Title: An act relating to updating workforce investment act references and making no substantive changes.

Brief Description: Updating workforce investment act references and making no substantive changes.

Sponsors: Senators Bailey and Frockt; by request of Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Higher Education: 2/02/16, 2/02/16 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Baumgartner, Vice Chair; Frockt, Ranking Member; Becker, Carlyle, Lias and Miloscia.

Staff: Evan Klein (786-7483)

Background: The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) was a federal law that provided workforce investment activities, through statewide and local workforce investment systems, that sought to increase the employment, retention and earnings of participants and increase occupational skill attainment by participants.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was enacted in July of 2014. WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training and support services to succeed in the labor market. WIOA replaces WIA and retains and amends the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Summary of Bill: References in statute to the Workforce Investment Act are changed to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

A reference to workforce investment is changed to workforce development.

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References to local workforce investment boards are changed to local workforce development boards.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill updates all statutory references to WIA to WIOA. Updating these statutory references is a requirement of the workforce board's state workforce plan.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Nova Gattman, Workforce Board.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.