

# House Study Bill 763

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to economic growth by creating a workforce  
2 innovation for regional economic development task force and  
3 making an appropriation.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. FINDINGS. The general assembly finds that  
1 2 Iowa's demographics and the projected skill level of Iowa's  
1 3 workforce will result in as many as one hundred and fifty  
1 4 thousand more jobs by the year 2012 than the state's workforce  
1 5 can fill and that without better coordination of public and  
1 6 private efforts to address this shortage, the long-term  
1 7 economic health of the state is threatened.  
1 8 Sec. 2. WORKFORCE INNOVATION FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC  
1 9 DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE.  
1 10 1. PURPOSE. A workforce innovation for regional economic  
1 11 development task force is established within the department of  
1 12 workforce development. The task force shall be coordinated in  
1 13 cooperation with the department of economic development and  
1 14 the department of management. The department shall initially  
1 15 convene the task force no later than July 1, 2008, and the  
1 16 task force shall be regularly convened as often as necessary.  
1 17 The purpose of the task force shall be to study and make  
1 18 recommendations on how the various agencies, programs,  
1 19 initiatives, services, and stakeholders that play a role in  
1 20 workforce development can be better coordinated and more  
1 21 appropriately restructured in order to more efficiently and  
1 22 effectively deliver workforce-related services throughout the  
1 23 state.  
1 24 2. GOALS. By January 1, 2010, the task force shall report  
1 25 to the general assembly its recommendations for a workforce  
1 26 innovation in regional economic development program, which  
1 27 program shall be designed to address all of the following  
1 28 goals:  
1 29 a. Improving interagency collaboration and innovation  
1 30 across regions of the state.  
1 31 b. Implementing regional organizational structures for  
1 32 workforce development which have the capacity to span multiple  
1 33 labor markets and political subdivisions.  
1 34 c. Developing strategies for workforce development that  
1 35 recognize local economies and industry clusters.  
2 1 d. Designing mechanisms for integrating workforce  
2 2 development goals with economic development goals and  
2 3 educational goals.  
2 4 e. Eliminating duplicative and inefficient program  
2 5 offerings.  
2 6 f. Improving the delivery of technical and financial  
2 7 workforce development assistance to communities, businesses,  
2 8 educational institutions, and individuals throughout the  
2 9 state.  
2 10 g. Fostering strategic partnerships between business,  
2 11 education, industry, and government within and between regions  
2 12 of the state.  
2 13 h. Identifying processes for transforming regional  
2 14 workforce development efforts by pursuing integration and  
2 15 innovation.  
2 16 i. Increasing the involvement of business and industry in  
2 17 equipping workers with the skills necessary to make the state

2 18 competitive in a global economy.  
2 19 j. Identifying strategies and examining organizational  
2 20 structures for better developing entrepreneurship within and  
2 21 between regions and industry clusters.  
2 22 k. Increasing workforce participation within certain  
2 23 lower-participation population groups including but not  
2 24 limited to older Iowans, young adults, persons with  
2 25 disabilities, and new residents.  
2 26 1. Improving services and training for low-income  
2 27 populations.  
2 28 3. MEMBERSHIP. The task force shall elect a chairperson,  
2 29 and membership on the task force shall consist of all of the  
2 30 following:  
2 31 a. Voting members of the task force shall include all of  
2 32 the following:  
2 33 (1) One member selected by the Iowa association of  
2 34 independent colleges and universities.  
2 35 (2) One member selected by the board of regents to  
3 1 represent the regents institutions.  
3 2 (3) One member selected by the Iowa association of  
3 3 community college trustees.  
3 4 (4) One member selected by the Iowa area education  
3 5 agencies.  
3 6 (5) One member from the Iowa state university extension  
3 7 service.  
3 8 (6) Two members representing the department of education.  
3 9 (7) Two members of the public, selected by the department  
3 10 of education, representing school districts and accredited  
3 11 nonpublic schools, one representing a school district and one  
3 12 representing an accredited nonpublic school.  
3 13 (8) One member representing the department of workforce  
3 14 development.  
3 15 (9) One member, selected by the department of workforce  
3 16 development, representing a regional workforce investment  
3 17 board, as defined in 877 IAC 6.1.  
3 18 (10) One member, selected by the association of Iowa  
3 19 workforce partners, representing workforce investment program  
3 20 training providers, as described in section 84A.8.  
3 21 (11) One member, selected by the department of education,  
3 22 representing recipients receiving funding pursuant to Title 1  
3 23 of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act.  
3 24 (12) One member selected by the Iowa community action  
3 25 association.  
3 26 (13) One member from the department of management.  
3 27 (14) One member from the governor's office.  
3 28 (15) Three members, selected by the governor, representing  
3 29 business and industry.  
3 30 (16) One member from the department of human services.  
3 31 (17) One member representing the department of economic  
3 32 development.  
3 33 (18) Three members of the general public, selected by the  
3 34 department of economic development. The members selected by  
3 35 the department of economic development shall conform to the  
4 1 following:  
4 2 (a) One member representing local economic development  
4 3 issues.  
4 4 (b) One member representing regional economic development  
4 5 issues.  
4 6 (c) One member representing statewide economic development  
4 7 issues.  
4 8 (19) One member representing the department of  
4 9 corrections.  
4 10 (20) One member representing the department of elder  
4 11 affairs.  
4 12 (21) One member representing the department of cultural  
4 13 affairs.  
4 14 (22) Three members, selected by the governor, representing  
4 15 organized labor.  
4 16 (23) One member, selected by the department of workforce  
4 17 development, representing older Iowans.  
4 18 (24) One member, selected by the department of workforce  
4 19 development, representing new Iowa residents.  
4 20 (25) One member, selected by the department of workforce  
4 21 development, representing young adults.  
4 22 (26) One member, selected by the department of workforce  
4 23 development, representing Iowans with disabilities.  
4 24 b. Nonvoting members of the task force shall include all  
4 25 of the following:  
4 26 (1) Two members of the senate. One senator shall be  
4 27 appointed by the president of the senate and one senator shall  
4 28 be appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

4 29 (2) Two members of the house of representatives. One  
4 30 member shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of  
4 31 representatives and one member shall be appointed by the  
4 32 minority leader of the house of representatives.

4 33 3. DISSOLUTION. The task force shall complete its duties  
4 34 no later than January 1, 2010, but may complete its duties and  
4 35 dissolve itself prior to that date.

5 1 Sec. 3. WORKFORCE INNOVATION FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC  
5 2 DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE == APPROPRIATION. There is  
5 3 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the  
5 4 department of workforce development for the fiscal year  
5 5 beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, the  
5 6 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
5 7 used for the purposes designated:

5 8 For convening, staffing, and administering a workforce  
5 9 innovation for regional economic development task force,  
5 10 including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
5 11 purposes:

5 12 ..... \$ 140,000

5 13 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this  
5 14 section shall not revert at the end of the fiscal year but  
5 15 shall remain available for the purposes designated until the  
5 16 task force is dissolved and all costs associated with the task  
5 17 force are paid.

5 18 EXPLANATION

5 19 This bill creates a workforce innovation for regional  
5 20 economic development task force.

5 21 The general assembly finds that the state will face a labor  
5 22 shortage of as many as 150,000 workers by 2012, and the task  
5 23 force is formed to make recommendations on ways to address the  
5 24 shortage.

5 25 The task force is to study labor shortage issues and  
5 26 examine the structure and efficiencies of current workforce  
5 27 development programs. The task force must begin its  
5 28 activities by July 1, 2008, and conclude them by January 1,  
5 29 2010, when it must submit a report to the general assembly  
5 30 with its recommendations.

5 31 The task force is to be comprised of representatives from  
5 32 various state agencies, private entities, educational  
5 33 institutions, and the public and ex officio members of the  
5 34 general assembly.

5 35 The task force must complete its activities by January 1,  
6 1 2010.

6 2 The bill appropriates \$140,000 to the department of  
6 3 workforce development for administering the task force.

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