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State	Bill	Status as of 7/2007	Description
Alabama	<u>AL H.B. 273</u>	To House Education Appropriations Committee - 03/08/2007	Proposes an income tax credit for both the employee and the employer based on the costs associated with the additional education and training for adult workers seeking higher paying and more demanding jobs.
	<u>AL S.B. 138</u>	Pending Committee Action in Second House - 05/29/2007	The "Interlocal Cooperation Act" authorizes joint action by political subdivisions of the state, and between political subdivisions of the state and those of other states, for the establishment, purchase, and operation of public transportation systems, firefighting, law enforcement, and public works. Enables local governments to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities.
	<u>AL S.B. 140</u>	To Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation Education - 03/06/2007	Adds certain film productions to the list of those qualifying for tax incentives allowed to promote business and industry.
	<u>AL S.B. 291</u>	To Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation Education - 03/22/2007	Attracts private investment to develop a strong capital and infrastructure base for motion picture film, videotape, digital, and television productions by creating certain state tax credits and by providing sales, use, and lodging tax exemptions for entertainment industry companies working on certified infrastructure projects and certified productions.

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Hawaii	<u>HI S.B. 1362</u>	To Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs - 01/26/2007.	Authorizes land acquisition, promotes quality of life initiatives, establishes renewable energy projects and the use of green building practices, and provides the infrastructure necessary to accomplish the strategic objectives outlined in the Kalaheo's master plan. The plan includes development of workforce housing and workforce development. It specifically provides for: (1) 3 million square feet of light industrial, commercial, retail and office space; (2) 7,000 jobs; (3) approximately 6,350 residential units; (4) A livable community that balances environmental, cultural, and economic values; and (5) An innovation environment to create opportunities for high-technology and alternative energy development.
	<u>HI S.B. 1931</u>	Enacted in Law without Governor's Signature - 07/10/2007	Establishes the educational workforce working group to survey workforce development in the state and assess the relationship between Hawaii's educational system and leading industries.
	<u>MN H.B. 1430</u>	In House Higher Education and Work Force Development Policy and Finance Division, Bly added as Author - 03/05/2007	Allows grant-in-aid to entities that 1) provide employment services to low-income individuals, and 2) broker connections among workers, employers, funding sources, and other stakeholders. To be eligible, projects must demonstrate both participation of and an in-kind contribution from private business.
Minnesota	<u>MN S.B. 1356</u>	To Senate Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs - 02/28/2007	Appropriates \$15,000,000 for a grant to Northern Minnesota RuralPlex Initiative in Grand Rapids to be used to implement and operate a pilot workforce program that provides one-stop supportive services.
	<u>MN S.B. 1616</u>	Referred to Senate Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs - 03/07/2007	Allows grant-in-aid to entities that 1) provide employment services to low-income individuals, and 2) broker connections among workers, employers, funding sources, and other stakeholders. To be eligible, projects must demonstrate both participation of and an in-kind contribution from private business.
Montana	<u>MT H.B. 286</u>	Signed by Governor - 03/30/2007	Revises Big Sky Economic Development Program to provide targeted assistance encourage workforce development, including workforce training and job creation, in high-poverty counties.

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North Dakota	<u>ND H.B. 1027</u>	Failed to Pass	Establishes a centers of excellence program to foster economic development through partnerships between higher education and the private sector. Encourages the use of higher education research to promote private sector job growth and expansion of knowledge-based industries or to promote new products, high-tech companies, or skilled jobs. Mandates that funds awarded are to be used to enhance capacity; enhance infrastructure; and leverage state, federal, and private sources of funding. Creates a higher education internship program focusing primarily on target industries. The division of workforce development is directed to collect and analyze data on for-credit and not-for-credit higher education internships; market internship opportunities to employers; and develop and implement strategies to reduce barriers to participation by both students and businesses. Creates a tax credit for qualified compensation paid to a college intern. Directs the division to develop and implement a career promotion program focusing on career opportunities available in the state's target industries for students in grades 9-12. Creates a workforce recruitment credit for hard-to-fill employment positions.
	<u>N.D. H.C.R. 3025</u>	Filed with Secretary of State - 03/20/2007	Directs the Legislative Council to study possible methods of reversing the rural depopulation, outmigration of young adults and young families, and an increasing proportion of the elderly that are adversely affecting the state with the objective of growing North Dakota's population and increasing the available workforce in the state.
	<u>OR H.B. 2809</u>	To House Committee on Workforce and Economic Development, Public Hearing Held - 03/19/2007	Requires recipients of economic development assistance from the Economic and Community Development Department for workforce, housing and public transit development projects to consider and plan for access to child care.
Oregon	<u>OR H.B. 2831</u>	To House Committee on Workforce and Economic Development, Public Hearing Held - 0/09/2007	Finds that international outsourcing exacerbates unemployment and workforce dislocation and deprives Oregon residents of job opportunities, including jobs the state has expended development assistance resources to attract. Prohibits public entities from awarding contracts or development assistance to vendors, bidders, contractors, subcontractors or development assistance applicants who perform the work outside the United States.
	<u>OR S.B. 350</u>	Signed by Governor - 07/17/2007	Modifies administrative provisions for economic and community development, revises economic and community development programs, and establishes the Community Investment and Innovation Acceleration Funds. The purposes of the fund are to create investment opportunities and attract jobs; promote innovation and research to improve the national and global competitiveness of Oregon companies; and assist communities to build the capacity to attract, retain and expand businesses, including necessary infrastructure.

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Texas	<u>TX H.B. 2029</u>	<i>House Economic Development Committee report sent to Calendars - 04/12/2007</i>	Prohibits block grant funding for certain workforce training and employment programs and functions unless the block grant funding is specifically authorized for the program or function under other state law.
	<u>TX S.B. 1273</u>	<i>To Senate Committee on Business & Commerce - 03/19/2007</i>	Prohibits block grant funding for certain workforce training and employment programs and functions unless the block grant funding is specifically authorized for the program or function under other state law.
Utah	<u>UT S.B. 10</u>	Governor Signed - 03/07/2007	Modifies provisions of the Industrial Assistance Fund by creating a Rural Fast Track Program to help provide incentives to small companies in rural Utah to create high paying jobs in rural areas and to further promote business and economic development. Specifically, the program provides for an application procedure, qualification criteria, an approval process; and criteria on which awards are based.
Vermont	<u>VT H.B. 433</u>	Governor Signed - 05/23/2007	Amends the Vermont Employment Training Program to create the Workforce Education and Training Fund which provides funds to training providers who collaborate with employers to design programs that prepare unemployed and underemployed workers for higher paying jobs. Annual reports are to include a breakdown of the wages for jobs created and filled. Emphasizes cooperation among the various entities involved in workforce education and training. Creates an internship grant program to match Vermont students and employers.
Washington	<u>WA S.B. 5400</u>	<i>Rules Committee determined no longer eligible for consideration - 03/21/2007</i>	Provides method to facilitate interagency coordination between the economic development commission and the workforce training and education coordinating boards. Seeks to strengthen the connection between the two programs.