

HOUSE BILL No. 1084

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 22-4-44.

Synopsis: Grants for green industry jobs. Establishes the green jobs training program to support opportunities for eligible workers to receive job training in green industry sectors and occupations. Requires the department of workforce development (department) to administer the program. Establishes the green jobs training fund. Provides that the department shall: (1) identify and develop the framework, potential funding, strategies, policies, partnerships, and opportunities necessary to address the need for a highly skilled and well-trained workforce to meet the needs of the green economy; and (2) subject to the availability of appropriated funds, award grants from the green jobs training fund to employers and other persons for worker training grants.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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January 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development.



First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 22-4-44 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 3 1, 2015]:
 4 **Chapter 44. Green Jobs Training Program**
 5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "displaced worker" means an**
 6 **individual who:**
 7 **(1) has lost or left the individual's job due to:**
 8 **(A) the closing or moving of a facility at which the**
 9 **individual was employed; or**
 10 **(B) the abolishment of the individual's position or shift at**
 11 **the facility; and**
 12 **(2) has not obtained another job at which the individual works**
 13 **more than twenty (20) hours each week.**
 14 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "eligible worker" means an**
 15 **individual who:**
 16 **(1) is unemployed;**



- 1 (2) is a displaced worker; or
 2 (3) is a former member of the military services of the United
 3 States who served on active duty in any branch of the armed
 4 forces of the United States or National Guard.

5 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "green job" means a job
 6 involving the use of technology that:

- 7 (1) promotes clean energy, renewable energy, or energy
 8 efficiency;
 9 (2) reduces greenhouse gases or carbon emissions; or
 10 (3) involves the invention, design, and application of chemical
 11 products and processes to eliminate the use and generation of
 12 hazardous substances.

13 Sec. 4. The green jobs training program is established to
 14 support opportunities for eligible workers to receive job training
 15 in green industry sectors and occupations. The department shall
 16 administer the program.

17 Sec. 5. (a) The green jobs training fund is established.

18 (b) The fund consists of the following:

- 19 (1) Appropriations from the general assembly.
 20 (2) Earnings on money in the fund.
 21 (3) Money deposited in the fund from any other source.

22 (c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
 23 money in the fund.

24 (d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
 25 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
 26 manner as other public money may be invested. Earnings that
 27 accrue from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

28 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
 29 revert to the state general fund.

30 Sec. 6. (a) In carrying out the green jobs training program, the
 31 department shall do the following:

- 32 (1) Identify and develop the framework, potential funding,
 33 strategies, policies, partnerships, and opportunities necessary
 34 to address the need for a highly skilled and well-trained
 35 workforce to meet the needs of the green economy.
 36 (2) Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, award
 37 grants from the green jobs training fund to employers and
 38 other persons for worker training grants that enable eligible
 39 workers to develop the skills necessary for employment in
 40 green jobs.

41 (b) The department shall adopt policies and procedures
 42 concerning the following:



- 1 **(1) The application procedure that is used in applying for**
- 2 **grants.**
- 3 **(2) The selection criteria that is used in awarding grants.**
- 4 **(3) The requirements that must be satisfied by the recipients**
- 5 **of grants.**
- 6 **(4) The reporting requirements that apply to the recipients of**
- 7 **grants.**
- 8 **Sec. 7. The department shall submit an annual report**
- 9 **concerning the green jobs training program to the legislative**
- 10 **council before September 1 of each year. The report must be in an**
- 11 **electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

