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## SENATE BILL No. 488

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DIGEST OF SB 488 (Updated January 29, 2025 10:23 am - DI 140)

**Citations Affected:** IC 22-4.

**Synopsis:** Skills training pilot program. Requires the department of workforce development to establish a reemployment skills training pilot program (program) to supplement an individual's receipt of weekly unemployment benefits. Specifies program requirements for participants and eligible providers. Establishes the reemployment skills training pilot program fund for the purpose of funding the program.

**Effective:** July 1, 2025.

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January 13, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

January 23, 2025, reassigned to Committee on Pensions and Labor pursuant to Rule 68(b).

January 29, 2025, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.

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

*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, 2025]:
- 4 **Chapter 44. Reemployment Skills Training Pilot Program**
- 5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "eligible provider" has the**
- 6 **meaning set forth in IC 22-4.1-20-1. The term includes, for**
- 7 **purposes of this chapter, a training provider listed on the**
- 8 **department's eligible training provider list on the department's**
- 9 **website.**
- 10 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "pilot program" means the**
- 11 **reemployment skills training pilot program established by the**
- 12 **department under section 3 of this chapter.**
- 13 **Sec. 3. The department shall establish a reemployment skills**
- 14 **training pilot program to supplement an individual's receipt of**
- 15 **weekly unemployment benefits for each week of unemployment**
- 16 **that the individual is:**
- 17 **(1) eligible for unemployment benefits; and**

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(2) making satisfactory weekly progress toward a training program approved under this chapter.

Sec. 4. An individual is eligible to participate in the pilot program if the department determines that the individual is:

- (1) unlikely to find sustainable employment without further training;
- (2) eligible for unemployment compensation under this article; and
- (3) more likely to complete training with a weekly incentive.

Sec. 5. The department may approve a training program under the pilot program that meets the following requirements:

- (1) The department determines that the training program is for a high wage and high demand occupation.
- (2) Completion of the training program results in an industry recognized credential or certification.
- (3) Completion of the training program substantially increases the likelihood of an individual being employed.
- (4) The training program is offered by an eligible provider.

Sec. 6. (a) The pilot program may not be funded from the unemployment trust fund.

(b) The reemployment skills training pilot program fund is established for the purpose of funding the pilot program.

(c) The fund shall be administered by the department.

(d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(e) The fund consists of the following:

- (1) Appropriations to the fund.
- (2) Federal grant funds.
- (3) Gifts or donations to the fund.

(f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested.

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



REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT  
PRO TEMPORE

Mr. President: Pursuant to Senate Rule 68(b), I hereby report that Senate Bill 488, currently assigned to the Committee on Education and Career Development, be reassigned to the Committee on Pensions and Labor.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 488, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to SB 488 as introduced.)

ROGERS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0

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