

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

EMPLOYMENT: Requires short-term COVID-19 occupational forecasts (Item #15)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 23:76(C)(14), relative to workforce development; to provide for occupational
3 forecasting; to require short-term COVID-19-related occupational projections; and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 23:76(C)(14) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §76. Forecasting

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9 C.

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11 (14)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, a short-term
12 forecast to account for the economic shifts resulting from the global COVID-19
13 pandemic shall be derived and approved by the conference. The short-term COVID-
14 19-affected forecast shall require quantitative data from various sources, surveys,
15 and information from the Louisiana Workforce Commission and Louisiana
16 Economic Development, and the input of regional economic development
17 organizations.

18 (b) The conference shall derive and approve a second and third short-term
19 COVID-19-affected forecast.

1 (c) Each short-term COVID-19-affected forecast approved by the conference
2 shall be made available for access on the internet and delivered to the legislative
3 committees on labor and industrial relations and the legislative committees on
4 education.

5 Section 2. (A) The first short-term COVID-19-affected forecast required by R.S.
6 23:76(C)(14) as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall be produced and released publicly by
7 September 30, 2020.

8 (B) The second short-term COVID-19-affected forecast required by R.S.
9 23:76(C)(14) as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall be produced and released publicly by
10 March 31, 2021.

11 (C) The third short-term COVID-19-affected forecast required by R.S. 23:76(C)(14)
12 as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall be produced and released publicly by September 30,
13 2021.

14 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
15 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
16 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
17 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
18 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 65 Original

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Abstract: Requires the Occupational Forecasting Conference to develop and produce a short-term occupational forecast report that solely focuses on the impact of COVID-19.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding any other provisions of proposed law, a short-term forecast to account for the economic shifts resulting from the global COVID-19 pandemic shall be derived and approved by the Occupational Forecasting Conference.

Proposed law provides that the short-term COVID-19-affected forecast shall require quantitative data from various sources, surveys, and information from the Louisiana Workforce Commission and Louisiana Economic Development, and the input of regional economic development organizations.

Proposed law provides that the conference shall derive and approve of a second and third short-term COVID-19-affected forecast.

Proposed law provides that the first short-term COVID-19-affected forecast required by proposed law shall be produced and released publicly by September 30, 2020.

Proposed law provides that the second short-term COVID-19-affected forecast required by proposed law shall be produced and released publicly by March 31, 2021.

Proposed law provides that the third short-term COVID-19-affected forecast required by proposed law shall be produced and released publicly by September 30, 2021.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 23:76(C)(14))