

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO LABOR; CLARIFYING THE APPOINTIVE AUTHORITY FOR
3 THE APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL; UPDATING PERSONNEL REFERENCES.

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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

6 SECTION 1. Section 50-7-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957,
7 Chapter 219, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

8 "50-7-3. APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL.--An "apprenticeship
9 council", hereinafter referred to as the council, shall be
10 appointed by the secretary of workforce solutions without
11 regard to any other provisions of law regarding the
12 appointment and compensation of employees of the state. It
13 shall consist of three persons known to represent employers,
14 three persons known to represent labor organizations and
15 three public representatives and shall include, as ex-officio
16 members without vote, the secretary of workforce solutions
17 and the secretary of public education or the secretary's
18 designee. Persons appointed to the council shall be familiar
19 with apprenticeable occupations. The terms of office of the
20 members of the council first appointed shall expire as
21 designated by the secretary of workforce solutions at the
22 time of making the appointment: one representative each of
23 employers, labor organizations and the public being appointed
24 for one year; one representative each of employers, labor
25 organizations and the public being appointed for two years;

1 and one representative each of employers, labor organizations
2 and the public being appointed for three years. Thereafter,
3 each member shall be appointed for a term of three years.
4 Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the
5 expiration of the term of the member's predecessor shall be
6 appointed for the remainder of that term. Members of the
7 council not otherwise compensated by public money shall be
8 reimbursed for their official duties in accordance with the
9 Per Diem and Mileage Act for attendance at not in excess of
10 twelve meetings per year."

11 SECTION 2. Section 50-7-4.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979,
12 Chapter 204, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

13 "50-7-4.1. ADMINISTRATION.--

14 A. The secretary of workforce solutions shall
15 appoint a director of apprenticeship to be responsible for
16 effectuating the policies set forth in Section 50-7-1 NMSA
17 1978, to carry out the policies approved by the
18 apprenticeship council and otherwise to execute the
19 provisions of Chapter 50, Article 7 NMSA 1978. Such
20 appointment shall be subject to confirmation by a majority
21 vote of the council. The secretary of workforce solutions
22 shall appoint such additional personnel as may be necessary,
23 subject to such laws and practices as are applicable to
24 appointment, service and compensation of employees of the
25 state.

1 B. Under the general direction of the secretary of
2 workforce solutions, the director of apprenticeship in
3 furtherance of the duties specified shall:

4 (1) encourage the voluntary participation of
5 employers and employees in the furtherance of the objectives
6 of Chapter 50, Article 7 NMSA 1978;

7 (2) devise necessary procedures and records;

8 (3) prepare statistical reports regarding
9 apprenticeship;

10 (4) issue information related to
11 apprenticeship; and

12 (5) perform such other duties as are
13 necessary to carry out the intent of Chapter 50, Article 7
14 NMSA 1978."

15 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the
16 provisions of this act is July 1, 2023. _____

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