

SENATE BILL 1259

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 11; Title 49, Chapter 7 and Title 50, relative to work-based learning.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-1206, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

Subject to appropriation by the general assembly in the annual appropriations act, the Tennessee higher education commission, in consultation with the board of regents, may award a grant to any college of applied technology or community college in this state that is located in a region where advanced training opportunities or a highly skilled workforce is lacking. The funds from the grants must be used to establish and implement a LEAP under this part. The department shall establish procedures for grant applications, eligibility and reporting requirements, and the maximum amount of any grant authorized by this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-1208, is amended by deleting the language "department of economic and community development" wherever it appears in the section and substituting instead the language "Tennessee higher education commission".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-1209, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

On or before November 1 of each year, the Tennessee higher education commission shall submit a report to the department of labor and workforce development on any workforce needs within existing and prospective businesses or industries in this state, including any areas of specialization within a vocation, identified by the

commission to be necessary to attract, develop, and retain high-skill or high-technology businesses and industries in this state.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-109(b), is amended by deleting the word "liability" wherever it appears in the subsection.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-901, is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) "Commission" means the Tennessee higher education commission;

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-901(4), is amended by deleting the word "department" and substituting instead the word "commission".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-902, is amended by deleting the word "department" wherever it appears in subsections (f) and (g) and substituting instead the word "commission".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-906, is amended by deleting the word "department" and substituting instead the word "commission".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-907, is amended by deleting the word "department" and substituting instead the word "commission".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-908, is amended by deleting the word "department" and substituting instead the word "commission".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-5-107, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

Is a student learner enrolled in a course of study, training program, or class provided by a recognized state or local educational authority or institution of higher education, or in a substantially similar course of study, training program, or class conducted by a private school. The student learner must be enrolled in an approved work-based learning, apprenticeship, or similar school-work program.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.