

SENATE BILL NO. 440
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A MILITARY VETERAN IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD AND IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF EACH LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD; AMENDING SECTIONS 53-2-1203 AND 53-2-1204, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 53-2-1203, MCA, is amended to read:

"53-2-1203. State workforce investment board -- membership -- duties. (1) There is a state workforce investment board.

(2) The state board consists of:

(a) the governor or a person designated by the governor to act on behalf of the governor;

(b) two members of the house of representatives, each from a different political party, and two members of the senate, each from a different political party, appointed by the presiding officer of each respective chamber; and

(c) individuals appointed by the governor, including:

(i) representatives of businesses located in Montana who:

(A) are owners of businesses, chief executive or operating officers, and other business executives or employers with optimum policymaking or hiring authority, including business members of local boards; and

(B) represent businesses with employment opportunities that reflect the employment opportunities in Montana;

(ii) chief elected officials of local government;

(iii) representatives of labor organizations;

(iv) representatives of individuals and organizations who have experience with respect to youth activities;

(v) representatives of individuals and organizations who have experience and expertise in the delivery of workforce investment activities;

(vi) representatives of the state agencies who are responsible for the programs and activities that are carried out by the one-stop centers, including but not limited to:

- (A) the department of labor and industry;
- (B) the department of public health and human services;
- (C) the office of the commissioner of higher education; and
- (D) the office of public instruction; ~~and~~
- (vii) at least one representative of military veterans; and
- ~~(vii)~~(viii) other representatives ~~that~~ who the governor may designate.

(3) The selection and appointment of members of the state board must follow the nominating provisions of section 111 of the Act, {29 U.S.C. 2821}.

(4) The governor shall appoint enough individuals described in subsection (2)(c)(i) so that those persons compose a majority of the membership of the state board.

(5) The governor shall consider the special needs of Montana's hard-to-serve Indian population and the state's relationship with tribal governments when making appointments to the state board.

(6) The state board shall perform the functions described in section 111 of the Act, {29 U.S.C. 2821}."

Section 2. Section 53-2-1204, MCA, is amended to read:

"53-2-1204. Local workforce investment boards. (1) The chief elected official or officials in each workforce investment area shall establish a local board to plan and carry out the duties and responsibilities of the local board in each respective workforce investment area of the state.

(2) Selection of the local boards must be made using the criteria established by the governor and the state board. The membership of the local board must be in accordance with the requirements of section 117 of the Act, {29 U.S.C. 2832}, and must include at least one member who is a military veteran.

(3) Each local board shall carry out the duties and responsibilities of a local board as provided in section 117 of the Act, {29 U.S.C. 2832}."

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Saving clause.** [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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