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Overview

This bill establishes four local projects through local workforce councils, in cooperation with public education, adult basic education and other agencies, to plan and implement collaborative services for employment, training and education.

Section

1 Membership on local workforce councils. Requires at least one representative of Adult Basic Education programs on the local workforce councils.

2 Collaborative local projects; coordination of employment, training, and education services.

Subd. 1. Project selection. Requires the Governor's workforce development council to convene a meeting with representatives of state agencies, public higher education, K-12 institutions and adult basic education to select four projects assigned to local workforce councils to plan and coordinate local employment, training and education. Provides geographic and other criteria for the selection.

Subd. 2. Goals. Specifies goals for the local project and lists ten minimum goals, including increasing and upgrading skill levels, training for working individuals, improved responsiveness to employers, improved access for public assistance recipients, improved career planning, improved coordination, reduction of duplication, evaluation of needs and no cost remediation for students.

Subd. 3. Collaborative plans. Requires a workforce council assigned a collaborative project to develop a plan with named stakeholders. The plan must be reported to the Governor's workforce development council which must report on all plans to the legislature by March 15, 2010.

Subd. 4. Plan implementation. Requires a one-year implementation period for

the plans beginning July 1, 2010.

Subd. 5. Report to legislature. Requires the local projects to report on the progress of each plan to the Governor's workforce development council which must report to the legislature by February 15, 2011, with recommendations on funding, system design and statutory changes necessary to achieve the goals of this section.

Provides an immediate effective date.