

Workforce and Business Development Finance Committee

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Policy Purview

The specific policy purview of the Workforce and Business Development Committee is not set by rule, but rather is governed by the decisions of House leadership. This document describes some of the main areas of policy in statute that have traditionally been considered under the purview of the Workforce and Business Development Committee.

Sections of Statute Under Purview of Workforce and Business Development Committee

- **Chapter 116J – Department of Employment and Economic Development**
 - Establishes the Department of Employment and Economic Development and puts a wide variety of business development programs under its control
 - Sets general requirements for grant and loan programs under the Department of Employment and Economic Development
 - Contains the specifics of numerous programs for economic development, business assistance and licensing, and trade promotion
- **Chapter 116L – Workforce Development**
 - Organizes the state workforce development system
 - Provides programs for job training, including those targeted at specific populations
- **Chapter 268 – Unemployment Insurance**
 - Governs unemployment benefits for workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own
- **Chapter 268A – Vocational Rehabilitation**
 - Covers rehabilitation and employment services for people with disabilities

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