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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE
BOARD RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: March 23, 2016

Referred To: Senate Labor

(Labor & Training)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections [42-102-2](#) and [42-102-4](#) of the General Laws in Chapter 42-102
2 entitled "Governor's Workforce Board Rhode Island" is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 **42-102-2. Composition of workforce board.** -- (a) The workforce board shall be
4 composed of ~~twenty-one (21)~~ [twenty-three \(23\)](#) members; one of whom shall be the secretary of
5 commerce, who shall be vice-chair; one of whom shall be the director of the department of labor
6 and training; one of whom shall be the commissioner of education; one of whom shall be a
7 representative of a public institution of higher education in Rhode Island; [one of whom shall be a](#)
8 [representative of the office of rehabilitation services, a division of the department of human](#)
9 [services;](#) and ~~seventeen (17)~~ [eighteen \(18\)](#) public members, ~~eleven (11)~~ [twelve \(12\)](#) of whom
10 shall be representatives from the employer community, in a manner that is representative of
11 employers of different sizes and sectors, including the nonprofit sector, provided that two (2) of
12 the representatives from the employer community shall be the chairs of Rhode Island's local
13 workforce investment boards, or their designees, appointed from among the employer community
14 members of the local workforce investment boards; four (4) of whom shall be representatives of
15 organized labor; and two (2) members shall be representatives of community-based organizations
16 that provide or promote workforce development service; appointed by the governor with the
17 advice and consent of the senate. The ~~seventeen (17)~~ [eighteen \(18\)](#) public members shall be
18 appointed in a manner that reflects the geographic diversity of the state, and at least five (5) of

1 whom shall be women; at least four (4) of whom shall be from minority communities; and at least
2 one of whom shall be a person with disabilities. The governor shall appoint a chairperson from
3 among the ~~eleven (11)~~ twelve (12) representatives of the employer community.

4 (b) The board may establish an executive committee composed of members appointed by
5 the chair. The board may delegate to the executive committee any powers of the board except
6 those powers that are required by law to be exercised by the board. The chair may also appoint ad
7 hoc committees, workgroups, or task forces to assist the board as appropriate.

8 (c) Members serving as of the effective date of this act on the state workforce investment
9 board established pursuant to Executive Order No. 05-18 ordered on September 22, 2005, shall
10 continue to serve their terms of office as members of the governor's workforce board established
11 under this chapter.

12 **42-102-4. Terms of office and voting.** -- (a) Of the ~~seventeen (17)~~ eighteen (18) public
13 members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, nine (9) shall be
14 appointed for a term of two (2) years, and ~~eight (8)~~ nine (9) shall be appointed for three (3) years.
15 After the initial appointments of those individuals serving two-year (2) terms, they, or their
16 successors, shall be appointed to three year (3) terms. A vacancy in the office of a member, other
17 than by expiration of the member's term, shall be filled in the same manner as the original
18 appointment, but only for the remainder of the prevailing term. Members whose terms expire may
19 be reappointed.

20 (b) Only members shall have the right to vote.

21 (c) A simple majority of board members shall constitute a quorum.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would amend the composition of the governor's workforce board by adding one
2 additional employer seat and one seat representing the office of rehabilitation services,
3 department of human services.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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