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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board;  
2 to amend section 48-1623, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
3 Nebraska; to change the membership of the board as  
4 prescribed; and to repeal the original section.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 48-1623, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3           48-1623. (1) The Nebraska Workforce Investment Board is  
4 established to assist in the development of a state plan to carry out  
5 the functions described in the federal Workforce Investment Act.

6           (2) The state board shall include:

7           (a) The Governor;

8           (b) Two nonvoting, ex officio members of the Legislature  
9 selected by and serving at the pleasure of the Speaker of the  
10 Legislature; and

11          ~~(c) The mayor of a city of the metropolitan class, selected~~  
12 ~~by the Governor;~~

13          ~~(d) The mayor of a city of the primary class, selected by~~  
14 ~~the Governor; and~~

15          ~~(e)~~ (c) Representatives appointed by the Governor who  
16 serve at the pleasure of the Governor who are:

17           (i) Representatives of business in the state who:

18           (A) Are owners of businesses, chief executives or operating  
19 officers of businesses, and other business executives or employers  
20 with optimum policymaking or hiring authority, including members of  
21 local boards described in subdivision (2)(a)(i) of section 48-1620;

22           (B) Represent businesses with employment opportunities that  
23 reflect the employment opportunities of the state; and

24           (C) Are appointed from among individuals nominated by state  
25 business organizations and business trade associations;

26           (ii) Chief elected officials representing both cities and  
27 counties;

1 (iii) Representatives of labor organizations who have been  
2 nominated by state labor federations;

3 (iv) Representatives of individuals and organizations that  
4 have experience with respect to youth programs authorized under  
5 section 129 of the federal Workforce Investment Act, 29 U.S.C. 2854;

6 (v) Representatives of individuals and organizations that  
7 have experience and expertise in the delivery of workforce investment  
8 activities, including chief executive officers of community colleges  
9 and community-based organizations within the state;

10 (vi)(A) The officials from each of the lead state agencies  
11 with responsibility for the programs and activities that are described  
12 in section 48-1619 and carried out by one-stop partners; and

13 (B) In any case in which no lead state agency official has  
14 responsibility for such a program, service, or activity, a  
15 representative in the state with expertise relating to such program,  
16 service, or activity; and

17 (vii) Such other representatives and state agency officials  
18 as the Governor may designate.

19 (3) The Governor, ~~mayer of a city of the metropolitan~~  
20 ~~class, or mayer of a city of the primary class~~ may designate a  
21 ~~nonvoting~~ representative to participate on his or her behalf in  
22 state board committee and general meetings. Such representative shall  
23 ~~not~~ be entitled to vote on matters brought before the board and  
24 shall be considered a member of the board for purposes of determining  
25 if a quorum is present.

26 (4) Members of the board that represent organizations,  
27 agencies, or other entities shall be individuals with optimum

1 policymaking authority within the organizations, agencies, or  
2 entities. The members of the board shall represent diverse regions of  
3 the state, including urban, rural, and suburban areas.

4 (5) A majority of the members of the state board shall be  
5 private sector representatives described in subdivision ~~(2)(e)(i)~~  
6 (2)(c)(i) of this section. The Governor shall select a chairperson  
7 and a vice-chairperson for the state board from among the  
8 representatives described in such subdivision.

9 (6) To transact business at all meetings of the state board,  
10 a quorum of voting members must be present. ~~A Twenty voting~~  
11 ~~members shall constitute a~~ quorum of the Nebraska Workforce  
12 Investment Board. ~~shall be a majority of its appointed members.~~

13 Sec. 2. Original section 48-1623, Reissue Revised Statutes  
14 of Nebraska, is repealed.