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Committee: Business and Labor

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to education; to provide for a report on
2 educational credentials and workforce needs as
3 prescribed; and to provide duties for the Coordinating
4 Commission for Postsecondary Education, the Department of
5 Labor, and the State Department of Education.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) Subject to the availability of data
2 collected by and accessible to state agencies, the Department of
3 Labor, in consultation with the Coordinating Commission for
4 Postsecondary Education and the State Department of Education, shall
5 produce an annual report regarding state workforce need projections
6 and educational credential production. The report shall:

7 (a) Indicate the state's anticipated workforce needs and
8 the number of degrees, certificates, and other educational
9 credentials that public and private postsecondary educational
10 institutions and private postsecondary career schools issue each
11 year;

12 (b) To the extent provided by sources external to the
13 Department of Labor, indicate the number of degrees, certificates,
14 and other educational credentials that high school vocational
15 programs, apprenticeship programs, and other public or private
16 workforce training programs issue each academic year;

17 (c) Identify any workforce needs, including areas of
18 specialization, within a particular vocation that may not be met by
19 the issues of degrees, certificates, and credentials indicated
20 pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subsection; and

21 (d) Identify public or private institutions that may meet
22 the projected workforce needs indicated pursuant to subdivisions (a)
23 and (c) of this subsection.

24 (2) On or before January 15, 2014, and on or before
25 January 15 of each year thereafter, the Department of Labor shall

1 provide an electronic copy of the report to the Education Committee
2 and the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature, to the
3 Governor, and to the governing boards of each public postsecondary
4 educational institution in the state and shall work with the State
5 Department of Education to provide a copy of the report to each
6 school district and each private, parochial, and denominational
7 elementary, middle, and high school in the state.