

House File 590

H-1134

1 Amend House File 590 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause
3 and inserting:

4 <Section 1. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY — STUDY
5 — REPORT.

6 1. The Iowa workforce development board, in
7 coordination with the director of the department of
8 workforce development, the regional advisory boards as
9 established pursuant to section 84A.4, and the steering
10 committee of the national governors association policy
11 academy on aligning the education and training pipeline
12 to the needs of the economy, shall conduct a study
13 for the purpose of developing a plan to modernize
14 Iowa's workforce development strategy. The workforce
15 development board shall collaborate with the department
16 of education, the economic development authority, the
17 Iowa innovation council, the chairpersons and ranking
18 members of the House and Senate committees on economic
19 growth, the chairperson and ranking member of the House
20 committee on labor, the chair and ranking member of
21 the Senate committee on labor and business relations,
22 and the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
23 appropriations subcommittee on economic development, in
24 conducting its study and developing a strategy.

25 2. The workforce development board, in developing a
26 plan to modernize Iowa's workforce development strategy
27 and conducting the study, shall consider and develop
28 policy recommendations that will do the following:

29 a. Promote a holistic, career-focused approach that
30 will help the state meet the needs of employers and
31 workers, grow family incomes, improve the skills of
32 both individuals and the workforce generally, and make
33 communities more vibrant and attractive places to live.

34 b. Align education, workforce, and economic
35 development structures and policies to more effectively
36 build on the state's foundation of innovative
37 workforce and education programs and further improve
38 collaboration between the public and private sectors.

39 c. Support the use of career pathways for the
40 purpose of making available to individuals, including
41 low-skilled adults, youth, individuals with barriers
42 to employment, and individuals with disabilities,
43 workforce investment activities, education, and
44 supportive services to allow them to enter or retain
45 employment.

46 d. Meet the needs of employers, workers, and job
47 seekers, particularly through industry or sector
48 partnerships related to in-demand industry sectors and
49 occupations; and develop a comprehensive strategic
50 workforce plan for implementing specific policies that

1 further these strategies.

2 e. Develop and continuously improve the one-stop
3 delivery system in local areas, including providing
4 assistance to local boards, one-stop operators,
5 one-stop partners, and providers with planning and
6 delivering services, including training services and
7 supportive services, in order to support effective
8 delivery of services to workers, job seekers, and
9 employers.

10 3. The workforce development board shall submit a
11 report, including its findings and recommendations, to
12 the governor and the general assembly by November 2,
13 2015.>

14 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 4 and
15 inserting <An Act requiring the workforce development
16 board to conduct a study for the purpose of developing
17 a plan to modernize Iowa's workforce development
18 strategy.>

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