

# SB2907



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB2907

Introduced 1/26/2024, by Sen. Dave Syverson

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Job Training and Workforce Development Transparency Act. Provides that, within 6 months after the effective date of the Act, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, in coordination with relevant State agencies, shall compile a report concerning all State-funded job training and workforce development programs in the State. Provides that the report shall identify each State-funded job training and workforce development program in the State and provide specified information about each program. Provides that the Department shall collaborate with relevant State agencies to ensure the timely and accurate collection of information required for the report. Provides that the Department shall submit the report to the General Assembly and make the report accessible to the public on the Department's website no later than 6 months after the effective date of the Act. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Job  
5 Training and Workforce Development Transparency Act.

6 Section 5. Findings; legislative intent.

7 (a) The General Assembly finds that the State of Illinois  
8 allocates millions of dollars annually to various job training  
9 and workforce development programs to enhance the skills and  
10 employability of its residents.

11 (b) The General Assembly further finds that the effective  
12 utilization of public funds requires a transparent and  
13 accountable system to track the outcomes and impacts of  
14 State-funded job training programs.

15 (c) It has come to the attention of the General Assembly  
16 that there are currently programs receiving substantial State  
17 funding that lack a systematic and comprehensive tracking  
18 mechanism for assessing their success and impact on the  
19 targeted populations.

20 (d) The lack of standardized reporting on the allocation  
21 and effectiveness of these funds raises concerns regarding the  
22 State's ability to measure the return on investment, ensure  
23 equity in program access, and make informed decisions on

1 resource allocation for future initiatives.

2 (e) The intent of this Act is to require the Department of  
3 Commerce and Economic Opportunity, in collaboration with  
4 affected State agencies, to compile a detailed report within 6  
5 months after the effective date of this Act, providing a  
6 comprehensive overview of all State-funded job training and  
7 workforce development programs in Illinois.

8 (f) By enacting this legislation, the General Assembly  
9 aims to ensure that Illinois residents receive maximum benefit  
10 from State-funded programs and that the State can make  
11 informed policy decisions based on a thorough understanding of  
12 the impact and outcomes of these initiatives.

13 (h) It is the further intent of the General Assembly that  
14 the reporting requirements established by this Act serve as a  
15 mechanism to identify successful programs, areas for  
16 improvement, and potential areas of duplication or overlap in  
17 order to optimize the efficiency and effectiveness of  
18 State-funded job training and workforce development efforts.

19 Section 10. Reporting requirements.

20 (a) Within 6 months after the effective date of this Act,  
21 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, in  
22 coordination with relevant State agencies, shall compile a  
23 report concerning all State-funded job training and workforce  
24 development programs in this State.

25 (b) The report shall identify each State-funded job

1 training and workforce development program in this State and  
2 provide, at a minimum, the following information about each  
3 program:

4 (1) the name of the State agency that appropriated the  
5 funding for the program;

6 (2) the source of the funding for the program;

7 (3) the name and location of the organizations that  
8 received funding under the program;

9 (4) the population served by the organizations that  
10 received funding and the demographic breakdown of that  
11 population; and

12 (5) the outcomes of the program, including, but not  
13 limited to:

14 (A) number of participants enrolled;

15 (B) demographic breakdown of participants;

16 (C) type of training provided;

17 (D) duration of the program;

18 (E) employment placement rate;

19 (F) wage growth and advancement of participants;

20 (G) retention rates in the workforce; and

21 (H) any additional metrics deemed necessary by the  
22 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

23 Section 15. Coordination with State agencies. The  
24 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall  
25 collaborate with relevant State agencies to ensure the timely

1 and accurate collection of information required for the report  
2 described in Section 10.

3 Section 20. Publication and accessibility. The Department  
4 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall submit the report  
5 described in Section 10 to the General Assembly and make the  
6 report accessible to the public on the Department's website no  
7 later than 6 months after the effective date of this Act.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
9 becoming law.