

CHAPTER 280

AN ACT concerning State workforce needs and supplementing P.L.1989, c.293 (C.34:15C-1 et al.).

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.34:15C-6.1 Report evaluating, projecting State's workforce needs.

1. The commission shall, at least annually, prepare a report that evaluates and projects the State's workforce needs.

a. The report, at a minimum, shall include information that describes the following:

(1) the demand for various kinds of trained workers across all industry sectors or categories of occupations;

(2) the number of individuals receiving the credentials necessary to meet the demand for workers as described in paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(3) the absence or shortages of workforce training and educational programs available for individuals to receive the necessary credentials to meet the demand described in paragraph (1) of this subsection; and

(4) the public or private institutions or organizations that are capable of addressing the absence or shortages of training and educational programs, as described in paragraph (3) of this subsection, through the expansion of existing programs or the creation of new programs.

b. The commission shall encourage the use of the report by public and private institutions and organizations to evaluate, develop, and plan new and existing workforce training and educational programs.

c. The commission shall avail itself of the resources and data of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education in order to create the report.

d. The commission shall submit the report to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), and shall make the report available to the public by posting it on the commission's official website.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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