



LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday –October 26, 2011

I. Call To Order/ Roll Call

Commissioner Yvonne de la Pena called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

Members present: Yvonne de la Pena, Jack Buckhorn, Richard Harris, Paul Von Berg, Julia Dozier, and Deputy Chief Glen Forman

A quorum was met.

Members absent: Scott Gordon, Carl Goff (A), and Les DenHerder

Review/Approval of the minutes of July 27, 2011

A motion and a second to approve the minutes were made. All were in favor. The motion carried.

II. Update on Pending Bills

- **SB56: Apprenticeship Oversight – (Corbett).**

Status: Signed on October 9, 2011.

This bill changes the Audit requirements for Apprenticeship programs. The bill eliminates requirements for the Division of Apprenticeship Standards to do random audits every 5 years. It also requires audits of new or expanded programs in the building and construction trades industry as well as a description of the requirements for an application. The bill also requires the building and construction trades programs to provide a semiannual statement to the apprentice listing the number of hours of training received and the number of hours remaining for graduation from the program. “The building and construction trades programs must also submit their apprenticeship registration, graduation, and termination data do DAS in electronic form.

- **AB311: Employment: Labor Standards: Consultation Unit (Cook)**

Status: On hold in the Labor and Employment committee.

This bill creates a consultation unit within DLSE to provide consultant services to an employer or employee regarding compliance with labor standards.

- **AB554: Employment Workforce Services: (Atkins)**

Status: Signed on October 6, 2011.

This bill would require California Workforce Investment Boards to ensure that programs and services funded by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and directed to apprenticeable occupations including pre-apprenticeship

training are conducted and coordination with one or more apprenticeship programs approved by the DAS for the occupation and geographic area. This bill would require that the California Workforce Investment Board and each local board to develop a policy of fostering collaboration between community colleges and approved apprenticeship programs in the geographic areas to provide apprenticeship training and continuing education in apprenticeship occupations through the approved apprenticeship program.

- **AB848: Apprenticeship Programs: (Campos)**

Status: On hold in the Senate Appropriations suspense file.

This bill would require recipients of Related Implemental Instruction money and the building and construction trades to report annually information concerning the number and percentage of apprentices who have received post-secondary educational credit.

- **AB1346: Certification of Electricians: (Atkins)**

Status: Signed on October 9, 2011.

This bill requires individuals desiring to be certified to submit an application for certification and examination that includes an employment history report from the Social Security Administration. The Social Security number may be redacted before submitting the document.

- **AB1088: State Agencies: Collection of Demographic Data (Eng)**

Status: Signed on October 9, 2011.

This bill would require a state agency, board, or commission that directly or by contract collects demographic data to include data on specified collection categories and tabulations in every demographic report on ancestry or ethnic origins of California residents that it publishes or releases on or after July 1, 2012.

This bill would require specified agencies to use additional separate collection categories and tabulations for other major Asian groups and Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander groups, including, but not limited to, Asian Indian, Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai, Vietnamese, Fijian, Native Hawaiian, Guamanian (also known as Chamorro), Samoan, and Tongan. This bill would also require these agencies to update their data collection categories to match those used by the United States Census Bureau. This bill would further require these agencies to make the collected data available to the public, in accordance with state and federal law, except for personal identifying information, which shall be deemed confidential, by requiring these state agencies, on or before July 1, 2012, to post, and annually update, the demographic data on their Internet Web sites.

Deputy Chief Glen Forman reported that this will affect all the demographic data that is collected on a DAS 1 apprenticeship programs. The current form has seven categories. The bill would require DAS to include 20 categories. Mr. Forman further stated that in order to facilitate the change,

DAS will create a one sided form with a code sheet, attached to it, as a second page. The code needs to be entered on the front of the sheet.

- Deputy Chief Forman also reported that all bills that have been signed become effective January 1, 2012.

III. New Bills

- **SB281: Career Technical Education: (Wyland)**

Status: In Senate Education Committee; two year bill.

The existing law authorizes the governing board of a high school district, the governing board of a joint powers regional occupational center or program, or the county superintendent of school that conducts any county-operated regional occupational center or program, to establish and maintain, in connection with a high school or regional occupational center or program under its or his or her jurisdiction, cooperative career technical education programs or community classrooms as part of a career technical education course in accordance with prescribed rules and regulations.

This bill would require the local school district governing boards appoint numbers to the committee to include individuals from labor and trade organizations and representatives from various CTE industry sectors recommended by local organization. It includes labor and trade organizations who shall be appointed by the governing board of the school district. The committee shall also include representatives of CTE industry sectors including the building and construction trades.

IV. Other Items of Interest

- Commissioner de la Pena commented on the recent RSI “Task Force” issue. She stated that it is not a legislative issue at this point. She encouraged the attendees to send their comments to the Chancellor’s office. She also stated the Fire Fighters lobbyists have been in contact with the State Building Trades lobbyists and are talking about what type of political force they can put behind stopping the issue from going into flexibility. She encouraged any organizations with lobbyists to coordinate their efforts.
- She further reported that the time line in terms of legislation is January 10, 2012 when the governor submits the budget for the fiscal year 2012-13. January 13, 2012 is the last day for policy committees to hear bills that were introduced in 2011. January 20, 2012 is the last day for committees to hear and report to the floor on bills introduced in the house for 2011. January 31, 2012 is the last day for each house to pass bills introduced in 2011.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Buckhorn and seconded by Commissioner Dozier. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.