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Section

1 Workforce development areas.

Subd. 1. Designation of workforce development areas. Changes designation of workforce service areas to workforce development areas; changes reference of Job Training Partnership to Workforce Investment Act.

Subd. 2. Creation of local workforce development boards. Changes reference from local workforce council to local workforce development board.

Subd. 3. Membership on local workforce development boards. Updates references to workforce development boards. Specifies area workforce and community-based organization membership on local boards to include: labor, veterans, persons with disabilities, minorities, older workers, housing, secondary career and technical education or philanthropic organizations, which must constitute at least 20 percent of the membership of the board. The current law percentage is 15 percent. Also specifies that community colleges are included in reference to higher educational agencies and clarifies references to vocational rehabilitation programs and representatives of adult education and literacy programs. Adds the director of area apprenticeship training and a company or trade association with a recognized apprenticeship program to membership on local board. Specifies that local adult basic education program must nominate a member to serve on the board.

Subd. 4. Purposes; duties of local workforce development board. Replaces references to “council” with reference to “board.” Directs local board to consult with the commissioner prior to the award of competitive grants in the local area.

Section

- 2** **Revisor instructions.** Directs the revisor of statutes to update references from workforce service area(s) to workforce development area(s) throughout statutes.