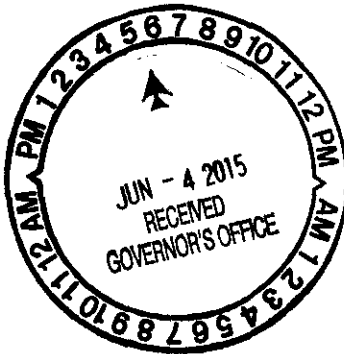


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1           §41-29-300.

2           (a) The Regional Workforce Development Councils are  
3 hereby established as an appointed group of state business and  
4 industry senior managers. The Regional Workforce Development  
5 Councils shall be appointed from no less than six and no more  
6 than 10 regions. The Deputy Secretary of the Workforce  
7 Development Division of the Department of Commerce and the  
8 Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System shall  
9 jointly promulgate rules related to the establishment and  
10 governance of these councils. The Deputy Secretary of the  
11 Workforce Development Division of the Department of Commerce  
12 shall follow the operating guidelines previously adopted by  
13 the Workforce Development Division of the Alabama Community  
14 College System (WDD/ACCS). The Regional Workforce Development  
15 Councils shall provide a direct link to the workforce needs of  
16 business and industry at the local level. The councils shall  
17 be business-driven and business-led and work with their member  
18 counties and shall develop a regional strategic plan and  
19 comprehensive workforce development system that supports local  
20 economic and job development activities.

21           (b) The Regional Workforce Development Councils  
22 shall make funding recommendations for grant applications  
23 submitted, based on the documented needs of the region as  
24 identified in their strategic plans.

1           (c) Each council shall meet at least quarterly, but  
2 may meet more frequently upon the call of the chair. Members  
3 of each council may participate in a meeting of the council by  
4 means of conference telephone, video conference, or similar  
5 communications equipment by means of which all persons  
6 participating in the meeting may hear each other at the same  
7 time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in  
8 person at a meeting for all purposes, including the  
9 establishment of a quorum.

10           (d) The objectives of the Regional Workforce  
11 Development Councils are to:

12           (1) Promote a workforce development system in the  
13 region through the development of communication strategies  
14 among agencies and by advancing initiatives that support the  
15 efficient and effective use of resources.

16           (2) Assess current and future workforce needs of  
17 employers in the region. Establish a strategic plan to meet  
18 capacity and skill development and training needs in the  
19 region and ensure that the investment of public workforce  
20 development funds are addressing priority needs in the region.

21           (3) Partner with workforce development service  
22 providers, including the two-year colleges, or other workforce  
23 development regions in planning and developing actions to  
24 address specific workforce development priorities.

1           (4) Serve as a co-applicant for workforce  
2 development funds requested through the WDD/ACCS.

3           (5) Monitor effectiveness of state-funded and  
4 federally funded training projects in the region and the  
5 impact on overall workforce and economic development.

6           (6) Assist in examining the service delivery  
7 structure and coordination among entities providing workforce  
8 development services in the region.

9           (7) Expand the resource base available for workforce  
10 development in the region.

11           (8) Coordinate planning with economic developers and  
12 elected officials to ensure that workforce development  
13 strategies support economic development goals in the region.

14           (9) Serve as an advocate for high quality workforce  
15 development activities in the region.

16           (10) Assist the WDD/ACCS in establishing practices  
17 that ensure high quality training and services are provided in  
18 the region. The Regional Workforce Development Councils will  
19 utilize the WDD/ACCS as the provider of high quality training  
20 and services, unless otherwise restricted by law, rule, or  
21 regulation.

22           Section 12. Section 41-23-7, Code of Alabama 1975,  
23 is amended and renumbered to read as follows:

24           "~~§41-23-7.~~ 41-29-400.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives



President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 07-MAY-15.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

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