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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-153-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD TO DESIGNATE ONE OR MORE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTERS AT THE REQUEST OF AFFILIATED COMMUNITY OR JUNIOR COLLEGES TO PROVIDE SKILLS TRAINING TO INDIVIDUALS TO ENHANCE THEIR ABILITY TO BE EMPLOYED IN THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY IN THIS STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 37-153-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-153-11. (1) There are created workforce development centers to provide assessment, training and placement services to individuals needing retraining, training and upgrading for small business and local industry. Each workforce development center shall be affiliated with a separate public community or junior college district.

(2) Each workforce development center shall be staffed and organized locally by the affiliated community college. The workforce development center shall serve as staff to the affiliated district council.

(3) Each workforce development center, working in concert with its affiliated district council, shall offer and arrange services to accomplish the purposes of this chapter, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) For individuals needing training and retraining:
 - (i) Recruiting, assessing, counseling and referring to training or jobs;
 - (ii) Preemployment training for those with no experience in the private enterprise system;

(iii) Basic literacy skills training and high school equivalency education;

(iv) Vocational and technical training, full-time or part-time; and

(v) Short-term skills training for educationally and economically disadvantaged adults in cooperation with federally established employment and training programs;

(b) For specific small businesses, industries or firms within the district:

(i) Job analysis, testing and curriculum development;

(ii) Development of specific long-range training plans;

(iii) Industry or firm-related preemployment training;

(iv) Workplace basic skills and literacy training;

(v) Customized skills training;

(vi) Assistance in developing the capacity for total quality management training;

(vii) Technology transfer information and referral services to business of local applications of new research in cooperation with the University Research Center, the state's universities and other laboratories; and

(viii) Development of business plans;

(c) For public schools within the district technical assistance to secondary schools in curriculum coordination, development of tech prep programs, instructional development and resource coordination; and

(d) For economic development, a local forum and resource center for all local industrial development groups to meet and promote regional economic development.

(4) Each workforce development center shall compile and make accessible to the Mississippi Workforce Investment Board necessary

information for use in evaluating outcomes of its efforts and in improving the quality of programs at each community college, and shall include information on literacy initiatives. Each workforce development center shall, through an interagency management information system, maintain records on new small businesses, placement, length of time on the job after placement and wage rates of those placed in a form containing such information as established by the state council.

(5) The Mississippi Community College Board is authorized to designate one or more workforce development centers at the request of affiliated community or junior colleges to provide skills training to individuals to enhance their ability to be employed in the motion picture industry in this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2012.

PASSED BY THE SENATE
May 1, 2012



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
May 1, 2012



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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