

Amendment to SB 227-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Unemployment Fund; Employer Rates. Amend RSA 282-A:87, IV to read as follows:

4 IV.(a)(1) Each employer subject to payment of contributions pursuant to RSA 282-A:69, I  
5 shall have its rate reduced by ~~[2/10]~~ **1/2** of one percent beginning in the ~~[second]~~ **third** quarter of  
6 ~~[2007]~~ **2017**. An administrative contribution equal to the amount of this reduction shall be paid by  
7 all such employers.

8 (2) Commencing ~~[July 1, 2007]~~ **September 1, 2017**, after deduction of all costs  
9 incurred in the collection of the administrative contribution, 1/3 of the quarterly administrative  
10 contribution collected, not to exceed ~~[\$2,000,000]~~ **\$8,500,000** annually, shall be deposited each  
11 quarter in the fund established by RSA 282-A:138-a and shall be expended only as provided by and  
12 for the purposes provided in that section. The remaining quarterly administrative contribution  
13 collected shall **then be divided so that the proportional share of the quarterly**  
14 **administrative contribution resulting from the increase over 2/10 of one percent shall then**  
15 **be deposited in the unemployment compensation fund established under RSA 282-A:103**  
16 **and the remaining amount** deposited in the fund established by RSA 282-A:140 and shall be  
17 expended only as provided by and for the purposes provided in that section, and not for any other  
18 purpose.

19 2 Training Fund. Amend RSA 282-A:138-a, I to read as follows:

20 I. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special fund to be known as the training  
21 fund. Commencing January 1, 2002, the moneys in this fund may be used, solely as determined by  
22 the commissioner of resources and economic development in accordance with rules and guidelines  
23 adopted by the commissioner of resources and economic development, **after consultation with the**  
24 **governor's state workforce innovation board**, for funding training under the job training  
25 program for economic growth, established under RSA 12-A:51-58. Rulemaking authority relative to  
26 administration of the grant award process shall be with the commissioner of resources and economic  
27 development pursuant to RSA 12-A:54, II(a).

28 3 Job Training Program Expanded. Amend RSA 12-A:51 to read as follows:

29 12-A:51 Program Established. There is hereby established a program to provide job training  
30 which is designed to attract new business, assist in the expansion of business, and retain existing  
31 business in the state of New Hampshire. **Pursuant to rules adopted by the commissioner of**  
32 **resources and economic development under RSA 541-A, no more than \$500,000 annually**

1 *may be provided to further support programs offered as of January 1, 2017, and in*  
2 *addition to programs offered as of January 1, 2017, funding shall be provided for:*

3 *I. Training individuals not otherwise eligible for state or federal training funds*  
4 *available as of January 1, 2017, including the cost of certificate programs and*  
5 *occupational skills training in order to fill current in-demand employment in New*  
6 *Hampshire with employers having immediate employment needs, with a priority for jobs*  
7 *identified through the state's sector partnership initiative;*

8 *II. Enhanced support services, including child care and transportation assistance,*  
9 *which would not otherwise be available through any other state, federal or other*  
10 *programs, with such assistance limited to income eligible individuals with an identified*  
11 *career path and who are determined to be in need of such support services to successfully*  
12 *compete for employment opportunities;*

13 *III. The WorkReadyNH program established by the community college system of*  
14 *New Hampshire in an amount no more than \$500,000 annually, including expanding the*  
15 *WorkReadyNH program to current high school students in grades 10 through 12 on a pilot*  
16 *basis;*

17 *IV. Marketing for and program availability of certificate programs and*  
18 *occupational skills training opportunities for New Hampshire high school students upon*  
19 *graduation in order to fill current in-demand employment in New Hampshire;*

20 *V. Marketing of New Hampshire's workforce development initiatives to employers*  
21 *and business community representatives in New Hampshire; and*

22 *VI. Outreach and coordination of services provided in this section to populations*  
23 *with higher than average unemployment in New Hampshire, including persons in need of*  
24 *training to change careers, persons with substance use disorders who are in recovery*  
25 *programs, legal immigrants and speakers of languages other than English.*

26 4 Eligible Costs; Job Training Program. Amend RSA 12-A:56, IV to read as follows:

27 IV. The department may use no more than 10 percent, or [~~\$200,000~~] **\$850,000**, of any  
28 moneys received from the training fund established at RSA 282-A:138-a, whichever is less, to  
29 administer this program.

30 5 Report; Job Training Program; New Paragraph. Amend RSA 12-A:58 by inserting after  
31 paragraph III the following new paragraph:

32 IV. The commissioner shall annually provide a report to the governor's state workforce  
33 innovation board, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of senate, the chairman  
34 of the senate committee with jurisdiction over commerce issues and the chairperson of the house  
35 committee with jurisdiction over labor issues concerning the effectiveness of all job training  
36 programs and services.

37 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.