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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN
TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Introduced By: Representative K. Joseph Shekarchi

Date Introduced: June 25, 2015

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-45-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-45 entitled
2 "Apprenticeship Programs in Trade and Industry" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **28-45-2. Apprenticeship council.** -- (a) The director of labor and training, with the
4 advice and consent of the governor, shall appoint a state apprenticeship council composed of four
5 (4) representatives each from employer and employee organizations respectively and one public
6 member. One of the employer representatives shall represent a business employing less than fifty
7 (50) employees. In making his or her appointments, the director shall give due consideration to
8 include representatives from different types of industries, including those industries participating
9 in non-trade apprenticeship programs established pursuant to § 42-102-11. The council shall, by
10 majority vote, elect from its membership a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary. The
11 vice-chairperson shall act in the absence or inability of the chairperson.

12 (b) Upon the expiration of the terms of the council's present membership, the director of
13 labor and training, with the advice and consent of the governor, shall appoint members to the
14 apprenticeship council for initial terms, and those members shall hold office until their successors
15 are appointed and have qualified, as follows:

16 (1) One representative each from employer and employee organizations respectively, for
17 an initial term of one year;

18 (2) One representative each from employer and employee organizations respectively, for

1 an initial term of two (2) years;

2 (3) One representative each from employer and employee organizations respectively, for
3 an initial term of three (3) years; and

4 (4) One representative each from employer and employee organizations respectively, for
5 an initial term of four (4) years.

6 (5) One public member, representing a community organization, for an initial term of
7 four (4) years.

8 (c) Upon the expiration of those initial terms, members shall be appointed for terms of
9 four (4) years, and shall hold office until their successors are appointed and have qualified. Any
10 vacancy shall be filled by appointments by the director of labor and training, with the advice and
11 consent of the governor, for the unexpired portion of the term. The commissioner of elementary
12 and secondary education, the director of labor and training shall be members of the council, ex-
13 officio, without vote.

14 (d) The council may, by majority vote, designate any consultants that it may deem
15 necessary and desirable to assist it in the performance of its duties.

16 (e) Members of the board shall not be compensated for their service on the board.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the director of labor and training to consider representatives from
2 industries participating in non-trade apprenticeship programs when making appointments to the
3 apprenticeship council.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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