

Background: GWIB was established in 1983 as the Governor's Employment and Training Council. This independent agency was later transferred to the Department of Economic and Employment Development. In 1993 it was again made an independent agency, assumed the duties of the State Council on Vocational-Technical Education, and began serving as Maryland's human resource investment council under the federal Job Training Partnership Act. In 1998 the Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) mandated the existence of state-level GWIB-type organizations to implement provisions of federal worker training programs. A 1998 executive order renamed the entity the Governor's Workforce Investment Board. In 2003 the independent agency was transferred into DLLR, which is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the State's workforce development system.

DLLR asserts that WIA provisions related to state board member requirements cannot be met unless the limitation to 40 members is removed from State law. However, Legislative Services' review of WIA determined that while there is no limitation on the number of board members there also is no requirement that the number of members be unlimited. WIA simply sets out categories of members required to be appointed to the state board.

Additional Information

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