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UPDATED VERSION*

SUMMARY

- Requires the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation to act as a liaison between the business community and the Department of Education or the Chancellor of Higher Education regarding industry-recognized credentials and certificate programs.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

The act requires the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation to act as a liaison between the business community and the Department of Education or the Chancellor of Higher Education regarding industry-recognized credentials and certificate programs. The Office must accept inquiries from the business community about:

1. Industry-recognized credentials approved by the committee established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in collaboration with the Office and representatives of business organizations, under continuing law;
2. Certificate programs and industry-recognized credentials included in the inventory created by the Chancellor under continuing law; and
3. Any other existing or proposed credential or certificate program that the Office determines is necessary to meet Ohio's workforce needs.¹

In response to the inquiries, the Office must request information from the Department about industry-recognized credentials approved by the state Superintendent's committee, or

* This version updates the effective date.

¹ R.C. 6301.22(A).

from the Chancellor regarding industry-recognized credentials or certificate programs included in the inventory or offered by private nonprofit institutions of higher education.²

The Office also must convene a review of an existing or proposed industry-recognized credential or certificate program in collaboration with the Department, the Chancellor, and other stakeholders, including regional education providers, determined appropriate by the Office. The Office must submit to the business that initiated the inquiry the Department's or Chancellor's findings.³

The act stipulates that it does not affect responsibilities assigned under continuing law to the state Superintendent's committee and the Chancellor.⁴

HISTORY

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Introduced	05-16-19
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² R.C. 6301.22(B).

³ R.C. 6301.22(C).

⁴ R.C. 6301.22(D).