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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to the creation of an online, searchable database to catalogue workforce development programs in the state

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 49 of section 100 of the economic development law, as renumbered by chapter 781 of the laws of 2021, is renumbered subdivision 50 and a new subdivision 49 is added to read as follows:

49. (a) to, in conjunction with the department of labor, establish and maintain an online, searchable database to catalogue and make available information on workforce development funding programs and may publish any analysis or reports conducted or authorized by the department, or other state agencies or entities, on any such data, reports or information. Such an online, searchable workforce development database shall be made available by the department by January first, two thousand twenty-three and updated at least quarterly, thereafter. The workforce development online, searchable database shall provide program information related to federal and state funding and programs that provide targeted educational, occupational or training services for the purpose of effecting the employability of the participant, provides training or employment services, supports an economic development activity by enhancing the skills of the state's workforce, prepares individuals for employment, improves opportunities for individuals to become employed, or promotes understanding of the state labor force market through statistical studies, including but not limited to programs that fund or provide English as a second language and adult literacy. For each workforce development funding program, the online, searchable database shall include, but not be limited to, the following information for each funding program:

(i) the name of the funding program and the federal or state agency or entity administering the funding program;

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(ii) a description of the purpose of the funding program;
(iii) a specific program Uniform Resource Locator ("URL"), if any;
(iv) the year the program was established;
(v) a catalog of federal domestic assistance numbers, if any;
(vi) the legal authority, including statute and regulation citations;
(vii) the program and fiscal contact information including agency name, telephone number, and email address;
(viii) all eligibility requirements;
(ix) any program and special restrictions;
(x) any action or actions required to receive aid;
(xi) a description of aid which shall include, but not be limited to, the flow of funds between entities, the type of aid formula used, any matching requirements and any maintenance of effort;
(xii) all amounts appropriated in the most recent three years, broken down by fiscal year and categorized by federal funds, state general funds and state special revenue;
(xiii) all amounts disbursed for the prior two fiscal years broken down by federal funds, state general funds and state special revenue; and
(xiv) all relevant data on the outcomes and effectiveness of such funding program and the number of persons served by such funding.

(b) Any state agency or entity that administers or oversees workforce development funding, workforce development programs, or other databases or catalogues shall: (i) provide a link on their websites to the workforce development database maintained by the department; and (ii) report to the commissioner, within forty-five days of the end of the applicable fiscal year for the funding program, the information specified in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, together with such other information as the commissioner deems material and necessary for inclusion in the online, searchable database. The state agency or entity shall provide information through an electronic reporting system available on the department's website.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.