

**HB 1949 - DIGEST**

Creates the skilled worker outreach, recruitment, and key training program to increase the state's skilled workforce by awarding matching grants to eligible applicants.

Requires the department of commerce to: (1) Administer the grant program and establish a process for accepting grant applications;

(2) Establish a grant review committee to review grant applications and make recommendations on who should receive a matching grant and the amount; and

(3) In coordination with the workforce training and education coordinating board, assess current and future workforce needs and coordinate skilled worker training and education programs throughout the state to assist with implementation of the grant program.

Creates the skilled worker outreach, recruitment, and key training program account.