

**SB 6274 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Establishes the passport to apprenticeship opportunities act.

Creates the passport to apprenticeship opportunities program to: (1) Encourage foster youth and youth experiencing homelessness to prepare for, enroll in, and successfully complete an apprenticeship; and

(2) Provide foster youth and youth experiencing homelessness with the planning, information, institutional support, and direct financial resources necessary for them to succeed in a preapprenticeship or apprenticeship.

Requires the employment security department to: (1) Design and implement a program of assistance for residents who emancipated from the state foster care system after having spent at least one day in care or who experienced homelessness for one day between the ages of thirteen and eighteen;

(2) Convene and consult with an advisory committee to assist with program design and implementation; and

(3) With input from the state apprenticeship and training council and the foster care partnership, develop and maintain a web site and outreach program to serve as a portal for foster and homeless youth to obtain information regarding apprenticeships and preapprenticeships.

Requires the department of social and health services and the department of commerce to devise and implement procedures for: (1) Identifying applicants eligible for services; and

(2) Sharing that information with the employment security department.