



# HOUSE BILL 64: NCWorks Commission Membership Modification.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 64 is an agency bill for the Department of Commerce that would add a total of four statutory members to the NCWorks Commission to maintain compliance with federal requirements.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The NCWorks Commission is the State's designated workforce development board pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act ("WIOA"), which provides funding for State workforce development programs. The Commission assists the Governor in designing and implementing the State workforce development plan in accordance with WIOA requirements.

The Commission currently has 33 members, including:

- Seven ex officio members serving while they hold their respective offices:
  - The Governor.
  - The Secretary of the Department of Administration.
  - The Secretary of the Department of Commerce.
  - The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.
  - The Superintendent of Public Instruction
  - The President of the Community Colleges System Office.
  - The President of The University of North Carolina system.
- Twenty-six members appointed by the Governor, serving staggered four-year terms:
  - Seventeen members representing business and industry in the State.
  - Seven members representing the workforce in the State.
  - One member representing local elected city officials.
  - One member representing local elected county officials.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Section 1 of the bill would add a total of four members to the Commission, including:

- Two additional ex officio members:
  - The State official with primary responsibility for Adult Education and Family Literacy.
  - The State official with primary responsibility for Vocational Rehabilitation or Services for the Blind.
- Two additional gubernatorial appointees representing business and industry in the State. The initial terms of these two appointees would end on October 31, 2021.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

**BACKGROUND:** The proposed changes to the Commission membership are in response to guidance received from the U.S. Departments of Labor and Education.

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