

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 72: Bureau of Labor and Industries Registered Apprenticeship Program Compliance**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

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The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$631,615 in the Other Funds expenditure limitation and authorizing the establishment of nine limited duration positions (3.00 FTE) for the Bureau of Labor and Industries in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2024 legislative session to address the registered apprenticeship program compliance review backlog.

The Bureau of Labor and Industries is mandated by Federal and State laws to conduct compliance reviews for registered apprenticeship programs. The Bureau's Apprenticeship and Training Division oversees 154 programs with over 10,000 apprentices. Currently, a significant backlog affects 97.5% of programs due to pandemic restrictions hindering in-person reviews.

The agency proposes to address the COVID-related compliance review backlog by using \$631,615 in unspent American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds to hire nine limited-duration positions through December 2024. This is anticipated to result in the completion of approximately 85 compliance reviews.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends approval.