

116J.401 DESIGNATION; DUTIES; DATA.

Subdivision 1. **State agency.** The commissioner of employment and economic development is designated the "state agency" as defined by United States Code, title 29, section 49c, the Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** The commissioner of employment and economic development shall:

(1) provide regional development commissions, the Metropolitan Council, and units of local government with information, technical assistance, training, and advice on using federal and state programs;

(2) receive and administer the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program authorized by Congress under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;

(3) receive and administer the section 107 technical assistance program grants authorized by Congress under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;

(4) receive, administer, and supervise other state and federal grants and grant programs for planning, community affairs, community development purposes, employment and training services, and other state and federal programs assigned to the department by law or by the governor in accordance with section 4.07;

(5) receive applications for state and federal grants and grant programs for planning, community affairs, and community development purposes, and other state and federal programs assigned to the department by law or by the governor in accordance with section 4.07;

(6) act as the agent of, and cooperate with, the federal government in matters of mutual concern, including the administration of any federal funds granted to the state to aid in the performance of functions of the commissioner;

(7) provide consistent, integrated employment and training services across the state;

(8) administer the Wagner-Peyser Act, the Workforce Investment Act, and other federal employment and training programs;

(9) establish the standards for all employment and training services administered under this chapter and chapters 116L, 248, 268, and 268A;

(10) administer the aspects of the Minnesota family investment program, general assistance, and food stamps that relate to employment and training services, subject to the contract under section 116L.86, subdivision 1;

- (11) obtain reports from local service units and service providers for the purpose of evaluating the performance of employment and training services;
- (12) as requested, certify employment and training services, and decertify services that fail to comply with performance criteria according to standards established by the commissioner;
- (13) develop standards for the contents and structure of the local service unit plans and plans for Indian tribe employment and training services, review and comment on those plans, and approve or disapprove the plans;
- (14) supervise the county boards of commissioners, local service units, and any other units of government designated in federal or state law as responsible for employment and training programs;
- (15) establish administrative standards and payment conditions for providers of employment and training services;
- (16) enter into agreements with Indian tribes as necessary to provide employment and training services as appropriate funds become available;
- (17) cooperate with the federal government and its employment and training agencies in any reasonable manner as necessary to qualify for federal aid for employment and training services and money;
- (18) administer and supervise all forms of unemployment insurance provided for under federal and state laws;
- (19) provide current state and substate labor market information and forecasts, in cooperation with other agencies;
- (20) require all general employment and training programs that receive state funds to make available information about opportunities for women in nontraditional careers in the trades and technical occupations;
- (21) consult with the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind on matters pertaining to programs and services for the blind and visually impaired;
- (22) enter into agreements with other departments of the state and local units of government as necessary; and
- (23) establish and maintain administrative units necessary to perform administrative functions common to all divisions of the department.

Subd. 3. **Classification of data on individuals.** Data collected on individuals pursuant to a program operated by the commissioner are private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, unless more restrictively classified by law.

History: 1984 c 558 art 4 s 4; 1Sp1985 c 14 art 9 s 40; 1987 c 312 art 1 s 26; 1987 c 403 art 2 s 129,130; art 3 s 50; 1989 c 282 art 5 s 123,124; 1993 c 172 s 78; 1994 c 483 s 1; 1995 c 248 art 11 s 19; 1995 c 259 art 1 s 40; 1996 c 339 s 2,3; 1997 c 7 art 5 s 34; 1997 c 66 s 80; 1997 c 85 art 4 s 26; 1997 c 245 art 4 s 6; 1998 c 265 s 2; 1998 c 366 s 65; 1999 c 107 s 66; 1999 c 159 s 119; 2000 c 343 s 4; 2001 c 79 s 3; 2001 c 175 s 52; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 10 s 61; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 113; 1Sp2003 c 4 s 1; 1Sp2003 c 14 art 1 s 106; 2004 c 206 s 12,40,52