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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, the Industrial Development
6 and Training Institute operates as a Division of the
7 Department of Commerce to provide workforce development
8 for businesses and education and training to the
9 state's workforce. If AIDT plans to construct a new
10 building or renovate an existing building, the AIDT
11 director must certify to the Governor that the proposal
12 is consistent with the Strategic Workforce Plan.

13 This bill would revise references to the plan to
14 the new comprehensive statewide economic development
15 strategic plan.

16 Consistent with Executive Order 2012-31 and Act
17 2013-118, AIDT's contracts are generally exempt from
18 review by the Legislative Contract Review Oversight
19 Committee, with an exception for legal service
20 contracts.

21 This bill would codify the existing AIDT
22 exemption from the general contract review requirements
23 of the Legislative Contract Review Oversight Committee,
24 and would also exempt its legal services contracts from
25 review by the committee.

26 Also under existing law, every governmental
27 body, unless exempted, is subject to the requirements
28 of the state procurement laws when making procurements



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for goods and services other than public works.

This bill would provide that AIDT is exempt from the requirements of the state procurement law for the procurement of supplies and services other than public works.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Department of Commerce; to amend Section 41-29-282, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that the Alabama Industrial Development Training Institute (AIDT) within the Department of Commerce is exempt from the state procurement law and review by the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee; and to further provide for the strategic plan applicable to AIDT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 41-29-282, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§41-29-282

(a) AIDT shall operate as a division of the Department of Commerce. All of the powers, authority, duties, functions, policies, ~~and~~ funds of, and appropriations to AIDT previously conferred upon or granted to AIDT reporting to the State Board of Education through the Division of Vocational-Technical Education or by Alabama Executive Order No. 2012-31 are



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confirmed, ratified, continued, transferred to, and vested in AIDT.

(b) All contracts, leases, grants, and agreements previously entered by AIDT shall continue in full force and effect without modification or interruption by this restructuring. AIDT may enter into new contracts, agreements, and other instruments necessary to procure goods, services, training, and related resources in furtherance of its purpose, as set forth in Section 41-29-280, and shall be exempt from both of the following:

(1) Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 41, relating to the state procurement law.

(2) Chapter 2 of Title 29, relating to the Permanent Legislative Committees, including the Contract Review Legislative Oversight Committee.

(c) All property currently owned by AIDT shall continue to be the property of AIDT. If AIDT plans to construct any new building, retrofit or renovate any of its existing buildings, or request or receive any state or federal funding to construct, retrofit, or renovate any of its buildings, the AIDT director shall first certify to ~~a~~ the Governor that the proposal is consistent with the ~~Strategic Workforce Plan~~ comprehensive statewide economic development strategic plan.

(d) AIDT shall continue to be headed by a director, who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and shall serve at his or her pleasure. The powers, duties, and qualifications required of the director shall be as set forth in the AIDT Policy Manual, as amended from time to time and



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85 approved by the Secretary of Commerce."

86 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October

87 1, 2026.