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SYNOPSIS:

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

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

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

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

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



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29 for goods and services other than public works.

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

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A BILL

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TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

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

47 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

50 "§41-29-282

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



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

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

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

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

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

80 (d) AIDT shall continue to be headed by a director, who
81 shall be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and shall
82 serve at his or her pleasure. The powers, duties, and
83 qualifications required of the director shall be as set forth
84 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.