

Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings regarding a strategic assessment of the City's workforce agencies.

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation (PWDC) is a private non-profit organization that has been providing quality employment services to the residents of Philadelphia for over thirty-five years, both unemployed and underemployed individuals; and

WHEREAS, On November 22, 2010, Mayor Michael A. Nutter announced the appointment of Mark Edwards as President and CEO of the Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation (PWDC); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards will direct 170 employees and oversee an annual budget in excess of \$100 million for workforce development activities in Philadelphia. PWDC is the fiscal agent for the City for federal and state employment and training funds and it is the largest single entity in the City's workforce development system; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1999, the Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that serves as the staff to a volunteer Board appointed by the Mayor of Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board works to align the skills of the region's labor force to meet the needs of industry, in support of the region's growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, The Nutter Administration had begun a formal review of these workforce agencies to align the City's workforce development system to benefit employers and job seekers alike; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development is hereby authorized to hold hearings regarding a strategic assessment of the City's workforce agencies.