

MEMORANDUM

DATE	May 3, 2017
TO	Policy and Advocacy Committee
FROM	 Konnor Leitzell Student Assistant
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #6(c)(25) – AB 827 (Rubio) – Department of Consumer Affairs: Task Force: Foreign-Trained Professionals

Background:

This bill would establish the California Opportunity Act of 2017. This Act would require the Department of Consumer Affairs to create a task force to study and conduct reports on the licensing of foreign-trained professionals into the state's workforce. These reports must include strategies to integrate foreign-trained professionals along with methods to implement the strategies. The reports are also required to identify any state and national licensing regulations that potentially pose unnecessary barriers for foreign-trained professionals as well as identifying the best practices to integrate foreign-trained professionals into the workforce in other states.

Location: Assembly Committee on Appropriations

Status: 4/26/2017 Referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations Suspense File

Votes: 3/28/2017 Assembly Committee on Business and Professions (14-0-2)

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 827 (Rubio) to monitor the potential impact this task force may have on the Board.

Attachment A: AB 827 (Rubio) text

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AB-827 Department of Consumer Affairs: task force: foreign-trained professionals. (2017-2018)

SECTION 1. *This act shall be known as the California Opportunity Act of 2017.*

SEC. 2. *Section 110.5 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:*

110.5. (a) *The Department of Consumer Affairs shall create a task force to study and write the report described in subdivision (c) regarding the licensing of foreign-trained professionals with the goal of integrating foreign-trained professionals into the state's workforce.*

(b) *The task force shall consist of the following 15 members:*

(1) *The Director of Consumer Affairs, or his or her designee, who shall serve as the chair of the task force.*

(2) *One member appointed by the Governor.*

(3) *One member appointed by the President pro Tempore of the Senate.*

(4) *One member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.*

(5) *One member of the Regents of the University of California.*

(6) *One member of the Trustees of the California State University.*

(7) *One member of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.*

(8) *Four members appointed by the Governor who are representatives of the private sector from diverse regions in the state.*

(9) *Four members appointed by the Governor who are representatives of nonprofit organizations that serve the immigrant community from diverse regions in the state.*

(c) (1) *The task force shall write a report of its findings and recommendations regarding the licensing of foreign-trained professionals, that include, but are not limited to, the following:*

(A) *Strategies to integrate foreign-trained professionals and methods of implementing those strategies, including those recommended by the Little Hoover Commission in its October 2016 report entitled Jobs for Californians: Strategies to Ease Occupational Licensing Barriers (Report #234).*

(B) *Identification of state and national licensing regulations that potentially pose unnecessary barriers to practice for foreign-trained professionals, corresponding changes to state licensing requirements, and opportunities to advocate for corresponding changes to national licensing requirements.*

(C) *Identification of best practices learned from similar efforts to integrate foreign-trained professionals into the workforce in other states.*

(2) *The task force may include in the report guidelines for full licensure and conditional licensing of foreign-trained professionals.*

(3) *The task force may hold hearings and invite testimony from experts and the public to gather information.*

(d) *The task force shall submit the report described in subdivision (c) to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2019, and in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.*

(e) *The following shall also apply:*

(1) *The task force shall meet at least once each calendar quarter. The task force shall meet at least once in*

northern California, once in central California, and once in southern California to facilitate participation by the public.

(2) A majority of the appointed task force shall constitute a quorum. Task force meetings shall be held in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).

(3) (A) Each member shall receive a per diem of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each day actually spent in the discharge of official duties, and shall be reimbursed for traveling and other expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of official duties.

(B) Notwithstanding any other law, a public officer or employee shall not receive per diem salary compensation for serving on the task force on any day when the officer or employee also received compensation for his or her regular public employment.

(4) The task force shall solicit input from a variety of government agencies, stakeholders, and the public, including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) The Little Hoover Commission.

(B) The California Workforce Development Board.

(C) The Department of Industrial Relations.

(D) In- and out-of-state licensing entities.

(E) Professional associations.

(F) Labor and workforce organizations.