

# MT SWIB

STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD

## AGENDA ACTION REPORT

**MEETING** March 14, 2017

**ITEM** WIOA Update

**ACTION REQUESTED** No Action

**PRESENTED BY** Shannon Lewis, SWIB Director

**INFORMATION** In 2014, the President signed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which replaced the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. This new law represents a renewed commitment to workforce development with an eye to the future through innovation and support for individual and national economic growth. It is aimed at increasing opportunities, particularly for those facing barriers to employment, and invests in the important connection between education and career preparation. It looks to the prosperity of workers and employers and focuses on the economic growth of communities, regions, and states to enhance our global competitiveness as a country.

The U.S. Departments of Labor and Education announced the publication of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act final rules in the Federal Register on Friday, August 19, 2016.

The State of Montana has been working to update systems, policies and language to comply with the published rules.

**MOTION** None

**SYNOPSIS** The Youth Committee will focus its efforts on the Youth provisions within WIOA, and provide guidance and feedback on how to better coordinate services within the one-stop system.

State Workforce Innovation Board (SWIB):

- Each state is required to form a state workforce board. Workforce boards are required to have a majority of private-sector business representatives. The state of

Montana board's purpose is to advise the Governor on statewide workforce development strategies that maximize the state's education, training, and employment resources in support of economic development.

Youth Provisions within WIOA:

- Definitions:
- [Out-of-School Youth](#)
- [In-School Youth](#)

For any program year, not less than [75%](#) of funds allotted to states must be used to provide workforce services to out-of-school youth.

Youth Services Under WIOA:

- [Career Services](#)

[Youth Program Design:](#)

- Youth providers must provide a comprehensive assessment of each participant.
- Youth providers must develop service strategies for each participant.
- Youth providers must provide pathways to employment, credentialed training or educational opportunities.

**ATTACHMENTS** None