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SENATE BILL

No. 752

Introduced by Senator Stern

February 22, 2019

An act to add and repeal Chapter 3.7 (commencing with Section 8299) ~~to~~ of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 752, as amended, Stern. The California Master Plan on Tech Equity.

Existing law establishes various advisory boards and commissions in state government with specified duties and responsibilities.

This bill would create, until ~~January 1, 2025~~, *November 30, 2024*, the Commission on Tech Equity consisting of 6 *appointed* members, as ~~specified~~: *specified, and the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development and the Controller serving as ex officio members*. The bill would require the ~~commission to~~, *commission*, among other duties, *to* convene a public process to gather input and to understand the economic, social, workplace, and technological landscape of innovation and technology in California.

~~The bill would also create, until January 1, 2025, the Joint Legislative Committee on the California Master Plan on Tech Equity consisting of 18 members, as specified. The bill would require the committee to, in consultation and collaboration with the Commission on Tech Equity, develop and implement the California Master Plan on Tech Equity, as specified.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) California has the fifth largest economy in the world and
4 leads the country in innovation and diversity.

5 (b) California is committed to developing a plan to become the
6 most competitive, durable, equitable, and sustainable economy in
7 the world where technological innovation strengthens the middle
8 class.

9 (c) Technology, when put to work for the benefit of human
10 society, has fueled progress throughout history, unlocking the
11 growth of high-quality goods and services coupled with overall
12 price reductions and dramatic reductions in poverty, disease, and
13 famine, as well as leaps in science and the arts.

14 (d) Exponential growth in technological innovation, including
15 automation and artificial intelligence, as well as broader economic
16 trends of wage stagnation, declining workforce participation, rising
17 income inequality, and growth in part-time, lower-wage jobs,
18 compel California to update its planning around education,
19 employment, and the economy as a whole to better understand,
20 anticipate, and shape the future of work in the short and long term.

21 (e) The California Master Plan on Tech Equity is necessary to
22 prepare California residents for the future of work and to ensure
23 advancements in technology serve the construction of a durable
24 middle class and sustainable economy.

25 SEC. 2. Chapter 3.7 (commencing with Section 8299) is added
26 to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

27
28 CHAPTER 3.7. THE CALIFORNIA MASTER PLAN ON TECH EQUITY
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30 8299. This chapter shall be known as the Tech Equity Act.

31 8299.1. (a) There is established in state government the
32 Commission on Tech Equity. The commission shall be comprised
33 of six members appointed in accordance with subdivision (c) and
34 shall conduct its business in accordance with this chapter.

1 (b) Members of the commission shall be individuals with
2 knowledge of, and expertise in, work, workforce development,
3 labor, civil rights, technology, and privacy, whether by experience
4 or training.

5 (c) Commission membership shall consist of the following:

6 (1) Four members appointed by the Governor, including at least
7 one representative from organized labor, one from a civil rights
8 organization, one from academia, and one from the private sector.

9 (2) One member appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.

10 (3) One member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

11 (4) The Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development and
12 the Controller shall serve as ex officio members of the commission.

13 8299.2. The Commission on Tech Equity shall do all of the
14 following:

15 (a) (1) Convene a public process to gather input and to
16 understand the economic, social, workplace, and technological
17 landscape of innovation and technology in California.

18 (2) Focus on key areas related to workers, the workplace and
19 state workforce, the state budget, economy, safety net, and other
20 areas related to the public good, which shall include:

21 (A) Privacy.

22 (B) Workforce.

23 (C) Media.

24 (D) Democracy.

25 (E) Competition.

26 (F) Inequality.

27 (b) Commission research to understand the impact of innovation
28 and technology in key areas identified in paragraph (2) of
29 subdivision (a).

30 (c) Advise the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies,
31 departments, and commissions on the impact of technology and
32 innovation on workers, the workplace and state workforce, the
33 state budget, economy, safety net, and other areas related to the
34 public good identified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).

35 (d) Develop recommendations on a policy framework to manage
36 the development, deployment, regulation, taxation, and fair
37 distribution of the benefits of innovation and technology that
38 advance the interests of workers and the public in key areas, as
39 defined.

(e) Submit its recommendations to the Legislature, pursuant to Section 9795, and to the Governor no later than November 1, 2022.

8299.3. The commission shall be advisory only, and there shall be no right or obligation on the part of the state, or the parties meeting and conferring, to implement the findings of the commission without further legislation that specifically authorizes that the evaluations, determinations, and findings of the commission be implemented.

8299.4. ~~(a) The Joint Legislative Committee on the California Master Plan on Tech Equity is hereby created.~~

~~(b) The committee shall be composed of a total of 18 members, as follows:~~

~~(1) Nine Members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.~~

~~(2) Nine Members of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.~~

~~(c) The committee and its members shall have and exercise all of the rights, duties, and powers conferred upon investigating committees and their members by the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly as they are adopted and amended from time to time.~~

~~(d) The committee is authorized to act only until November 30, 2024, and on that date the committee's existence shall terminate.~~

8299.5. ~~(a) The Senate Committee on Rules may make money available from the Senate Operating Fund, as it deems necessary, for the expenses of the committee and its members. Any expenditure of money shall be made in compliance with policies set forth by the Senate Committee on Rules and shall be subject to the approval of the Senate Committee on Rules.~~

~~(b) The committee, within 15 days of authorization and consistent with the normal annual appropriation process for funding legislative committees, shall present its initial budget to the Senate Committee on Rules for its review, comment, and approval.~~

8299.6. ~~(a) (1) The committee shall, in consultation and collaboration with the Commission on Tech Equity, develop the California Master Plan for Tech Equity, which shall be a framework to maximize the benefits of innovation and technology on the workplace and state workforce, the state budget, economy, safety net, and other areas related to the public good while ensuring equity for workers.~~

1 ~~(2) The committee shall consider the recommendations of the~~
2 ~~Commission on Tech Equity as it makes determinations and~~
3 ~~develops proposals for the Legislature regarding public policy~~
4 ~~within the scope of the committee's jurisdiction.~~

5 ~~(b) In consultation with the Commission on Tech Equity,~~
6 ~~academies, technologists, civil rights organizations, the public~~
7 ~~sector, and applicable state agencies and commissions, the~~
8 ~~committee shall develop a plan to implement the California Master~~
9 ~~Plan for Tech Equity by January 1, 2024.~~

10 ~~(c) At the close of each legislative session, the committee shall~~
11 ~~submit a report to the Legislature of the committee's activities.~~

12 8299.7. This chapter shall become inoperative on November
13 30, 2024, and, as of January 1, 2025, is repealed.