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Senate Bill 96 (as introduced 1-28-09)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Boiler Act to require the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth (formerly the Department of Labor and Economic Growth), rather than the board of boiler rules, to promulgate rules designating the course content for boiler operators and stationary engineers.

Public Act 159 of 2008 amended the Boiler Act to provide for the registration of boiler operators and stationary engineers. The Act requires the board to promulgate rules designating the course content for qualified technical education programs for the various categories and classes of registration of boiler operators and stationary engineers. The rules must provide that the course content of programs for entry-level registrants includes at least all of the subject matter areas listed in the Act. The board must provide that the course content for categories and classes other than entry level registrants includes subject matter areas similar to those described in the Act in the degree of depth and difficulty appropriate for the category and class.

Under the bill, the Department and not the board would have those responsibilities.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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