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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
APRIL 5, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 22, 1986 (P.L.1452, No.143),
2 entitled "An act expanding the available adult basic
3 education programs and the duties of the Department of
4 Education; making an appropriation; and making a partial
5 repeal," further providing for eligibility for adult literacy
6 education.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The definition of "eligible adult" in section 3
10 of the act of October 22, 1986 (P.L.1452, No.143), known as the
11 Adult Literacy Act, is amended to read:

12 Section 3. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
14 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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2 "Eligible adult." A person who meets the following criteria:

3 (1) Is at least 17 years of age.

4 (2) Is a resident of this Commonwealth.

5 (3) [Does not hold a high school diploma or its
6 equivalent.

7 (4)] Is not currently enrolled in a public or private
8 secondary or postsecondary school.

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10 SECTION 2. SECTION 4 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ: <—

11 SECTION 4. GRANT PROGRAM.

12 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.--THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE
13 DEPARTMENT AN ADULT LITERACY EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM. ADULT
14 LITERACY EDUCATION PROVIDERS MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR
15 GRANTS TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

16 (1) ADULT LITERACY EDUCATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING
17 SALARIES, WAGES, FRINGE BENEFITS, BOOKS AND OTHER
18 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.

19 (2) TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEER ADULT LITERACY EDUCATION
20 INSTRUCTORS.

21 (3) ADMINISTRATION OF ADULT LITERACY EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

22 (4) SUPPORT SERVICES NECESSARY TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS TO
23 PARTICIPATE IN AND BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAM.

24 (5) OUTREACH ACTIVITIES TO ENROLL ELIGIBLE ADULTS AND TO
25 RECRUIT VOLUNTEER TUTORS AND INSTRUCTORS.

26 (B) PROCEDURES, RULES AND FORMS.--THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT
27 SUCH PROCEDURES, RULES AND FORMS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO
28 IMPLEMENT THIS GRANT PROGRAM. APPLICATIONS SHALL BE MADE TO THE
29 DEPARTMENT IN SUCH FORM AND AT SUCH TIME AS THE SECRETARY MAY
30 PRESCRIBE. FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THIS PROGRAM MAY BE USED IN

1 CONJUNCTION WITH FUNDS RECEIVED FROM ANY OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
2 SOURCE.

3 (C) PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING.--THE SECRETARY SHALL CONSIDER,
4 BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING FACTORS WHEN EVALUATING
5 PROPOSALS FOR ADULT LITERACY EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

6 (1) [NUMBER] PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE ADULTS EXPECTED TO
7 BE ENROLLED [IN CLASSES] FOR INSTRUCTION WHO ARE RECEIVING
8 EITHER STATE OR FEDERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, OR WHO ARE
9 UNEMPLOYED WORKERS OR DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS.

10 (2) [NUMBER] PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE ADULTS IN ANY LOCAL
11 AREA WHO DO NOT HAVE CERTIFICATES OF GRADUATION FROM A
12 SECONDARY SCHOOL AND WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN ADULT
13 LITERACY EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

14 (3) [NUMBER] PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE ADULTS EXPECTED TO
15 BE ENROLLED WHO ARE MEMBERS OF MINORITY GROUPS.

16 (4) [NUMBER] PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE ADULTS WITH LESS
17 THAN A FIFTH GRADE READING LEVEL TO BE SERVED.

18 [(5) THE PROVISION OF CLIENT OUTREACH AND REFERRAL
19 ACTIVITIES THAT ARE COORDINATED WITH OTHER ADULT EDUCATION
20 AND LITERACY PROGRAMS, COUNTY ASSISTANCE OFFICES, SOCIAL
21 SERVICE AGENCIES, OFFICES OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, JOB
22 TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT PROGRAMS AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS
23 OR AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS
24 IN NEED OF BASIC LITERACY SKILLS.]

25 SECTION 3. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
26 SECTION 4.1. DUTY OF DEPARTMENT.

27 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE CLIENT OUTREACH AND REFERRAL
28 ACTIVITIES THAT ARE COORDINATED WITH OTHER ADULT EDUCATION AND
29 LITERACY PROGRAMS, COUNTY ASSISTANCE OFFICES, SOCIAL SERVICE
30 AGENCIES, OFFICES OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, JOB TRAINING

1 PARTNERSHIP ACT PROGRAMS AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS OR AGENCIES
2 THAT PROVIDE SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS IN NEED OF BASIC
3 LITERACY SKILLS.

4 Section 2 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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