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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 9, 2010

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act establishing a unified
3 workforce investment system; restructuring certain
4 administrative functions, procedures and entities;
5 transferring workforce development functions of Commonwealth
6 agencies; establishing the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment
7 Board; providing for critical job training grants, for
8 guarantees for program quality and performance for workforce
9 development programs, for workforce leadership grants; and
10 authorizing local workforce investment boards," in local
11 workforce investment areas and boards, providing for youth
12 councils.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114),
16 known as the Workforce Development Act, is amended by adding a
17 section to read:

18 Section 506. Youth council.

19 (a) Establishment.--A youth council within each local
20 workforce investment board shall be established and appointed by
21 the local workforce investment board, in cooperation with the
22 chief elected official for the local area.

1 (b) Membership.--A youth council shall include:

2 ~~(1) Members of the youth demographic who maintain~~ ←
3 ~~leadership roles in local youth organizations.~~

4 ~~(2) Members of the local board with special interest or~~
5 ~~expertise in youth policy.~~

6 ~~(3) Representatives of youth service agencies, including~~
7 ~~juvenile justice and local law enforcement agencies.~~

8 ~~(4) Parents of eligible youth seeking assistance under~~
9 ~~this section.~~

10 (1) MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL BOARD AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION ←
11 117(B)(2) OF THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998 (PUBLIC LAW
12 105-220, 29 U.S.C. § 2832(B)(2)) WITH SPECIAL INTEREST OR
13 EXPERTISE IN YOUTH POLICY.

14 (2) REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUTH SERVICE AGENCIES, INCLUDING
15 JUVENILE JUSTICE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

16 (3) REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

17 (4) PARENTS OF ELIGIBLE YOUTH SEEKING ASSISTANCE UNDER
18 THIS ACT.

19 (5) INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING FORMER PARTICIPANTS, AND
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCE
21 RELATING TO YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

22 (6) REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JOB CORPS, AS APPROPRIATE.

23 (7) MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH DEMOGRAPHIC WHO MAINTAIN
24 LEADERSHIP ROLES IN LOCAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.

25 (8) SUCH OTHER INDIVIDUALS AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
26 LOCAL BOARD, IN COOPERATION WITH THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL,
27 DETERMINES TO BE APPROPRIATE.

28 (c) Relationship to local workforce investment board.--
29 Members of the youth council who are not members of the local
30 workforce investment board described in section 501 117(B)(2) OF ←

1 THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998 shall be voting members of
2 the youth council and nonvoting members of the local workforce
3 investment board.

4 (d) Duties.--The youth council shall:

5 (1) Develop the portions of the local plan relating to
6 eligible youth as determined by the chairperson of the local
7 workforce investment board.

8 (2) Subject to the approval of the local workforce
9 investment board AND CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 123 OF THE
10 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998 (29 U.S.C. § 2843):

11 (i) Recommend eligible providers of youth activities
12 to be awarded grants or contracts on a competitive basis
13 by the local workforce investment board to carry out the
14 youth activities.

15 (ii) Conduct oversight with respect to the eligible
16 providers of youth activities IN THE LOCAL AREA.

17 (3) Coordinate youth activities ~~in the local area~~
18 AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 129 OF THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT
19 OF 1998 (29 U.S.C. § 2854).

20 (4) Perform other duties as determined to be appropriate
21 by the chairperson of the local workforce investment board.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.