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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," establishing the Governor's
21 Office of Citizen Service (PennServe) within the Department
22 of Labor and Industry; creating the Community Service
23 Advisory Board; and providing for coordination of
24 Commonwealth community service programs.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
26 hereby enacts as follows:

27 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
28 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding an

1 article to read:

2 ARTICLE XXII-B

3 COORDINATION OF COMMONWEALTH

4 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

5 Section 2201-B. Definitions.--The following words and
6 phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given
7 to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates
8 otherwise:

9 "Board" means the Community Service Advisory Board.

10 "Community-based agency" means a private, nonprofit
11 organization that is representative of a community or a
12 significant segment of a community that is engaged in meeting
13 human, educational or environmental community needs.

14 "Community service" means performance of tasks designated to
15 accomplish any of the following:

16 (1) Environmental preservation, enhancement and remediation.

17 (2) Promotion of the well-being of children, the elderly,
18 persons with physical or developmental disabilities and persons
19 with low incomes.

20 (3) Educational development, including, but not limited to,
21 literacy training, adult basic education courses and instruction
22 in job search skills and job application skills.

23 (4) Improvement activities on public lands or facilities.

24 (5) Projects or activities calculated to improve public
25 health, safety and welfare developed by the board.

26 "Department" means the Department of Labor and Industry of
27 the Commonwealth.

28 "Office" means the Governor's Office of Citizen Service
29 (PennServe) within the Department of Labor and Industry.

30 Section 2202-B. Governor's Office of Citizen Service

1 (PennServe) Established.--(a) There is hereby established
2 within the department the Governor's Office of Citizen Service
3 (PennServe).

4 (b) The department shall provide staff, space, equipment and
5 supplies for the office to discharge its duties.

6 Section 2203-B. Predominant Responsibility of Office.--(a)
7 The predominant responsibility of the office shall be to
8 coordinate the development and implementation of community
9 service programs within this Commonwealth.

10 (b) All Commonwealth departments, agencies, boards,
11 commissions and instrumentalities shall share information and
12 cooperate with the office to enable it to perform the functions
13 assigned to it in this article.

14 Section 2204-B. Commonwealth Departments and Agencies.--The
15 office shall have the following powers and duties:

16 (1) (i) To develop jointly with the Pennsylvania Higher
17 Education Assistance Agency a plan under which at least ten per
18 centum (10%) of the funds available under Title IV of the Higher
19 Education Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-329, 79 Stat. 1219), may be
20 used to permit students to perform community service. The office
21 shall assist the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency
22 in preparing a public information program for students receiving
23 the funds to apprise them of the community service option.

24 (ii) To develop jointly with the Pennsylvania Higher
25 Education Assistance Agency a plan to encourage college and
26 university students to participate in thirty (30) hours of
27 community service each year. The plan shall include tuition
28 reimbursement or academic course credit or tuition reimbursement
29 and academic course credit for students who perform community
30 service.

1 (2) To cooperate with the Department of Community Affairs to
2 produce the following:

3 (i) A plan to advise local governments of the procedure for
4 establishing community service programs. The plan shall include
5 creation of a data base that will enable local governments to
6 share information with educational institutions, community-based
7 agencies and other entities and individuals concerned with
8 community service and the private sector on a regional basis.

9 (ii) An informational brochure or pamphlet for local
10 governments that describes community-based agencies and explains
11 the desirability of having participants in community service and
12 recipients of community service serve on the governing board of
13 community-based agencies.

14 (iii) A proposal, including a fee schedule, that would
15 permit participants in community service programs and
16 participants in the corps program under the act of July 2, 1984
17 (P.L.561, No.112), known as the "Pennsylvania Conservation Corps
18 Act," to perform services for State or local governments and
19 community-based agencies and to receive compensation for their
20 services.

21 (3) To work jointly with the Department of Corrections and
22 the State Board of Education to formulate and implement a
23 project to encourage children adjudicated delinquent for
24 commission of nonviolent offenses to perform community service
25 for local governments and school districts. The project shall
26 include an evaluative and reflective component.

27 (4) To cooperate with the Department of Education to
28 implement the policy of the State Board of Education that all
29 secondary, college and university students be encouraged to
30 become involved in community service.

1 (5) (i) To work with other bureaus and offices of the
2 department to attempt to obtain increased Federal funding for
3 the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps and Summer Youth Corps
4 programs.

5 (ii) To meet and consult with other bureaus and offices of
6 the department to enhance the quality and efficiency of job
7 training programs.

8 (6) To assist the Department of Environmental Resources in
9 incorporating the goals of protecting the environment, promoting
10 recreational facilities and restoring public parks into the
11 mission of the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps.

12 Section 2205-B. Liaison with Federal Government.--The office
13 shall serve as the liaison between the Federal Government and
14 State, county and local governments for submitting grant
15 proposals, accessing funds, seeking changes in Federal community
16 service laws and regulations and related purposes.

17 Section 2206-B. Annual Report.--The office, through the
18 Secretary of Labor and Industry, shall submit an annual report
19 of its activities to the General Assembly.

20 Section 2207-B. Community Service Advisory Board.--(a)
21 There is hereby established within the department the Community
22 Service Advisory Board which shall include no more than twenty-
23 five (25) members.

24 (b) The board shall include the following members:

25 (1) The Secretary of Labor and Industry who shall be the
26 presiding officer of the board.

27 (2) The Secretary of Education.

28 (3) The Secretary of Community Affairs.

29 (4) The Secretary of Corrections.

30 (5) The executive director of the Pennsylvania Higher

Education Assistance Agency.

(6) A member of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader.

(7) A member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader.

(8) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Majority Leader.

(9) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader.

(10) A representative of the State System of Higher Education, who is an active member of the Pennsylvania Campus Compact, appointed by the Governor.

(11) A representative of a private college or university, who is an active member of the Pennsylvania Campus Compact, appointed by the Governor.

(12) A college or university student who is personally involved in community service, appointed by the Governor.

(13) One adult and one minor who are actively involved in the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps or the Summer Youth Corps, both appointed by the Governor.

(14) A public school administrator, appointed by the Governor.

(15) A secondary public school student, appointed by the Governor.

(16) Two representatives of community-based agencies, both appointed by the Governor.

(17) A member of the AFL-CIO, appointed by the Governor.

(18) A member representing the business community, appointed by the Governor.

(19) Other members, at the discretion of and appointed by the Governor.

(c) The terms of office of the public members shall coincide

1 with the terms of their respective elective or appointive
2 offices. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve for a
3 term of two years. No member shall serve for more than two
4 consecutive terms on the board.

5 (d) The board shall have the power to adopt rules governing
6 its organization and its procedure.

7 (e) The members of the board shall receive no compensation
8 for their services on the board, but shall be reimbursed by the
9 department for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in the
10 performance of their duties.

11 (f) The board shall consult with and advise the office on
12 the development of a Statewide plan for expansion of community
13 service opportunities. The board shall encourage youth to
14 participate in community service, shall disseminate information
15 concerning community service and shall monitor the effectiveness
16 and geographical distribution of community service programs. The
17 board shall also have the power to develop novel community
18 service programs.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.