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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, MARCH 11, 1987

AN ACT

1 Establishing a nonprofit corporation and giving it powers and
2 duties; providing for powers and duties of the Milrite
3 Council and for powers of the Department of Commerce; and
4 providing for the support of area labor management
5 committees.

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

8 Section 1. Short title.

9 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Labor and
10 Management Resource Center Act.

11 Section 2. Definitions.

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

15 "Area Labor Management Committee (ALMC)." A committee formed
16 by and composed of multiple employers of diverse industries and
17 multiple labor organizations, as defined in section 2(5) of the
18 Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 (61 Stat. 136, 29 U.S.C §

1 152(5)), operating within or focusing upon city, county or
2 contiguous multicounty jurisdictions for the purpose of
3 enhancing economic development within the jurisdiction through
4 labor management cooperation.

5 "Council." The Milrite Council established by section 4 of
6 the act of July 1, 1978 (P.L.584, No.109), known as the Milrite
7 Act.

8 "Resource center." The Pennsylvania Labor and Management
9 Resource Center, a nonprofit corporation which is organized and
10 maintained by a consortium involving labor, management, private
11 foundations, colleges and universities in this Commonwealth and
12 State government in order to foster and assist in the
13 improvement of the productivity of Pennsylvania firms and the
14 quality of working life of Pennsylvania workers.

15 Section 3. Resource center.

16 The resource center shall be organized as a nonprofit
17 corporation under 15 Pa.C.S. Part III (relating to corporations
18 not-for-profit).

19 Section 4. Purpose and responsibility.

20 It is the purpose and responsibility of the resource center
21 to:

22 (1) Develop and disseminate information, resources and
23 materials on ways in which management and labor can work
24 cooperatively to improve productivity and the quality of
25 working life.

26 (2) Foster the exchange of information about
27 productivity and quality of working life among business and
28 labor organizations.

29 (3) Identify Statewide educational and technical needs
30 of firms and unions interested in developing cooperative

1 productivity and quality of working life programs and
2 approaches.

3 (4) Organize and conduct educational and training
4 programs, such as seminars, workshops and conferences, and
5 other activities on ways in which management and labor can
6 work cooperatively to improve productivity and quality of
7 working life.

8 (5) Develop college and university curricula on
9 cooperative productivity and quality of working life
10 methodologies and programs.

11 (6) Provide technical assistance to firms and unions
12 interested in developing cooperative programs and approaches
13 to improve productivity and quality of working life.

14 (7) Promote, support and assist the organization,
15 establishment and operation of local and regional area labor
16 management committees.

17 (8) Administer grant programs for research on
18 cooperative productivity and quality of working life
19 methodologies and programs and for the funding of area labor
20 management committees and their programs.

21 (9) Provide for a Statewide organization for area labor
22 management committees to foster the exchange of information
23 between area labor management committees.

24 (10) Identify persons and organizations within this
25 Commonwealth which can assist the resource center in carrying
26 out its purposes and responsibilities and to coordinate such
27 activities, as needed and desirable.

28 Section 5. Funding.

29 The resource center shall obtain the commitment to matching
30 funds and other resources to the resource center by labor,

1 management, foundations, the Federal Government, local
2 governments and colleges and universities within this
3 Commonwealth in order to qualify for appropriated funds from the
4 Commonwealth.

5 Section 6. Establishment.

6 (a) Initial.--The council shall organize and assist in
7 establishing the resource center. To the extent possible, the
8 council shall involve in the development and operation of this
9 resource center existing organizations within this Commonwealth
10 which have the necessary expertise and enjoy the confidence and
11 trust of business and labor within this Commonwealth. The
12 organizations may include area labor management committees,
13 colleges and universities, foundations and other private sector
14 entities.

15 (b) Review.--It is the responsibility of the council to
16 monitor the performance of the resource center and to review the
17 achievements of the resource center with regard to its goals,
18 purposes and responsibilities. Each year the council shall
19 report on the progress of the resource center to the General
20 Assembly and shall recommend appropriation levels.

21 (c) Department of Commerce.--The Department of Commerce
22 shall be permitted the opportunity to monitor and review the
23 performance and achievements of the resource center and to
24 participate in the development and operation of the resource
25 center.

26 Section 7. Transition.

27 The council shall execute section 4 until the resource center
28 is established; becomes operational; and, by an affirmative vote
29 of its governing body, begins to execute section 4.

30 Section 8. Effective date.

1 This act shall take effect immediately.