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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, JANUARY 9, 2012

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Youth Job Program and providing for job  
2 training and career experience to unemployed youths.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Youth Job  
7 Program Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

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

12 "Department." The Department of Conservation and Natural  
13 Resources of the Commonwealth.

14 "Local government." A municipality as defined in 1 Pa.C.S. §  
15 1991 (relating to definitions).

16 "Program." The Youth Job Program established under section  
17 3.

1 "Qualified youth." An individual between 16 and 21 years of  
2 age who is unemployed or who has never been employed.

3 "TANF." The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program  
4 under the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et  
5 seq.).

6 Section 3. Youth Job Program.

7 (a) Establishment.--The Youth Job Program is established  
8 within the department.

9 (b) Purpose.--The purpose of the program is to provide  
10 valuable job training and career experience to unemployed youths  
11 throughout this Commonwealth by providing summer employment  
12 opportunities at State and local parks and recreation facilities  
13 to qualified youths. Employment opportunities shall be offered  
14 either through the department or through local governments that  
15 receive grant funding under this act.

16 (c) Program requirements.--The following shall apply:

17 (1) Qualified youth may be employed by the department or  
18 the local government at an hourly rate of \$10 per hour. The  
19 receipt of a salary or other benefits by the qualified youth  
20 under this program shall not be used in calculating income  
21 for purposes of determining eligibility for TANF benefits by  
22 the qualified youth's parents or legal guardians.

23 (2) Qualified youth employed by the department or a  
24 local government under this program shall be limited to a  
25 maximum of 25 employment hours per week.

26 (3) The period of employment offered to a qualified  
27 youth by the department or a local government under this  
28 program shall not exceed ten weeks.

29 Section 4. Powers and duties of department.

30 The department shall have the following powers and duties:

1           (1) To employ qualified youth with the department for  
2 purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act.

3           (2) To establish application procedures for local  
4 governments to apply for grants to carry out the purposes of  
5 this act.

6           (3) To establish a procedure for awarding grants to  
7 local government, except that no grant may be awarded to a  
8 local government whose proposed program does not comply with  
9 section 3(c).

10 Section 5. Funding.

11       The sum of \$25,000,000 is transfered from the Oil and Gas  
12 Lease Fund to the department for the purposes of this act.

13 Section 20. Effective date.

14       This act shall take effect immediately.