

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
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## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 1, 1978 (P.L.584, No.109), entitled "An  
2 act establishing an agency to create the linkage necessary  
3 for the planning of an economic development system for  
4 Pennsylvania, and making an appropriation," further providing  
5 for powers and duties of council, and for the operation and  
6 functions of area labor management committees.

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

9 Section 1. Section 6 of the act of July 1, 1978 (P.L.584,  
10 No.109), known as the Milrite Act, is amended to read:

11 Section 6. Powers and duties of council.

12 (1) Undertake research and investigation relating to the  
13 promotion of the industrial potential of Pennsylvania.

14 (2) Create plans for economic revitalization of  
15 Commonwealth industries.

16 (3) Recommend implementation procedures for all plans,

1 maximizing existing mechanisms with proven ability to  
2 accomplish tasks, linkages among current programs, business,  
3 labor and government insights into practicality and  
4 workability of suggested approaches.

5 (4) Encourage and stimulate cooperation and coordination  
6 among Federal, State and local programs.

7 (5) Recommend structural changes and updating of  
8 economic delivery tools of State Government to the Governor  
9 and General Assembly.

10 (6) Draw upon labor, management and government  
11 participants to promulgate plans and implement procedures.

12 (7) Recommend organizational structure and participants  
13 particularly suited to local needs and conditions.

14 (8) Undertake research, including the hiring of  
15 consultants, into the ~~problem of the costs of utilities to~~ <—  
16 ~~businesses~~ COST OF DOING BUSINESS in this Commonwealth, <—  
17 including recommendations for changes and estimates of future  
18 costs, with comparative analysis of both intra-State and  
19 interstate costs.

20 (9) Undertake research, including the hiring of  
21 consultants, to determine if the Commonwealth can more  
22 effectively use its mediation services to discourage, and  
23 shorten the duration of, labor-management disputes.

24 [(8)] (10) The council shall have the power to:

25 (i) Enter into contracts.

26 (ii) Appoint, fix compensation of, and prescribe  
27 duties of an executive director, secretary and such other  
28 personnel as the council deems necessary to accomplish  
29 the purposes of this act. The council shall be able to  
30 appoint or discharge employees without being required to

1 make a request of any executive agency. It is the intent  
2 of this provision that the council can function  
3 effectively only as an agency independent of any other  
4 branch of government.

5 (iii) Retain counsel.

6 (iv) Accept grants from public and private sources.

7 (v) Borrow money and issue obligations, secured or  
8 unsecured, to acquire, hold, own and pledge or dispose of  
9 funds, money, securities and other property, real or  
10 personal, tangible or intangible to the extent necessary  
11 to carry out the purposes of this act.

12 (vi) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations  
13 necessary to accomplish the provisions of this act.

14 Agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide their full  
15 cooperation to research conducted by the council, including, but  
16 not limited to, the provision of information necessary for  
17 conducting research under paragraphs (8) and (9).

18 Section 2. Section 6.1 of the act, added May 31, 1984  
19 (P.L.378, No.77), is amended to read:

20 Section 6.1. Area labor management committees.

21 (a) The council shall establish standards and criteria for  
22 the selection of area labor management committees to be assisted  
23 by [matching] grants under subsection (c), solicit proposals  
24 from area labor management committees, review and evaluate the  
25 relative merits of such proposals and select those proposals for  
26 funding which would best meet the standards and criteria  
27 established by the council.

28 (b) The council may use a reasonable amount of any  
29 appropriation for grants to area labor management committees to  
30 hire staff and provide support for area labor management

committees and for carrying out the purposes specified in subsection (a). Funds shall be used for staff and other expenses necessary to perform out-reach functions to those areas of the Commonwealth not served by area labor management committees.

(c) The council shall designate the area labor management committees which are entitled to receive [matching] grants pursuant to subsection (a). Funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce for grants to area labor management committees shall be made to those committees, in amounts and under conditions specified by the council, and under the following conditions:

(1) The grant shall be matched with as much non-State funds as possible, within the overall goal of attempting to establish and maintain as many area labor management committees as possible.

(2) While the highest priority for these funds shall be for the establishment of new area labor management committees, the council shall make use of the money available to it for the grants to ensure the continued existence and expansion of existing area labor management committees, including the provisions of technical assistance and nonmatching grants.

(d) The council shall report annually to the chairman and minority chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the chairman and minority chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, the chairman and minority chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor and Industry and the chairman and minority chairman of the House Committee on Labor Relations, the accomplishments and specific expenditures of each area labor management committee funded under subsections (a) and (c) including, but not limited to, salaries, rent, contracts and

1 other operational costs.

2 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.