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AN ACT

1 Providing for the establishment and operation of the Youth
2 Apprenticeship Program.

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
7 Apprenticeship 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 Education of the
13 Commonwealth.

14 "Participating firm." A business that provides training for
15 a student.

16 "Program." The Youth Apprenticeship Program.

17 "Student." A person attending a public secondary school.

18 Section 3. Youth Apprenticeship Program.

1 (a) Establishment.--There is hereby established the Youth
2 Apprenticeship Program to encourage the development of a
3 partnership between industry and school and a deep understanding
4 of the relationship of school to work by providing young people
5 with the skills required for high-wage employment and by helping
6 them get started with postsecondary education. This program
7 shall be administered by the department.

8 (b) Registration.--A student shall be registered in the
9 program by written agreement between the student, the student's
10 parent, the participating firm and the secondary school.

11 (c) Option.--When the student reaches 18 years of age, the
12 student has the option to become an adult apprentice.

13 (d) Compensation.--Students shall be paid training wages by
14 their participating firms.

15 (e) Posttraining employment.--There shall be no guarantee of
16 posttraining employment from the participating firm and no
17 guaranteed commitment to posttraining employment by the student.

18 (f) Learning experiences.--There shall be classroom and
19 workplace learning experiences. The workplace learning should
20 become more central over the course of the student's progress.

21 (g) Credit assessment.--The apprenticeship program shall be
22 competency-based, and credit shall be awarded in each area based
23 on the assessment of the appropriate teaching staff member of
24 the relevant materials in a student portfolio, including
25 objective tests, subjective examinations and practical
26 demonstrations of acquired skills. Student portfolios may
27 include examples of the student's work, whether academic or work
28 assignments.

29 (h) Program goals.--At the end of the second year of the
30 program, the student will have earned:

1 (1) A high school diploma.

2 (2) An opportunity to enter, with advanced standing,
3 into a formal adult apprenticeship agreement with an
4 employer.

5 (3) An opportunity to continue in an associate degree
6 program at a community college with an advanced standing and
7 credits transferable to a four-year college.

8 Section 4. Effective date.

9 This act shall take effect in 60 days.