

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY GORDNER, RHOADES, WONDERLING, RAFFERTY, STOUT, ERICKSON, COSTA, PILEGGI, KITCHEN, ORIE, LOGAN, PIPPY AND WAUGH, APRIL 4, 2005

SENATOR RHOADES, EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, JUNE 14, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 29, 1996 (P.L.434, No.67), entitled, as
2 amended, "An act to enhance job creation and economic
3 development by providing for an annual financing strategy,
4 for opportunity grants, for job creation tax credits, for
5 small business assistance, for the Small Business Advocacy
6 Council, for a family savings program, for industrial
7 development assistance, for community development bank grants
8 and loans and for tax-exempt bond allocation; conferring
9 powers and duties on various administrative agencies and
10 authorities; further providing for various funds; and making
11 repeals," further providing for approved courses, FOR
12 EMERGING TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES, FOR RESPONSIBILITY OF APPROVED
13 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS and for eligible interns.

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14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Sections 3102(c) and ~~3106(a)~~ AND (D), 3104 AND
17 3106(A) AND (B) of the act of June 29, 1996 (P.L.434, No.67),
18 known as the Job Enhancement Act, added November 6, 2003
19 (P.L.205, No.34), are amended to read:

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20 Section 3102. Technology Work Experience Internship Program.

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22 (c) Approved courses.--The list of approved courses of study
23 for the program for undergraduate students shall be the same as

1 is currently required under section 4(c) of the act of June 23,
2 1999 (P.L.159, No.22), known as the New Economy Technology
3 Scholarship Act.

4 [(D) EMERGING TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES.--THE DEPARTMENT, IN <—
5 COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
6 DEVELOPMENT AND THE PENNSYLVANIA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD,
7 SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A LIST OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGY
8 COMPANIES FOR THE PROGRAM.]

9 (D) EMERGING TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES.--COMPANIES MEETING THE
10 DEFINITION OF "EMERGING TECHNOLOGY COMPANY" AS PROVIDED IN
11 SECTION 3101 ELECTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM SHALL
12 CERTIFY, ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE AGENCY, THAT THEY MEET THE
13 CRITERIA AND AGREE TO ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT AND
14 AGENCY GUIDELINES.

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16 SECTION 3104. RESPONSIBILITY OF APPROVED EDUCATIONAL <—
17 INSTITUTION.

18 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM SHALL:

19 (1) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE AGENCY FOR APPROVAL TO
20 PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. THE APPLICATION SHALL IDENTIFY
21 THE HIGH-TECH EMPLOYERS OR POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS WHO WILL
22 SPONSOR AN INTERNSHIP, THE WAGES THAT INTERNS SHALL BE PAID,
23 A DESCRIPTION OF THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE WORK TO BE
24 PERFORMED AND THE SCREENING PROCESS TO BE EMPLOYED TO
25 IDENTIFY THOSE STUDENTS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE
26 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

27 (2) ENTER INTO A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE
28 AGENCY.

29 (3) ENSURE THAT EACH PARTICIPATING HIGH-TECH BUSINESS
30 UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM AND PROVIDES EACH

1 HIRED INTERN CAREER-RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE THAT BUILDS ON
2 THAT STUDENT'S CLASSROOM KNOWLEDGE.

3 (4) EITHER THROUGH EMPLOYER FUNDS OR INSTITUTIONAL
4 FUNDS, PROVIDE THE FUNDS REQUIRED TO MATCH THE STATE
5 CONTRIBUTION.

6 (5) IMPLEMENT A PROCESS TO SCREEN AND APPROVE STUDENTS
7 FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM.

8 (6) OPEN RELEVANT RECORDS AND MATERIALS TO THE AGENCY
9 FOR REVIEW.

10 (7) HAVE A PROCESS TO MONITOR AND EVALUATE EACH
11 INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE.

12 (8) ADHERE TO ANY REQUIREMENTS OR CONDITIONS THAT THE
13 AGENCY [OR THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
14 PENNSYLVANIA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,] MAY ADOPT.

16 Section 3106. Interns.

17 (a) Eligibility.--Undergraduate and master's degree students
18 enrolled in an approved course of instruction at an approved
19 educational institution shall be eligible to participate in the
20 program. Priority for participation shall be based on financial
21 need as determined by the educational institution and the
22 agency, but participation shall not be limited to those students
23 who qualify for financial aid.

24 (B) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.--EACH INTERN SHALL COMPLY WITH ANY <—
25 CONDITIONS PLACED UPON THE INTERNSHIP BY THE AGENCY[,
26 DEPARTMENT] OR APPROVED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. EACH INTERN
27 SHALL COMPLY WITH ANY APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE
28 EMPLOYER. INTERNS MAY WORK NO MORE THAN 20 HOURS A WEEK WHILE
29 THEY ARE ENROLLED ON A FULL-TIME BASIS AND MAY WORK NOT MORE
30 THAN 40 HOURS A WEEK DURING ANY BREAK.

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2 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.