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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in Schools-to-Work Program, further
6 providing for definitions, for Schools-to-Work Program, for
7 reporting requirements and for expiration.

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

10 Section 1. The definitions of "school" and "sponsor" in
11 section 1802-A of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14),
12 known as the Public School Code of 1949, are amended and the
13 section is amended by adding definitions to read:

14 Section 1802-A. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this article
16 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
17 context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 "Adult learner." An individual who is 18 years of age or
19 older and meets any of the following criteria:

20 (1) The individual is deficient in basic skills,

1 including mathematics, reading and digital literacy.

2 (2) The individual does not have a secondary school
3 diploma or its equivalent and has not achieved an equivalent
4 level of education.

5 (3) The individual requires additional training to
6 reenter the workforce after a job loss or gap in employment.

7 (4) The individual requires additional training for
8 career or technical skill advancement or additional support
9 to complete a post-secondary degree or an equivalent
10 credential.

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12 "Local workforce development board." As defined in section
13 103 of the act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114), known as
14 the Workforce Development Act.

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16 "School." A school in a school district, charter school,
17 regional charter school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit
18 [or], career and technical school, community college or post-
19 secondary school in this Commonwealth.

20 "Sponsor." Any of the following which will have the full
21 responsibility for the administration and operation of the
22 program:

23 (1) An entity which is or will be registered with the
24 department as a pre-apprenticeship program [and which will
25 have the full responsibility for the administration and
26 operation of the program].

27 (2) A nonprofit organization that focuses on employment,
28 training of in-demand skills and workforce development.

29 (3) A school.

30 (4) A local workforce development board.

1 Section 2. Sections 1803-A(a), (b) (2) and (4) and (c) (2),
2 1804-A(a) (1) and (2) and 1806-A of the act are amended to read:
3 Section 1803-A. Schools-to-Work Program.

4 (a) Establishment.--The department shall, in consultation
5 with the Department of Education, establish a Schools-to-Work
6 Program to award grants on a competitive basis to support the
7 establishment or enhancement of workforce development
8 partnerships between schools, employers, organizations or
9 associations, including nonprofit organizations and local
10 workforce development boards, to create employment and training
11 pathways.

12 (b) Grant proposals.--In order to apply for a grant under
13 the program, a sponsor must submit a grant proposal to the
14 department that includes all of the following:

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16 (2) Learning opportunities for participating students or
17 adult learners, including classroom training, workplace
18 visits, internships, apprenticeships, mentorships, employment
19 opportunities, special education transition, Capstone
20 Cooperative Education, job shadowing or externships.

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22 (4) Description of outcomes from the successful
23 completion of the program, which may include job placement,
24 the attainment of industry-recognized qualifications and
25 certifications or college credits, and an explanation of how
26 college credits earned will be transcribed and
27 transferrable.

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29 (c) Priority of applications.--The department shall give
30 priority to proposals that:

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2 (2) Incorporate students from grades nine through twelve
3 or adult learners.

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5 Section 1804-A. Reporting requirements.

6 (a) Reports to the department.--A grant recipient shall be
7 required to report to the department annually data related to a
8 program, including all of the following:

9 (1) The number of students or adult learners who entered
10 the program, successfully completed the program or earned
11 industry-recognized qualifications, certifications or college
12 credits, including descriptions and totals of each
13 credential.

14 (2) The number of students or adult learners who
15 transitioned to post-secondary training, education or
16 employment.

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18 Section 1806-A. Expiration.

19 This article shall expire June 30, [2024] 2029, or five years
20 after the effective date of this article, whichever is later.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.